

# 50MAX UPDATES

August 2015



## Lots of changes this month for 50MAX!

Great news this month with Tararua District Council signing up for 50MAX. This means an alternative route is available to all 50MAX permit holders when the Manawatu Gorge is closed due to weather or other events.

Overall the coverage for 50MAX in the North Island is almost complete, with the Far North District Council and Auckland International Airport Ltd the remaining Road Controlling Authorities not part of the 50MAX network.

Other major changes include:

1. **Marlborough District** has reviewed all the bridges in their region and there are major changes. A number of exceptions have been removed and a few new ones added due to bridge inspections revealing a restriction is required. If you operate in this area please check the [50MAX interactive map](#) to understand where the new bridge restrictions are and where the increased access may benefit your business.
2. **State Highway** Bridge restrictions removed.  
North Island
  - **Kiwitea Stream** (no 2) bridge BSN 393 on SH54South Island
  - **Kawarau River (Victoria) Bridge** BSN 9659 on SH6
  - **Kawarau River Bridge** BSN 9780 on SH6
  - **Rakaia Gorge Bridge no1** – BSN 530 on SH77

This reduces the total number of 50MAX bridge restrictions on the State Highway network to just 15!

There have been many changes over the last two months, including the introduction of partial access to two council districts, so 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.

Other important information to note:

### Operator Safety Checks

From 17 August the Transport Agency will be introducing an operator safety check to all new HPMV permit applications, including 50MAX. The check will take into account the Operator Rating System (ORS) score from the previous two years together with any traffic offences and weight or permit breaches from the previous 12 months. The size of the operator’s fleet and the amount of kilometres travelled will also be taken into account. For the vast majority of operators the checks will not impact on their ability to obtain a permit, the processing time or the cost. For more information check out our [permits](#) webpage.

### 50MAX and HPMV using TEL

The Tauranga Eastern Link (TEL) toll road opened to traffic on 3 August providing a 4-lane expressway on SH2 between Te Maunga and Paengaroa. HPMVs including 50MAX can travel on both TEL and the old road through Te Puke in accordance with their permit conditions; however Overweight vehicles will require a new permit to travel on TEL. For more information is available [here](#).

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

<b>50MAXRoad Controlling Authority</b>	<b>Release Month</b>	<b>50MAXRoad Controlling Authority</b>	<b>Release Month</b>
Kawerau	<b>Sep-13</b>	Wellington City	<b>Feb-14</b>
Rotorua	<b>Sep-13</b>	Central Otago	<b>Mar-14</b>
Tauranga	<b>Sep-13</b>	South Wairarapa	<b>Mar-14</b>
Western BoP	<b>Sep-13</b>	Waitaki	<b>Mar-14</b>
Otorohanga	<b>Nov-13</b>	Carterton	<b>Apr-14</b>
Gisborne	<b>Dec-13</b>	Masterton	<b>Apr-14</b>
Hauraki	<b>Dec-13</b>	Christchurch City	<b>May-14</b>
Matamatapiako	<b>Dec-13</b>	Nelson City	<b>May-14</b>
South Waikato	<b>Dec-13</b>	Porirua	<b>May-14</b>
Waitomo	<b>Dec-13</b>	Dunedin City	<b>Jun-14</b>
Auckland	<b>Jan-14</b>	Kaikoura	<b>Jun-14</b>
Hastings	<b>Jan-14</b>	Kapiti Coast	<b>Jun-14</b>
Manawatu	<b>Jan-14</b>	New Plymouth	<b>Jun-14</b>
Marlborough	<b>Jan-14</b>	Selwyn	<b>Jun-14</b>
Palmerston North	<b>Jan-14</b>	Stratford	<b>Jun-14</b>
Rangitikei	<b>Jan-14</b>	Waimakariri	<b>Jul-14</b>

Ruapehu	<b>Jan-14</b>	Gore	<b>Jul-14</b>
Tasman	<b>Jan-14</b>	Hamilton City	<b>Aug-14</b>
Taupo	<b>Jan-14</b>	South Taranaki	<b>Dec-14</b>
Upper Hutt	<b>Jan-14</b>	Whangarei	<b>Jan-15</b>
Waipa	<b>Jan-14</b>	Wairoa	<b>Jan-15</b>
Whakatane	<b>Jan-14</b>	Horowhenua	<b>Jan-15</b>
Ashburton	<b>Feb-14</b>	Wanganui	<b>Jan-15</b>
Hutt City	<b>Feb-14</b>	Kaipara	<b>Jun-15</b>
Opotiki	<b>Feb-14</b>	Tararua	<b>Aug-15</b>
Thames Coromandel	<b>Feb-14</b>	<b>Limited Access</b>	
Timaru	<b>Feb-14</b>	Napier City	<b>Jul-15</b>
Waikato	<b>Feb-14</b>	Central Hawkes Bay	<b>Jul-15</b>

Please ensure all drivers are aware of 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](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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