

July block of line - 28 June to 12 July

*Two weeks – Road bridging operation in place between Auckland and Hamilton.

- Starts at 06:00am on Saturday 28 June and runs through until 6.00pm on Saturday 12 July.
- All freight services between Paerata Junction and Wiri Junction cancelled.
- A road-bridging operation will operate between Southdown CT site and Hamilton. Domestic freight will be split between our Crawford St and Frankton CT sites.
- There are no impacts to siding shunts over the two weeks. Port of Auckland and Wiri shunt are open.
- Services to and from Whangārei are open and will run as normal.
- The last Domestic train prior to the BOL will be service 225 on Saturday 28 June.
- The first inbound Domestic train post the BOL will arrive in Auckland on Sunday 13 July
- Journey times for freight will be extended by a minimum of 24 hours.
- Consignments within curtain-sider containers will need to be strapped down and secured to move on road.

Impact on freight:

Last Domestic service - South	Last Domestic service – North	Last MAIN Domestic service - North	Date
217	222	234	Friday 27 June
Last Metroport service - South			
MP1			Saturday 28 June
Last Metroport service - North			
MP12			Friday 27 June

After the block of line:

First service - North		
248		Saturday 12 July
First service - South		
229		Monday 14 July

Freight with road-bridging:

First Domestic service - South			
243H			28 June
First Domestic service - North			

220H			27 June
First Metroport service - South			
MH3			28 June
First Metroport service - North			
MH4			28 June

***Freight cut-off times:**

Train	Cut Off Time	Notes
	Auckland	
225H	2000 day before	
229H	2100 day before	
217H	1200	
243H	0800	
MH1	1600 day before	
MH3	0400	
MH7	1000	
MR23	1030	Mondays MR23 freight is trucked on the Saturday
MR25	0430	
H225	2000 day before	Maersk Empties for Fonterra, to be trucked Tue-Sat

**These times are yet to be finalised and may be subject to change.*

Road-bridging freight

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

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 site.



We are expecting approximately 300 truck trips a day between Auckland and Hamilton (average) and our Container Terminals will be operating 24/7 with 12 trucks per hour. Truck movements will be minimised during peak periods and Sundays.

Traffic modelling has indicated that delays are expected to be minimal at key junctions, however average delays could see increased general traffic wait times of up to 5 minutes on Victoria Street, Onehunga.

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 above has been chosen as the best option 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.

At Hamilton, the receipt of domestic freight will be split between our Crawford St Container Terminal and Frankton.

We're learning more with every block of line:

The Easter road-bridging operation ran significantly smoother than it did at Christmas, following an internal review and some refinements to systems and processes. We've again reviewed what went well at Easter and what needs improving for July. Ultimately, there are only minor tweaks that we need to implement, and we expect to see the same level of flow and delivery that we saw at Easter.