

04 March 2011 Overweight Permits and the Christchurch Earthquake

Update for NZTA State Highway Network:

NZTA would like to inform transport operators that the earthquake on Tuesday 22 February left the State Highway network structures largely unaffected.

Only two structures were majorly affected and these are on SH 74 on the Ring Road. The Anzac Drive Bridge (BSN 119) on Anzac Dr and the Horotane Valley Overpasses No 1 and 2 (BSN 217 & 218) on the Tunnel Rd **are not to be crossed** by any overweight loads and will only be assessed on a case by case basis except for ISO containers being moved on overweight permits who may continue to use these structures.

Transport companies travelling on area permits may continue to do so subject to the above criteria. This release covers State Highways only. For the current status of local roads:

<http://maps.aa.co.nz/traffic/roadwatch>

Overweight permit applications for the Christchurch area are currently being processed by the Dunedin Office of NZTA. Please direct all applications to fax [03] 477 9237

Update for Christchurch City Council Roads & Bridges:

For overweight vehicles travelling on Banks Peninsula Roads, this shall remain by specific permit application only.

For travel around Christchurch City, Overweight Vehicle Operators should where possible travel on the State Highway Network observing the restrictions outlined above for area permit holders.

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Status of Christchurch Local Road Bridges:

Restrictions outlined below over-right existing Area Permits.

Bridges listed in Area Permits:

Avon River Bridges:

Montreal Street	–	Unaffected
Durham Street	–	Unaffected
Madras Street	–	Unaffected

Kilmore Street	–	Approaches damaged but bridge unaffected, check <i>AA:Roadwatch</i> for road status
Fitzgerald Avenue (Twin Bridges)	–	Bridges currently closed to all traffic Repairs underway to reopen bridges to normal traffic, at which stage overweight vehicles will only be assessed on a case by case basis until further notice.
South Brighton (Bridge Street)	–	Major Damage Bridge closed indefinitely to Heavy Vehicle use Light vehicle access only (<3500kg gross)
Stanmore Road	–	Unaffected
<u><i>Heathcote River Bridges:</i></u>		
Cashmere Road	–	Unaffected
Colombo Street	–	Overweight vehicles will only be assessed on a case by case basis until further notice.
Wilson's Road	–	Overweight vehicles will only be assessed on a case by case basis until further notice.
Ensors Road	–	Overweight vehicles will only be assessed on a case by case basis until further notice.
Opawa Road	–	Unaffected
Ferrymead Bridge	–	Major Damage Bridge currently closed to Heavy Vehicles Light vehicle access only (<3500kg gross). Repairs underway to reopen bridge to normal traffic within 6 weeks. Detour currently available via SH74 Tunnel Road/Bridal Path Road.
<u><i>Other Area Wide Permit Bridges:</i></u>		
Waimakariri River (old Main Nth Road)	–	Open to normal traffic. All overweight vehicles to divert to Northern Motorway
Blenheim Road Deviation	–	Unaffected
Styx River Bridge (Marshlands Road)	–	Unaffected
The causeway east of Ferrymead	–	Unaffected (use McCormacks Bay Road)
Waltham Road Railway Overbridge	–	Unaffected
Poynder Ave Bridge	–	Unaffected (currently weight restricted)

Division Street crossing of main Drain	–	Unaffected
Pages Road Bridge across Avon	–	All Heavy Vehicles restricted to 20km/h No overweight vehicles
Colombo Street Railway Overbridge	–	Unaffected
Durham Street Railway Overbridge	–	Unaffected
Moorhouse Ave Overbridge (over Colombo St)	–	Major Damage Bridge currently closed to all vehicles. Repairs underway to reopen bridge to normal traffic within 1 week. Access along Moorhouse Avenue currently via at grade lanes adjacent to bridge.

Other Affected Bridges on Christchurch Local Roads:

Avon River Bridges:

Avondale Road	–	Major Damage Bridge currently closed to Heavy Vehicles Light vehicle access only (<3500kg gross). Repairs underway to reopen bridge to normal traffic within 2 weeks.
Gayhurst Road	–	Major Damage Bridge currently closed to Heavy Vehicles Light vehicle access only (<3500kg gross). Repairs underway to reopen bridge to normal traffic within 2 weeks.
Swanns Road	–	All Heavy Vehicles restricted to 20km/h No overweight vehicles
Colombo Street (City Centre)	–	All Heavy Vehicles restricted to 20km/h Footpaths closed No overweight vehicles
Armagh Street	–	Closed to single lane All Heavy Vehicles restricted to 20km/h No overweight vehicles
Hereford Street	–	All Heavy Vehicles restricted to 20km/h No overweight vehicles
Helmores Lane	–	Closed to all traffic

Fendalton Road (cnr Deans Ave)	–	No overweight vehicles
Kahu Road East	–	No overweight vehicles

Heathcote River Bridges:

Beckford Road	–	No overweight vehicles
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Other Bridges:

Stapletons Road	–	No overweight vehicles
Chrystal Street Culvert	–	No overweight vehicles
Belfast Road (culvert?)	–	No overweight vehicles

For overweight vehicle travel on Christchurch Local Roads please direct enquiries to cdoperations@ccc.govt.nz