



Media release

Wednesday 9 March 2016

Jones Road closure extended

The closure of Jones Road between Weedons Ross Rd and Hoskyns Rd has been extended for a week with the road now to reopen on Saturday 19 March. A marked detour will continue operating via Weedons Ross, Maddisons and Hoskyns Roads until the road reopens. Drivers are urged for safety reasons to use this detour rather than use the Weedons Ross Road/State Highway 1 intersection.

Fulton Hogan, which has requested the extension of the road closure, is carrying out this road work on behalf of Lyttelton Port Company. The closure enables the majority of work associated with the installation of a rail siding across Jones Road to be undertaken. The formation of an entranceway and right turning bay into the site and associated road widening and reconstruction works to incorporate the site main entrance and rail siding are also taking place during the closure. Additional work needing to be undertaken which has extended the road closure includes the installation of additional ducting for Chorus and Vodafone to avoid further disruption by other contractors and additional kerbing and sump installation.

The installation of new water and wastewater pipes to service MidlandPort is also taking place while the road closure continues. The road closure will allow various works to be coordinated and carried out more efficiently by the various contractors while avoiding the lengthy delays that could occur along Jones Road had the road remained open while works occurred.

Drivers using the detour should expect a short increase in travel times and some delays at main intersections, especially during peak travel times (weekdays 7.30-9am and 4-6pm).

Following the completion of the new rail sidings within the development and adjacent to the Main Trunk Railway, a weekend closure of Jones Road will be required to complete the installation of the new barrier controlled railway crossing, which features imported safety matting to ensure cycles are not affected by the rail lines. The timing of this closure is yet to be confirmed but is likely to be in mid-2016.

Ends

For media enquiries, please contact:

Allanah Jarman
Selwyn District Council
03 347 2807
allanah.jarman@selwyn.govt.nz