

Takaka Hill, State Highway 60, to open 24/7 from this Saturday, 7 April

The Takaka Hill road into Golden Bay (SH60) will be open all day and all night, barring further closures due to more slips or incidents, from this Saturday morning at 6am.

Stop/Go and traffic lights on one-way sections

Drivers will be able to safely use the one-way sections with the aid of manual traffic management (Stop/Go) and/or with traffic lights.

NZ Transport Agency System manager Frank Porter reminds everyone that there are narrow sections and all drivers, riders and road users need to be vigilant through this winter until the road is back to its more usual width.

Updating delays on the hill

There are electronic signs at either side of the hill updating people of any delays or significant issues. There will still be crews actively working leading into winter, however, they will manage traffic on either side of their work sites with manual traffic management.

Look out for cyclists

Cyclists will be able to bike the hill. The Transport Agency asks them and all drivers to take special care and be aware that people will need to wait if there is a cyclist ahead of them. "It will be a much slower route than it used to be until we get the major repairs underway in the coming summer season," says Mr Porter.

No stopping areas

- Drivers, motorcycle riders and cyclists will not be able to stop between or within areas of manual traffic management and/or traffic signals.
- Drivers will also not be able to overtake in these narrow areas for everyone's safety.



The poles to support traffic signals being installed on Takaka Hill road in recent days.

The rest of this week leading into 24/7 on Saturday

The open hours on Takaka Hill for the remainder of this week including Friday, 6 April, are the same as for before Easter: 6-8am mornings and 5-9pm evenings.

Check latest update: www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh60-takaka-hill-repairs/