

Rāhui Road closure

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We appreciate this may cause major disruption to local journeys. Our number one priority is your safety and we thank you for your patience and cooperation while we get on with the works as quickly as possible.

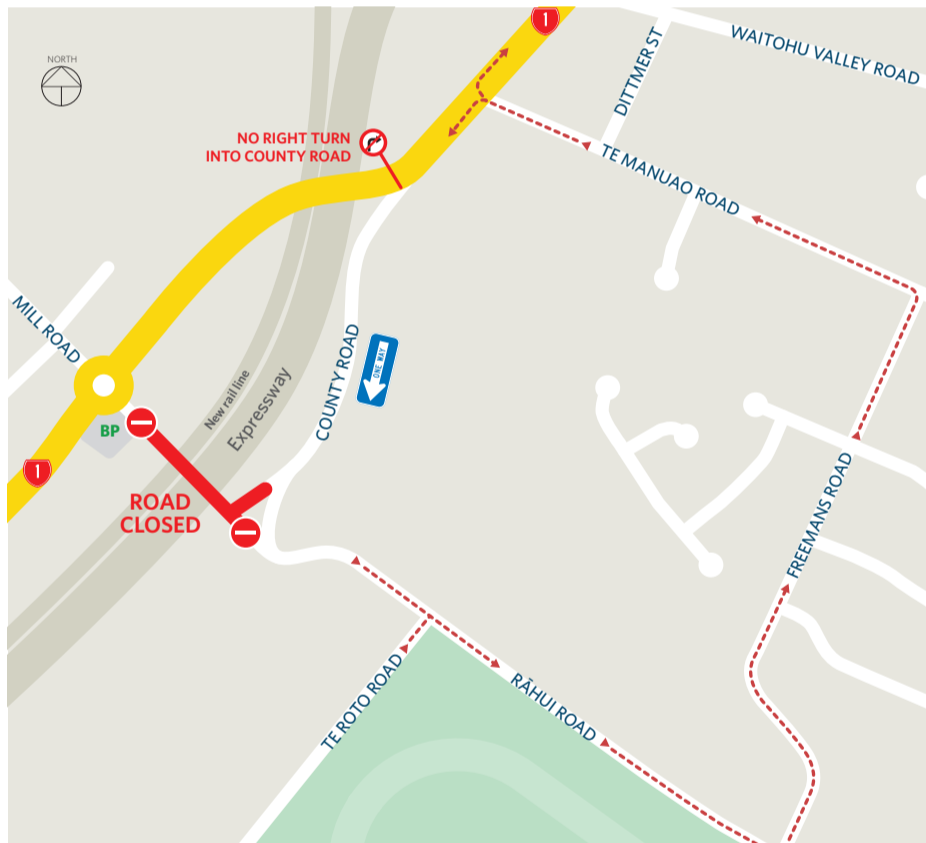
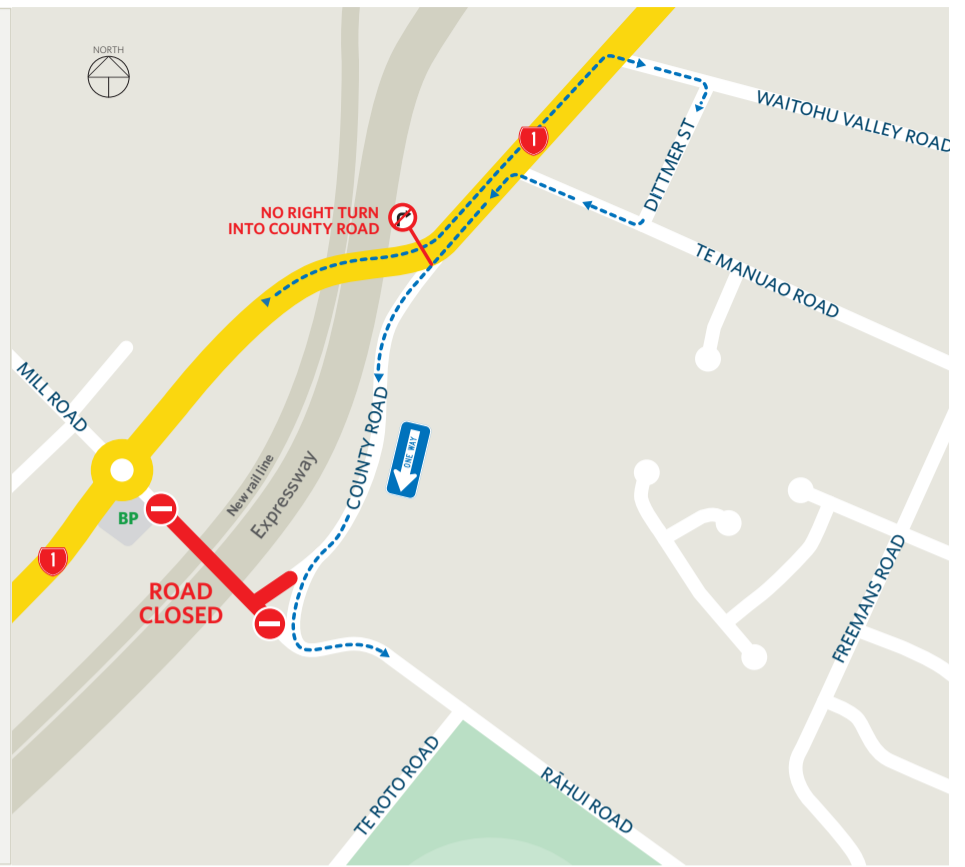
Entering County Road, Rāhui Road and Te Roto Road

Northbound traffic

- turn right onto Waitohu Valley Road
- right onto Dittmer Street
- right onto Te Manuao Road
- left onto SH1, and
- left into County Road

Southbound traffic

- turn left onto County Road
- County Road remains one-way southbound
- no right turn northbound from SH1



Exiting County Road, Rāhui Road and Te Roto Road

- travel east up Rāhui Road
- turn left onto Freemans Road
- left onto Te Manuao Road
- turn left or right into SH1



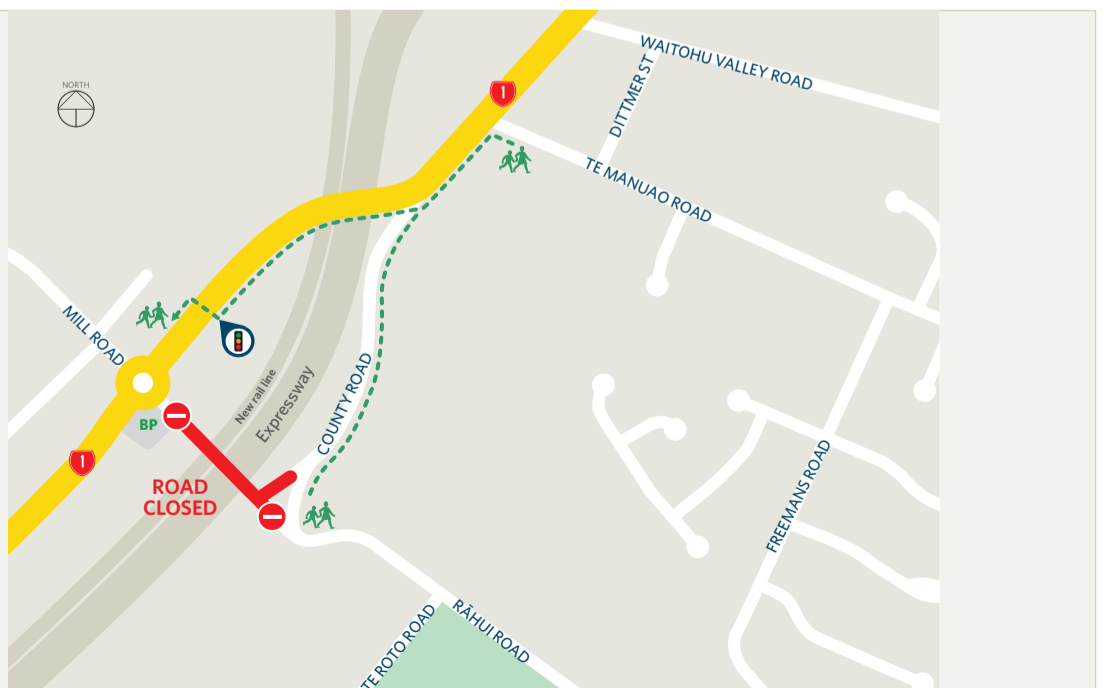
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Walking or cycling

Pedestrians and cyclists will be diverted north or south via a footpath on County Road, then

- north on the existing footpaths, or
- south on the eastern side of the new bridges on SH1
- the path on the new bridges will take pedestrians to the signalised lights on SH1, where pedestrians can safely cross east to west

Like the new bridges, this path will go through several phases of construction to complete. The path on the new bridges will continue to pass safely through our construction works.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

20 MARCH 2019

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FAQS:

Why do you have to close the road right before Easter?

We have to close the road before Easter to prepare the ground around the rail track so we can move the tracks over what's called the Block of Line Period. The Block of Line is a 36-hour window where KiwiRail have no trains running and we are allowed to work on the tracks.

Why can't you put traffic through work site?

As soon as we move the track we take away the signalised level crossing and don't replace it.

Why? Because we're building a bridge to take the traffic and pedestrians over the rail and expressway. We need to keep everyone safe. Live train tracks and a working civil construction site present high risk situations which are managed by strict controls for the people working in, and living around them.

Why can't County Road be two-way?

Because the County Road intersection with SH1 does not allow safe turning for two-way traffic. We also need to provide safe pedestrian access and County Road does not have enough space for two-way traffic and a safe pedestrian passage.

Why will it take so long?

Seven months isn't very long to build a bridge. We'll be working as quickly as possible to get the job done and minimise disruption. We can work much faster with the public diverted away from our works.

What do I do if I need help to understand or navigate these changes?

Contact us on the number or email below and we'll come and meet with you. We're here to help!

GOT QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?

Phone us: 0800 7726 4636

Email us: pp2o@nzta.govt.nz

Come along to the next:

Northern Neighbourhood Group Meeting – 7pm, Monday 25 March at Waitohu School.

These meetings are held every six weeks. They provide a regular update on construction works in your area and are an opportunity for you to raise questions or concerns you may have about construction activities.

If you can't make this meeting, you're also welcome to join the

Southern Neighbourhood Meeting – 7pm, Tuesday 26 March at Te Horo School.

YOU CAN ALSO FIND US AT THESE EVENTS:

21 March 2019, 5pm – 8pm

Te Kura-ā-Iwi O Whakatapuranga Rua Mano, Kainavil

7 April 2019, 11am – 3pm

Waitohu School Gala

10 April 2019, 12pm – 6pm

Ōtaki Māori Racecourse



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