

# 50MAX UPDATES



October 2014

## Important changes to bridge restrictions

There have been a large number of changes to 50MAX bridge restrictions, opening up many significant routes to 50MAX traffic.

First up though a correction to a map error: The Awahou Stream Bridge on State Highway 36 by Lake Rotorua, which is restricted to 50MAX traffic, was shown in the wrong location in the 50MAX Book of Maps. This has now been corrected – please refer to the updated Book of Maps or the [online interactive map](#) for correct information.

A significant breakthrough has been achieved for North Island 50MAX traffic with the opening of the Whirokino Trestle with immediate effect. The restriction on the bridge south of Foxton was lifted after an extensive engineering assessment. This is excellent news for operators – the 1100 metre reinforced concrete bridge runs across the Manawatu flood plain and was the last 50MAX restricted bridge along State Highway 1. Having Whirokino Trestle freed up for 50MAX traffic is going to be a significant time saver for 50MAX and provide major efficiency gains for operators who will no longer need to divert via Shannon/ Palmerston North. This applies only to 50MAX and any other HPMV route permits will continue to use the route specified on their permits.

Other bridges that are now open to 50MAX are in Gisborne and Wanganui, plus a very large number of bridges in the Waikato. Full details are below.

| RCA     | Road_Name | Bridge_ID | Name                         |
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| Gisborn | Mander    | 63        | LINCOLNS - MANDER ROAD (964) |

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| RCA               | Road_Name | BSN  | Name                   |
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| Wanganui District | SH 4      | 2182 | UPOKONGARO NO.1 BRIDGE |

| RCA              | Road_Name                          | Bridge_ID | Name                          |
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| Waikato District | CHURCHILL RD (874)                 | 22        | CHURCHILL RD 4889 BRIDGE      |
| Waikato District | EAST COAST RD (58)                 | 43        | EAST COAST RD 355 BRIDGE      |
| Waikato District | ISLAND BLOCK RD (54)               | 106       | ISLAND BLOCK RD 2132 BRIDGE   |
| Waikato District | MANGAPIKO VALLEY RD (141)          | 3169      | MANGAPIKO VLY RD 401 BRIDGE   |
| Waikato District | MANGATANGI RD (3106)               | 3354      | MANGATANGI RD 1832 BRIDGE     |
| Waikato District | MCCONNELL RD (144)                 | 171       | MCCONNELL RD 317 BRIDGE       |
| Waikato District | MURRAY RD (3251)                   | 3467      | MURRAY RD 4289 BRIDGE         |
| Waikato District | OHAUTIRA RD (929)                  | 3176      | OHAUTIRA RD 736 BRIDGE        |
| Waikato District | RAYNER RD (788)                    | 231       | RAYNER RD 106 RAIL OVERBRIDGE |
| Waikato District | RUAKIWI RD (655)                   | 244       | RUAKIWI RD 47 BRIDGE          |
| Waikato District | RUTHERFURD RD (159)                | 249       | RUTHERFURD RD 2488 BRIDGE     |
| Waikato District | STOREY RD (HUKANUI-WAERENGA) (161) | 269       | STOREY RD 6766 BRIDGE         |
| Waikato District | TANIWHA RD (117)                   | 3170      | TANIWHA RD 719 BRIDGE         |
| Waikato District | TE AKAU COAST RD (661)             | 302       | TE AKAU COAST RD 6022 BRIDGE  |
| Waikato District | TE OHAKI RD (814)                  | 320       | TE OHAKI RD 455 BRIDGE        |
| Waikato District | WAIKOKOWAI RD (825)                | 2010      | WAIKOKOWAI RD 550 BRIDGE      |
| Waikato District | WAITERIMU RD (166)                 | 367       | WAITERIMU RD 8389 BRIDGE      |

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| Waikato District | WHANGARATA RD (3167)   | 3359 | WHANGARATA RD 2497 BRIDGE   |
| Waikato District | HIGHWAY 22 (930)       | 3431 | HIGHWAY 22 34319 BRIDGE     |
| Waikato District | TAINUI BRIDGE RD (809) | 290  | TAINUI BRIDGE RD 178 BRIDGE |
| Waikato District | WASHER RD (416)        | 2000 | WASHER RD 174 CULVERT       |

Meanwhile, the number of 50MAX permits continues to rise. As at 1 October, a total of 1843 permits were issued.

Local Authorities that have delegated 50MAX permitting to the Transport Agency:

- Kawerau
- Rotorua
- Tauranga
- Western BoP
- Otorohanga
- Gisborne
- Hauraki
- Matamatapiako
- South Waikato
- Waitomo
- Auckland
- Hastings
- Manawatu
- Marlborough
- Palmerston North
- Rangitikei
- Ruapehu
- Tasman
- Taupo

- Upper Hutt
  - Waipa
  - Whakatane
  - Ashburton
  - Hutt City
  - Opotiki
  - Thames  
Coromandel
  - Timaru
  - Waikato
  - Wellington City
  - Central Otago
  - South Wairarapa
  - Waitaki
  - Carterton
  - Masterton
  - Christchurch City
  - Nelson City
  - Porirua
  - Dunedin City
  - Kaikoura
  - Kapiti Coast
  - New Plymouth
  - Selwyn
  - Stratford
  - Waimakariri
  - Gore
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- Hamilton City

As always, we wish to remind operators to talk to their drivers about the special conditions that apply to any 50MAX permit. 50MAX permits include a list of restricted areas, and operators and their drivers will need to study the book of maps they receive with their permit, or consult the [online interactive map](#). The book of maps shows where 50MAX trucks can travel, and points out any no-go areas, such as specific bridges that are not fit for 50MAX traffic.

Any drivers who are unsure about where they can go can view the interactive map or the book of maps on the Transport Agency's website at [www.nzta.govt.nz/50MAX](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/50MAX), or get information by emailing [info50MAX@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:info50MAX@nzta.govt.nz) or calling 0800 699 000.

Best wishes from the 50MAX Team at the NZ Transport Agency.

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