

12 April 2016

To Mangaweka, Taihape and Hunterville Community

Dear Sir/Madam,

REDUCTION IN BRIDGE POSTING FOR MANGAWEKA BRIDGE

This letter is to let you know about a reduction in posting effective immediately for Mangaweka Bridge on Ruahine Road.

Manawatu District Council and Rangitikei District Council hereby give notice that pursuant to Regulation 11 (3) of the Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulations 1974 a reduced posting is shown in the table below:

Name of Road	Name of Bridge	Weight Limits		Maximum Speed Limit (km/h)
		Maximum Weight on Any One Axle	Gross Weight (Maximum Sum of Axle Weights)	
Ruahine	Mangaweka	3,000 kg	6,000 kg	10

The reason for the severe reduction in posting is that a recent inspection has identified the deteriorated condition of part of the timber structure.

Remedial Work

Within a few weeks remedial work will be carried out to remove the severe posting and allow some heavy traffic to use the bridge again. However we advise that the new, permanent posting will not be as high as the previous 90% Class 1.

Once the remedial work has been designed and awarded to a contractor, notification will follow confirming the expected hours and dates of closures. We are currently reviewing options to stage the works to allow periodic opening for traffic.

We regret any inconvenience caused by this event. If you have any queries, please contact the undersigned:

Yours faithfully

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