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Janice Smith

Chief Executive, South Wairarapa District Council

By email

CONFIRMING LEVEL CROSSING WORK PLAN FOR SOUTH WAIRARAPA

Kia Ora Janice,

Thank you to you and the team who has worked alongside us to finalise plans for the level crossing upgrades through South Wairarapa. As you know improving safety at level crossings is a crucial part of our efforts to prepare the line for faster moving, and more frequent services from 2029.

We have now completed the planning and design work and have a firm schedule that we are working towards.

Because level crossings are an integrated part of the local roading network, we are required to formally notify Councils of the upgrade plan. This letter is to confirm the final design and timeframes for each level crossing in the South Wairarapa District.

As discussed with Council, the Bell Street and Brandon Street level crossings will be permanent closures for vehicles. Council will be required to apply to LINZ to stop the road under the Local Government Act, which we are happy to support. Both closures have been programmed towards the latter part of 2025 to provide time for the road stopping process to be undertaken. The road closures will be put in place once civil works commence, as both roads will be closed during these works to ensure the safety of the public and our construction crews.

The table on the next page outlines the features of each level crossing upgrade, along with an image of the finished design, and high-level timeframe for the work.

If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch. I will be more than happy to help.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Lyon".

Andy Lyon

Programme Director, Wellington Metro Upgrade



Crossing	Features	Timeframe for civil works	Design
Western Lake Road	Install barrier arms and warning signals (bells and lights). Formalise the shared path crossing with automatic gates. No change to road layout.	2nd Quarter 2025	
Revans Street	Upgrade pedestrian crossing with automatic gates. Traffic islands to help direct drivers away from the kerb drop and around the barrier equipment. Walkway between Revans and Fitzherbert will be fenced off. No change to road layout.	3rd Quarter 2025	

Fox Street	Install barrier arms and warning signals (bells and lights). Upgrade pedestrian and shared path crossing. Traffic islands to prevent vehicles from turning too closely to the tracks. Give ways are changed to stop signs on the side streets.	4th Quarter 2025	
Woodside Road	Install barrier arms and warning signals (bells and lights). Formalise the shared path crossing with automatic gates. Footpath connection to station with better lighting.	4th Quarter 2024	
Bell Street	Permanent road closure at the level crossing. Introduce a shared crossing for pedestrians and cyclists, with warning lights, bells and barrier arms. We have had initial discussion with St Theresa school about a suitable place for the bus stop, and will continue these in the New Year.	4th Quarter 2025 Permanent closure takes effect from commencement of civil works.	

Brandon Street	Permanent road closure at the level crossing. Introduce a shared crossing for pedestrians and cyclists, with warning lights, bells and barrier arms. *we believe there may be benefit to undertaking this work in conjunction with the sewer renewal however expedition of the road closure process by SWDC would be necessary	4th Quarter 2025* Permanent closure takes effect from commencement of civil works.	
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