

Stafford Drive update

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Kia ora

Just a quick update on the Stafford Drive closure.

We expect to receive the final geotechnical report this week (19-23 Sept). This will help inform the Council's decision making but at this stage we have no certainty about when Stafford Drive might be cleared. A key issue is ongoing land stability and the associated risks and impacts on road users and land owners.

We are keeping an eye on the Pomona Road-Marriages Road route. We have removed the detour signage and placed the electronic warning sign back at SH60 to minimise the number of people choosing to take the Pomona-Marriages route. We expect most of the users now are local residents rather than tourists or visitors.

There has been a few requests for signs to try and address some people's concerns about traffic, speed, cyclists and pedestrians. In our experience signs are mostly ineffective at changing driving behaviour, especially for local people familiar with local roads – just think about what effect (if any) a sign would have on your driving. This route is very obviously winding and narrow in places. Overarching road rules require drivers to do obvious things like passing other road users (eg cyclists) at places with adequate sight distance where it is safe to do so, and drive to the conditions with an ability to stop within the visible road in front of you.

Please feel free to pass this on. We will have further updates as soon as more information is available.

Best regards

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Thanks for the update Jamie.

We look forward to hearing the Council's perspective in the near future.

Best regards,
Paul McIntosh
MCA Chair.

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