

9/10/25

SH6 Rai Valley to Hira – night closures

What's happening, where and when?

 This is to let you know that night time asphalt resurfacing and maintenance work on State Highway 6 between Rai Valley and Hira will begin soon. Night closures are required to enable work to be carried out efficiently and safely.

Where: SH6 Whangamoas, Rai Valley to Hira

Start: Sunday 9 November at 8pm

Finish: Friday 28 November at 5.30am

 Work hours: 8pm to 5.30am.

Work nights: Sunday to Thursday nights. No work on Friday or Saturday nights.

What work will be taking place during this time?

While the closure is in place we will maximise efficiency by clearing watertables and culverts, repairing guardrails and attending to other general maintenance works.

This is part of the NZ Transport Agency, Waka Kotahi annual seasonal maintenance programme to protect our state highways.

How will this affect my travel plans?

 During the closure, the road will open at 12.30am each night to let queued traffic through. Drivers must be at the two road closure points: Rai Valley Straight at Rai Engineering & Mechanical or at the Hira Weighbridge by 12:30am. It will take some time to clear queued traffic, so please plan ahead for delays.

During the road closures, road users will be detoured via the following routes.

Nelson to Marlborough traffic:

Head south from Hira along SH6, through Nelson City, Richmond and Wakefield to the intersection of SH6 and SH63 Kawatiri Junction, turn left onto SH63. Head south-east on SH63 to St Arnaud, then north to Renwick, turn left onto SH6 at Renwick.

Drive north-west on SH6 through Havelock to Rai Valley.

Marlborough to Nelson traffic:

Head east from Rai Valley on SH6 to Havelock, then south to Renwick. At Renwick turn right onto SH63. Drive south-west on SH63 to St Arnaud, then north-west through to the intersection of SH6 and SH63 Kawatiri Junction, turn right onto SH6. Drive north-east on SH6 through Wakefield, Richmond and Nelson City, through to Hira.

Outside work hours, temporary speed restrictions will remain in place due to an uneven road surface.

Emergency services will always be accommodated.

Please note that during the day ongoing resilience work continues on SH6 Whangamoa Saddle. Stop/go traffic management is in place 24/7. Expect delays of up to 10 minutes while this work is carried out.



A big thank you from the NZ Transport Agency

On behalf of NZTA, thank you in advance for your patience and understanding while we do this important work in your community.

Contacts

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming works, please contact Fulton Hogan: **Annabelle Chaney, phone no: 03 547 9789.**

If you would like to speak to someone while work is in progress, please contact Fulton Hogan: **Steve Russell, phone no: 027 512 7439.**



All work is subject to weather and other unforeseen circumstances. In the event of unsuitable conditions, work will be rescheduled to the next suitable worknight. For confirmation of planned work going ahead, road-users can visit www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz

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Whangamoa Saddle - night closures

9 to 28 November 2025
8pm - 5:30am

Whangamoa Saddle will be closed for road resurfacing and maintenance work Sunday to Thursday nights, 8pm - 5:30am from 9 to 28 November.

There will be a short opening at Hira and Rai Valley at 12:30am for queued traffic.

No work on Friday or Saturday nights.

 Road closed
 Detour route via St Arnaud and SH63

Kawatiri Junction

St Arnaud

NPD Hira petrol station

REM
Ronga Road
Rai Valley township closure point

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