

50MAX UPDATES



Limited Access opened up for Napier City and Central Hawkes Bay to 50MAX

The NZ Transport Agency is focused on making New Zealand's freight system safer and more efficient, and one of our priorities to enable this is to move more freight with fewer truck trips using high productivity motor vehicles (HPMVs) including 50MAX. Since the introduction of 50MAX there have been more than 4500 50MAX permits issued and over 160 million kilometers driven.

This month Napier City Council and Central Hawkes Bay District Council have signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with the Transport Agency, allowing partial access to their networks with a limited access 50MAX zone from July 1 2015. A limited access approach meets specific requirements and needs for the councils involved and supports a starting point for 50MAX access that can be built on over time. The limited access zone will enable access to key industrial areas and port access and access on key freight routes where demand is high. For 50MAX travel outside of the approved zones, operators will need to apply for a separate permit directly from the council for the additional access required.

That means we now have 82 per cent of local authorities who have signed these MoUs which enable us to issue permits on their behalf for 50MAX vehicles to travel on the district's roads. Some of the remaining councils are issuing permits on their own behalf, this takes the proportion of councils either providing permits directly or fully delegated to the Transport Agency to over 90%.

The Transport Agency continues to grow the 50MAX network and is in discussion with the last three remaining North Island road controlling authorities; Far North, Auckland International Airport and Central Hawkes Bay District Council. In the

South Island there are still ten councils the Transport Agency is in active discussions with.

50MAX vehicles can travel the full length of State highway 1 from Cape Reinga to Bluff, in fact on the wider State highway network there are now only 19 bridge restrictions left and of these only seven are North Island bridges. In the South Island the recent removal of the restriction on the Aparima River Bridge on SH99 means better access via the State highway to central Southland.

Operators are reminded to keep up to date regarding restrictions on the 50MAX network using the [50MAX interactive map](#). This map enables 50MAX permit holders to identify a safe route for their journey; the maps are fully zoomable – just like google maps.

Local authorities that have opened their networks to 50MAX via our permits are:

50MAX Road Controlling Authority	Release Month	50MAX Road Controlling Authority	Release Month
Kawerau	Sep-13	Wellington City	Feb-14
Rotorua	Sep-13	Central Otago	Mar-14
Tauranga	Sep-13	South Wairarapa	Mar-14
Western BoP	Sep-13	Waitaki	Mar-14
Otorohanga	Nov-13	Carterton	Apr-14
Gisborne	Dec-13	Masterton	Apr-14
Hauraki	Dec-13	Christchurch City	May-14
Matamatapiako	Dec-13	Nelson City	May-14
South Waikato	Dec-13	Porirua	May-14
Waitomo	Dec-13	Dunedin City	Jun-14
Auckland	Jan-14	Kaikoura	Jun-14
Hastings	Jan-14	Kapiti Coast	Jun-14
Manawatu	Jan-14	New Plymouth	Jun-14
Marlborough	Jan-14	Selwyn	Jun-14
Palmerston North	Jan-14	Stratford	Jun-14
Rangitikei	Jan-14	Waimakariri	Jul-14
Ruapehu	Jan-14	Gore	Jul-14
Tasman	Jan-14	Hamilton City	Aug-14
Taupo	Jan-14	South Taranaki	Dec-14
Upper Hutt	Jan-14	Whangarei	Jan-15
Waipa	Jan-14	Wairoa	Jan-15
Whakatane	Jan-14	Horowhenua	Jan-15
Ashburton	Feb-14	Wanganui	Jan-15
Hutt City	Feb-14	Kaipara	Jun-15
Opotiki	Feb-14	Limited Access	
Thames Coromandel	Feb-14	Napier City	Jul-15
Timaru	Feb-14	Central Hawkes Bay	Jul-15
Waikato	Feb-14		

With all the changes this month, we 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. 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 book of maps on the Transport Agency's website at www.nzta.govt.nz/50MAX, or get information by emailing info50MAX@nzta.govt.nz or calling 0800 699 000.

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

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