

March 2026

### Easter Weekend block of line service information

Kia ora,

Over Easter weekend **7:00am Friday 3 April - 6:00pm Monday 6 April** we'll be progressing several important projects across the network including further CRL readiness works and BAU maintenance in Auckland.

Below is a summary of what this means for you, including the last northbound and southbound services prior to the block of lines and our first returning services in each direction.

Please note, we will not be implementing any road-bridging operations over Easter Weekend.

If you have any questions or would like more detailed information, our Customer Delivery team is here to support you **ph 0800 351 351**.

### Interisland

Last Domestic freight service Southbound ex Auckland/Hamilton							
Service	Date	Service Type	Freight cut-off time	Departure time	Destination	Date	Time
225	Thur 2 April	Hazardous Goods freight-compatible	Auckland: Wed 1 April 10:00pm	Auckland: 5:44am	Blenheim	Sat 4 April	1:30pm
			Hamilton: Thurs 2 April 8:00am	Hamilton: 10:20am	Christchurch	Sun 5 April	1.25am
217	Thur 2 April	Premium	8:00pm	9:50pm	Christchurch	Sat 4 April	5:30am



First Domestic freight service Southbound ex Auckland/Hamilton							
Service	Date	Service Type	Freight cut-off time	Departure time	Destination	Date	Time
217	Mon 6 April	Premium	8:00pm	9:50pm	Christchurch	Wed 8 April	5:30am
225	Tue 7 April	Hazardous Goods freight- compatible	Auckland: Mon 6 April 10:00pm	Auckland: 5:44am	Blenheim	Wed 8 April	1:30pm
			Hamilton: Tues 7 April 8:00am	Hamilton: 10:20am	Christchurch	Thurs 9 April	1.25am

All services will return running as normal from Tuesday 7 April.

Last Domestic freight service Northbound ex Christchurch							
Service	Date	Service Type	Freight cut-off time	Departure time	Destination	Date	Time
736	Wed 1 April	Hazardous Goods freight- compatible	Tues 31 March 7:45pm	7:50am	Palmerston North	Thur 2 April	8:16pm
					Hamilton	Mon 6 April	7:00pm
					Auckland		9:15pm



736	Thur 2 April	<b>NO Hazardous Goods freight</b>	Wed 1 April 7:45pm	7:50am	Palmerston North  Hamilton  Auckland	Fri 3 April  Mon 6 April	7:00am  6:36pm  9:15pm
712	Thurs 2 April	Premium	6:25pm	9:40pm	Auckland	Tues 7 April	10:51pm
736	Fri 3 April	Hazardous Goods freight- compatible	Thurs 2 April 7:45pm	7:50am	Palmerston North  Hamilton  Auckland	Tues 7 April  Wed 8 April	8:01pm  3:39am  6:47am

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Service	Date	Service Type	Freight cut-off time	Departure time	Destination	Date	Time
712	Tues 7 April	Premium	6:25pm	9:40pm	Auckland	Thurs 9 April	6:47am
736	Tues 7 April	Hazardous Goods	Monday 6 April 7:15pm	7:50am	Palmerston North	Wed 8 April	8:16am



		freight-compatible			Hamilton		6:36pm
					Auckland	Thurs 9 April	3:12pm

### North Island

- The North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) between Auckland and Hamilton will be closed from **7:00am Friday 3 April - 6:00pm Monday 6 April**.
- MetroPort services between Auckland and Tauranga will not be running at this time.
- While there will be service impacts across the network, the following services will continue to operate:
  - Tauranga (TGA) to Hamilton (HAM) return services will run daily to support Crawford Street and Hamilton customers
  - All Fonterra local circuit shunts in the Waikato will operate as normal, including **Good Friday and Easter Monday**
  - Tauranga to Strathmore return services will run on both **Good Friday and Easter Monday**

All other services will resume as normal from **Tuesday 7 April**.

### IMEX (Import/Export) Freight

With no MetroPort trains running between Auckland and Tauranga over Easter, there will be a reduction of 15 Southbound services and 18 Northbound services.

Last MetroPort services before BOL commences					
Direction	Service	Departs	Departure Date/Time	Arrives	Arrival Time
Southbound	MP7	AUCK	Fri 3 April 12:40am	TGA	Fri 3 April 4:14am
Northbound	MH2	TGA	Fri 3 April 4:12am	AUCK	Mon 6 April 9:11pm*



\*Train to depart Tauranga and stable in Hamilton for duration of the BOL.

First MetroPort services after BOL completed					
Direction	Service	Departs	Departure Date/Time	Arrives	Arrival Time
Southbound	MP3	AUCK	Mon 6 April 5:24pm	TGA	Mon 6 April 10:22pm
Northbound	MP6	TGA	Mon 6 April 8:34pm	AUCK	Tue 7 April 1:07am

Please plan for these changes and note that any containers travelling during this period may be delayed.

We have scheduled extra services to run from Monday 6 April to Wednesday 8 April to help clear any remaining freight on the network.

### South Island

There are two key work sites in the South Island that will impact rail operations over Easter:

- Turn-out work at our Middleton shunting yard in Christchurch to help improve reliability.
- A level crossing & track upgrade in Palmerston, north of Dunedin, on the Main South Line.

Despite these network impacts, our team has been working closely with customers to understand and support their requirements.

**Operations will continue in the deep south, with services running for Fonterra and Westland on Easter Monday.**

All services will resume as normal from **Tuesday 7 April**.

Ngā mihi nui,

The team at KiwiRail.

