

AVA RAIL BRIDGE WORKS – 24 February to June 2025

Dear neighbour,

We're writing to let you know that KiwiRail will soon be carrying out essential upgrade work on Ava Rail Bridge.

The work involves:

- removing and replacing sleepers on the north-bound track
- removing and replacing rail and fastenings, across the bridge and on the bridge approaches, on both north-bound and south-bound tracks
- replacing the corrosion protection coating for the steel bridge beams
- installing emergency access to the structure.

KiwiRail workers and specialist rail-mounted equipment, including cranes and excavators, will be used to complete the works. Trains will mostly continue as normal.

If you have questions about the works email contactus@kiwirail.co.nz

Ava Bridge Walkway closing from 24 February 2025

In order to undertake the works, the walkway which is attached to the railway sleepers needs to be removed. The walkway dates back to the 1920s and cannot be replaced in its current form. Current design also means it is also too close to the tracks and does not provide enough separation between people and trains.

We are mindful that this is well used by locals and Hutt City Council is considering options for access in the future.

The closest alternative pedestrian access across Hutt River is about 1km away at the Waione Street bridge to the south or Ewan Bridge to the North.

