

The Easter block of line works in Auckland and Northland over 12-27 April are organised into three stages. Please see the maps and information below:



Easter Block of Lines 12 - 27 April 2025

3 Stages of work

Stage 1: Easter Weekend lead-up 12 – 18 April



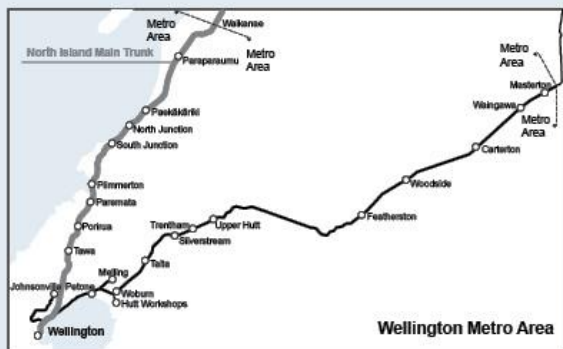
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Whangārei Services cancelled
All freight cancelled north of Paerata

4.30am 12 Apr – 6.00am 18 Apr

Lead-up to Easter*
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Stage 1: Easter Weekend lead-up

Auckland and Northland

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There are no Easter blocks of lines in the South Island



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Stage 2: Easter Weekend 18 – 21 April



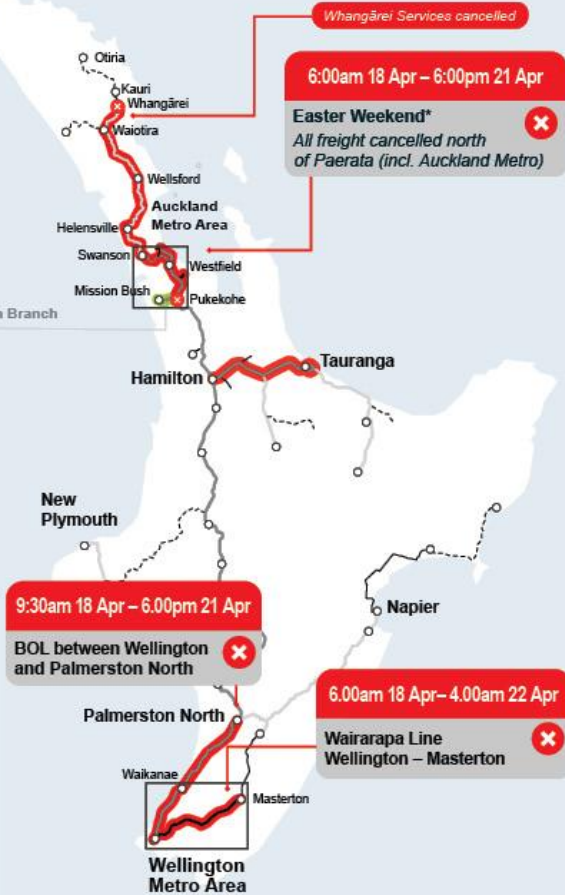
6.00am 3 Apr – 4.00am 28 Apr

BOL on Johnsonville Line between Wellington and Johnsonville



6.00am 18 Apr – 4.00am 22 Apr

BOL on North Island Main Trunk between Wellington - Waikanae



Whangarei Services cancelled

6:00am 18 Apr – 6:00pm 21 Apr

Easter Weekend*
All freight cancelled north of Paerata (incl. Auckland Metro)

9:30am 18 Apr – 6:00pm 21 Apr

BOL between Wellington and Palmerston North

6.00am 18 Apr – 4.00am 22 Apr

Wairarapa Line Wellington – Masterton

There are no Easter blocks of lines in the South Island

Auckland and Northland

6.00am Friday 18 April – 6.00pm Monday 21 April

- Full network shut – All operators
- All freight cancelled north of Paerata.
- Port of Auckland shunt cancelled, no access to yards or customer sidings.

Wellington

BOL on North Island Main Trunk between Wellington - Waikanae

6.00am Friday 18 April – 4.00am Tuesday 22 April

- Ballast cleaner operations, re-rail works, civil works, cable works, bridge works, and slope stability works.
- Our premium freight service 217 is the last freight service that will run into Wellington on Friday morning.
- Freight reduced to single line running over ANZAC weekend.

BOL between Wellington and Palmerston North

9:30am 18 April to 6.00pm 21 April

- Culvert work at Levin

Wairarapa Line Wellington – Masterton

6.00am Friday 18 April – 4.00am Tuesday 22 April

- Re-rail works, sleeper relays, Pomare/Taita platform works, Te Ara Tupua works, Taita turnout works.
- Freight unable to run 18 Apr – 27 Apr.

BOL on Johnsonville Line between Wellington and Johnsonville

6.00am Sunday 3 April – 4.00am Monday 28 April

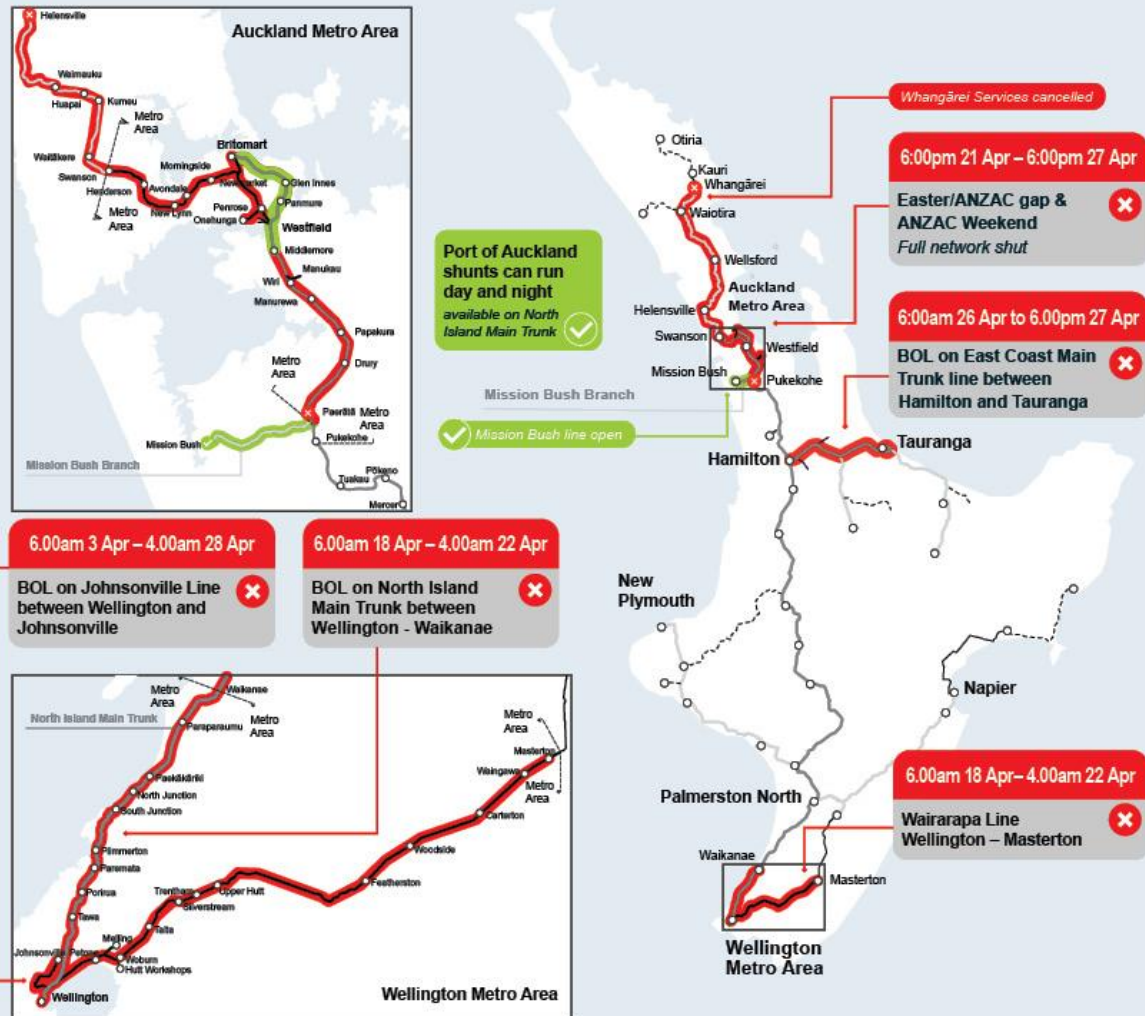
- Turn-out works, re-rail and distress works.



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Stage 3: Easter/ANZAC gap & ANZAC Weekend 21 – 27 April



Auckland and Northland:

Stage 1: Easter Weekend lead-up – 4.30am Saturday 12 April – 6.00am Friday 18 April

- All freight cancelled north of Paerata to Auckland
- Auckland to Whangārei Services cancelled
- Port of Auckland to Southdown night only (6.00pm to 6.00am)
- Mission Bush line open

Last rail service south - Domestic	Last rail service north - Domestic	Last main rail service north - Domestic	First road-bridging service south - Domestic	First road-bridging service north - Domestic
217 on 11 April	222 on 12 April	234 on 11 April	243H on 12 April	220H on 11 April

Last rail service south - Metroport	Last rail service north – Metroport	First road-bridging service south – Metroport	First road-bridging service north - Metroport
MP9 on 11 April	MP10 on 11 April	MH3 on 12 April	MH12 on 11 April

Stage 2: Easter Weekend – 6.00am Friday 18 April – 6.00pm Monday 21 April

- All freight services cancelled north of Paerata
- Auckland to Whangārei cancelled
- Port of Auckland to Southdown cancelled. No access to yards or customer sidings.
- Mission Bush line open

Stage 3: Easter/ANZAC gap & ANZAC Weekend –

6.00pm Monday 21 April – 6.00pm Sunday 27 April

- Auckland to Whangārei services cancelled
- Port of Auckland to Southdown shunts open day and night
- Mission Bush line open.

Drivers will observe their required rest day on Good Friday, 18 April. There will be no trucking that day from 6.00am until 6.00am on Saturday 19 April.

Wellington: (4 days)

BOL on North Island Main Trunk between Palmerston North and Wellington

6.00am Friday 18 April – 4.00am Tues 22 April

All freight services to and from Wellington (northbound and southbound cancelled.)

Auckland to Christchurch Premium service will run on Thursday 17 April

Works: Ballast cleaner operations, re-rail works, civil works, cable works, bridge works, Culvert work at Levin and slope stability works.

Freight reduced to single line running over ANZAC weekend.

Service 229H on 17 April and 217H on 18 April will arrive in Wellington before the block of line activates.

Domestic freight loaded at sidings or brought into Auckland CT site on Thursday evening won't be able to travel on our network until Tuesday 22 April.

6.00am Sunday 3 April – 4.00am Monday 28 April

BOL on Johnsonville Line between Wellington and Johnsonville

Turn-out works, re-rail and destress works.

6:00am Friday 18 April – 4.00am Tuesday 22 April

Wairarapa Line Wellington – Masterton

Re-rail works, sleeper relays, Pomare/Taita platform works, Te Ara Tupua works, Taita turnout works.

Freight unable to run 18 Apr – 27 April.

Bay of Plenty:

6:00am 26 April to 6.00pm 27 April

BOL on East Coast Main Trunk line between Hamilton and Tauranga

Culvert works at Waharoa.

All services on the ECMT will be cancelled. No Metroport/Fonterra/Bulk & Forestry services will run during this time. Extra Metroport services will be run on subsequent weekends after the BOL to clear any freight that may remain. We are trucking over ANZAC day to clear freight before the BOL starts on Saturday.

South Island:

There are no blocks of line scheduled in the South Island over this period, however we will be running a reduced train plan on Good Friday 18 April and Easter Monday 21 April.

Freight Service Solutions for closed portions

To and From Auckland to Whangarei

Road-bridging solution in place. See below for details, alternatively please contact KiwiRail if you have any questions/issues.

To and From Wiri (South Auckland Freight Hub) / Port of Auckland

Road-bridge solutions in place. Contact Nexus for details.

To and From Southdown to Port of Tauranga via Frankton and Crawford Street sites

Road-bridge solution in place. Contact Port of Tauranga for further details.

Southbound freight in and out of Auckland

For all freight journeys affected by CRL readiness works, you can book, present and collect intermodal freight as you normally do at our Southdown CT site.

KiwiRail will road-bridge southbound / northbound freight to and from our network via Hamilton. Customers will not be able to road-bridge themselves during this period because Hamilton receival points are shared with other customers and KiwiRail needs to manage freight flows and container terminal operations effectively.

There are some transit delays and limited changes to cut-off times as below:

Train	Service	Route	Cut-off time	Notes
225H		Hamilton to Wellington	9:30pm the night before for DG freight, 10:00pm the night before for non-DG freight (Monday – Friday)	
229H		Hamilton to Wellington		No cut-off for 229 containers, train only carries wagons
217H		Hamilton to Wellington	8:00pm Monday - Friday	
243H		Hamilton to Wellington	12:00pm Saturdays	
MH1	Metroport	Auckland to Tauranga	11:00pm the day before	
MH3	Metroport	Auckland to Tauranga	6:59am	
MH7	Metroport	Auckland to Tauranga	2:00pm	
MR23 (BOL only)	Metroport	Ruakura to Tauranga	8:00pm the day before	
MR25 (BOL only)	Metroport	Ruakura to Tauranga	1:00pm	
H225	Maersk			Empties trucked Tues-Sat



Road-bridging freight

Road-bridging is essential to keep Auckland's supply chain moving around the city and between Northland, Hamilton and Tauranga.

The road-bridging plan for Easter 2025 is largely the same as it was for Christmas 2024, however domestic freight will be distributed more evenly between our Crawford St and Frankton Container Terminals in Hamilton.

Major hubs of activity will be Port of Auckland and their South Auckland Freight Hub at Wiri, Port of Tauranga MetroPort at Southdown, and our domestic Container Transfer sites.

We are expecting approximately 370 truck trips a day between Auckland and Hamilton and our Container Terminals will be operating 24/7. Our teams are anticipating approximately 15 extra trucks per hour than usual at our CT sites. Domestic freight drivers will observe their rest day on Good Friday 18 April.

Traffic modelling has indicated that delays are expected to be minimal at key junctions, however there could be some delays entering and exiting Southdown. There will be a traffic management team onsite from the earlier time of 11.30am each day to assist with traffic flows.

We are working closely with Auckland Transport, emergency services, NZTA, and the Auckland Transport Operations Centre to plan routes, assess impacts and reduce congestion.

The designated freight route in the map above has been chosen as the best option in and out of Southdown after consultation with the relevant agencies. It minimises

congestion in one location or route, maximises available routes for inbound and outbound freight traffic, and provides a clear left in, left out route to follow.

Trucks will exit SH1 at Mt Wellington Highway – travel along Sylvia Park Road – to Great South Road – turn onto South-East Highway to Church Street – divert to Neilson Street – arrive at KiwiRail's Southdown yard then depart via Neilson Street to SH20.