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Sent: Tuesday, 29 March 2022 11:09 am
To: Cara Lauder; Laura Rodriguez Garcia; Deon Saul
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Subject: RE: Photos telephone road rail strike

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I am happy with virtual if you can send out an invite please.

Regards,

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Virtual is fine, or our office if you're all Hams based?

Cara Lauder (she/her/ia)

System Manager, Waikato

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I can do 3pm on Thursday. Where do you propose to meet?

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Hi Cara,

I have another meeting scheduled for 3pm on Wednesday. I am free to meet up until 12:30pm Wednesday or I can be flexible on Thursday. I will invite my manager once we have a set time however it is not essential that he attends.

Thanks

From: Cara Lauder <Cara.Lauder@nzta.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 28 March 2022 4:20 pm

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Thanks for your mail. The west Waikato team have raised this to myself and our regional manager. We are not in a position to close the road at such short notice, however we have a few interim proposals that we can suggest. We would like to meet this week to discuss options.

Note that the current proposal once the expressway is open that the road be closed as part of the handover to council. This is supposed to be mid-this year (COVID pending etc). The closure, however is not set in stone, and the council are unsure if they want to continue with it.

In the mean time, we propose:

- Talking to Transporting NZ and Heavy Haulage NZ around asking low load vehicles not to use the road;
- Checking with our regulatory team on what form of restrictions we can impose on specific vehicle types;
- Bit of investigation to see if we can work out what the vehicle was (possibility it was an agricultural vehicle, rather than a low loader);
- Liaise with council to encourage them to proceed with the closure;
- Looking at possible warning signs at the Puketaha Road turn off and 26/1B intersections in the short term (e.g. VMS);
- Comms plan to notify public, road users etc about the issue.

Are you and your manager available to meet this week to discuss further? Please liaise with Laura on times. 3pm Wednesday is currently free for our team.

Ngā mihi

Cara Lauder (she/her/ia)

System Manager, Waikato

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From s 9(2)(a) <s 9(2)(a)@kiwirail.co.nz>

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Thanks for getting back to me Laura.

As suggested below, I think the safest option at this stage is to close the road. I cant see any quick fix that will give us the certainty that this will not happen again.

I am happy to meet at your earliest convenience next week, this issue has been around for a while now and we need to get a solution that will prevent the likelihood of a major incident occurring.

Regards,

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Good afternoon s 9(2)(a),

Thanks for the information and photos provided about the incident.

We are happy to meet with you to discuss the possible solution/improvement for the level crossing. In the meantime we are exploring different solutions.

For the recovery of this repair please use the PO 60062939. We would like to have the details of the repairs and the costs, as well as, an invoice.

I am not sure if you are aware, but Sandy Ke is no longer working on the West Waikato network. For future emails, please feel free to contact me (in first instance) and/or Deon Saul (Senior Network Manager).

Regards,
Laura

Laura Rodriguez Garcia (she/her)

Network Manager – West Waikato

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Hi Sandy,

Hope you are well.

I have left you a voicemail message to get in touch with me as soon as possible to discuss a way forward for making Telephone Road safe.

As you can see in these photos we are extremely lucky that we didn't derail a train after this incident and I do not believe that we should be relying on luck to prevent this from occurring.

This is the third time in a short span that this identical incident has occurred so any efforts so far to prevent this have not worked. It is very disheartening that the driver failed to report the incident to prevent a train from running over the crossing and the camera at the crossing has been vandalised. I have been told that the vandalism of the camera has been reported to Waka Kotahi through our Signals team some time ago but nothing has happened.

I fear for the safety of our locomotive engineer and nearby road users if a train was to derail at this location.

The only control we have over the safety at this crossing is to reduce the speed of trains over the crossing to reduce the severity of a derailment or close the road due to the safety concerns preventing this type occurrence from happening.

A derailment at any speed at this location would be catastrophic especially if there were vehicles at the intersection. There is a very high chance the train and wagons would end up on Holland road taking down the powerlines at the same time.

I have requested that a 40km/hr temporary speed restriction be put in place on the crossing but this is not sustainable to our operations long term, I would not like this in place any longer than three weeks. After this period to completely eliminate the possibility of a derailment caused by a rail strike we would like to close the road preventing vehicles to cross the rail.

Unless you have any better solutions it would be best to use this period to notify road users that this will be happening.

Please get in touch asap with your thoughts so that we can work through this.

Regards,

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