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YOUR

SAY

Please circle your preference below

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Upgrade Fox Street level crossing and close Bell Street

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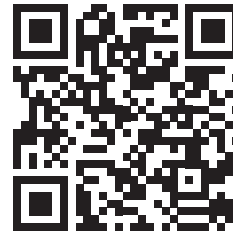
Please give us a brief reason for your choice

Four horizontal lines for providing a brief reason for choice.

Drop your answers into South Wairarapa District Council, or post to:

Diane Livingston
PO Box 593
Wellington 6140.

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Community consultation

Have your say on Featherston's Bell and Fox Street level crossings

1 May to 13 May 2024



Greater Wellington Regional Council and KiwiRail are working together to boost commuter train services in the Wairarapa.

From 2029 services are set to double from 10 to 20 per day. With more trains on the lines moving at faster speeds, it's essential that we look at safety. Level crossings present a documented risk to pedestrians and vehicles, and this risk goes up as trains run more often and at faster speeds.

How we got here

During 2023 KiwiRail worked with each of the Wairarapa Councils, held meetings, and met with emergency service representatives to discuss the need to upgrade and close some level crossings.

Aurecon and JMDR (consulting engineers and rail specialists) carried out further engagement, and undertook a formal safety assessment of each of the crossings. Their report takes into account safety, community amenity, and traffic flow.

It recommends upgrading 23, and closing five of the existing level crossings on the Wairarapa line.

You can see the Aurecon report, and full criteria for decision making [here](#).

What's the plan for Featherston?

In Featherston KiwiRail is upgrading three of your five level crossings, and closing two.

The two crossings identified for closure are:

1. Either Fox Street or Bell Street

The original proposal was to close the Fox Street level crossing and keep Bell Street open. This option was suggested because it was more in keeping with the town centre Master Plan.



Bell Street crossing



Fox Street crossing

The Bell and Fox Street crossings have similar risk profiles, and only one needs to close to meet safety requirements.

2. Brandon Street

The decision to close Brandon Street's level crossing has been made. It is closing primarily for safety, and because SH53 offers a reasonable alternative route. Closing the Brandon Street crossing to vehicles creates enough space to install a pedestrian maze and signals, making it safer for the many school children using this crossing.