

Upcoming night closures on State Highway 2

Tuesday 18 June 2024

Kia ora,

The Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) team would like to advise that State Highway 2 (SH2) between Whirinaki and Tutira will be closed overnight for three nights from Monday 15 July.

These strategic night closures will allow our crews to work on multiple sites simultaneously on this narrow section of highway.

Where?	SH2 between Whirinaki and Tutira - see map on last page
When?	From 9pm to 5am each night Monday 15 July, Tuesday 16 July and Wednesday 17 July the road will be closed to traffic. The road will reopen 5am Thursday 18 July. The works are weather dependent. Contingency dates are Thursday 18 July and Friday 19 July, 9pm-5am each night.
Why?	Recovery works, including critical rock blasting that requires both lanes of the road.

Emergency services travelling on emergency/priority response will be assisted through the closure. There are residents' only access zones up to Tangoio Settlement Road on the Napier side, and up to Waikoau Road on the Tūtira side. Please refer to the map on the last page for more information.

This overnight work is weather dependent and TREC advises all road users to regularly check NZTA Journey Planner at journeys.nzta.govt.nz or the NZTA Hawke's Bay and Gisborne Facebook page at facebook.com/nztahbg for changes.

We are doing these works at night to minimise the impact on the local community, however, we are also aware that Hastings District Council (HDC) are conducting urgent dayworks (8:30am to 3:30pm) on Waikoau Gorge Bridge on Waikoau Road.

Should you be impacted by both closures please email HDC at roadupdates@hdc.govt.nz and they will explore options to mitigate the impact.

What work are we doing?

Our crews are making the most of the overnight road closures, with work to be carried out on a range of sites, including:

- Critical rock blasting and cleanup at Waikoau Hill.
- Pavement resurfacing, drainage, and culvert installation at Devil's Elbow.
- Drainage and culvert installation at Tangoio Falls.
- Guardrail installation at Devil's Elbow.

Why?

We understand that road closures can be inconvenient. We are closing the road because rock blasting and resurfacing requires two lanes and are maximising the closure to do as many jobs as possible that would otherwise cause additional disruption to drivers.

Efficiency: We've coordinated many sites to be worked on during this closure and by closing the road entirely, we provide our crews with both lanes, allowing them to work quickly and efficiently without interruptions.

Safety: Having a closed worksite ensures the safety of our workers and the traveling public. It eliminates the risks associated with traffic navigating around active work zones.

How will it affect me?

Traffic control: SH2 will be closed to traffic in both directions at the PanPac intersection and Waikoau Road intersection. There are residents' only access zones up to Tangoio Settlement Road. Please refer to the map on the last page.

Traffic impacts: Unfortunately, there is no detour. Please plan to delay travel during the full road closure times. The work is weather dependent, please check journeys.nzta.govt.nz for updates.

Emergency services: Emergency services travelling on emergency/priority response will be assisted through the site safely and promptly.

Freight: Freight will be prioritised when the road reopens at 5am.

Who to contact: If you have any questions, please phone us on 0800 80 TREC (0800 80 8732) or email info@TREC.NZ

FAQs

Q. Why do you have to fully close the road at night?

Crews and machinery will be working across both lanes of the road to complete these works and the narrow nature of this section of highway means traffic can't safely travel around worksites.

Night closures are the least disruptive for most road users and will allow our crews to complete work safely and efficiently.

Q. How do I get in and out of my property that is inside the closure?

The work may impact access to and from properties either side of the closure and worksite. There are residents' access only zones, but the worksites will not be passable during the closure times. Please refer to the map.

Q. Will emergency services be able to reach me?

Yes. Rest assured, emergency services travelling on emergency/priority response will be always assisted through the site safely.

Q. Why is there still a temporary speed limit when there are closures? The temporary speed limit slows traffic approaching the closure, keeping our hardworking crews safe.

2 Night closures

Whirinaki through to Tutira

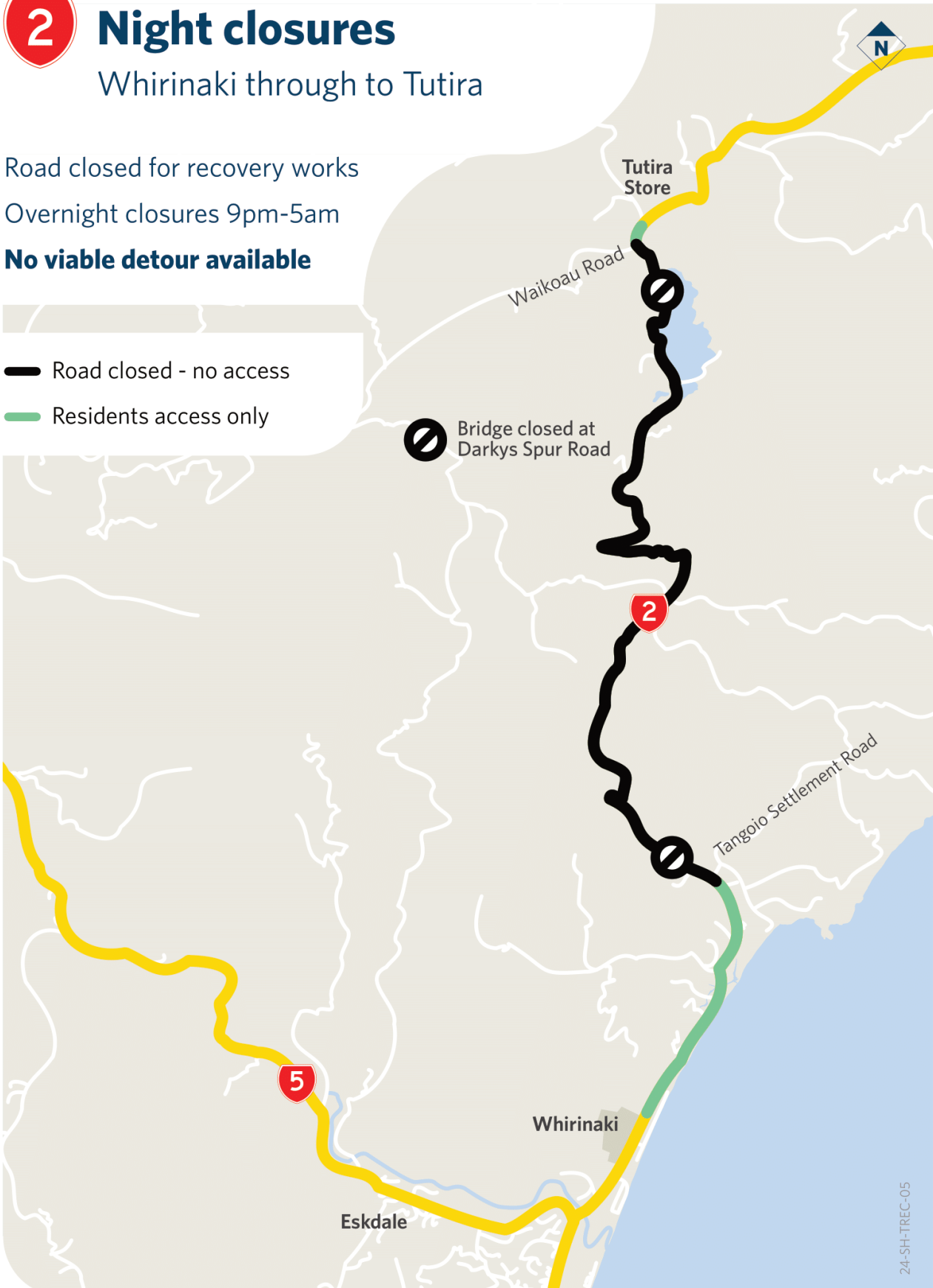
Road closed for recovery works

Overnight closures 9pm-5am

No viable detour available

— Road closed - no access

— Residents access only



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