

## 815 Moonshine Road progress update 21 April 2017

- As work comes to a close today the contractor, RCC, expects to have the remaining six (6) posts concreted in
- Testing of the Sacrificial Rock Anchor is scheduled for this afternoon so Production Rock Anchors are expected to be installed next week
- Once the Sacrificial Rock Anchor is confirmed as performing acceptably RCC will be requested to update their programme with particular reference to when the weight restriction might be able to be lifted
- RCC will also be requested to consider night works once sufficient retaining wall structure is in place to address health and Safety concerns associated with the fall height issues at this site. **Night works will be considered to expedite the project but if any residents have concerns about such night works (e.g. noise) please contact Darrell ASAP**
- The road remains recommended as not suitable for heavy and/or large vehicles and regulatory signage has now been installed confirming the weight and speed restrictions
- Please follow the instructions of our site crew. Should the situation change, we will inform you directly.

### **Large vehicle safety issue**

We have received further detailed evidence of the signs instructing heavy vehicles (those over 3.5 tonnes) not to use the section of Moonshine Road that has the slips (especially Site 815), being ignored. We have spoken to the parties involved and trust they will not put themselves, their neighbours, other road users and the contractor at further risk by not obeying the signage.



Our first priority remains to ensure the safety of the site for workers and the general public. We do not want to close the road 24/7, but this may be needed if heavy vehicle drivers continue to ignore the restrictions. The road restrictions are regulatory and therefore legally enforceable.

Residents and regular users of Moonshine Road can continue to help by advising us about any large vehicles traversing this section of Moonshine Road (i.e. licence plate details, time of day, date, direction of travel, vehicle details) so the appropriate agency can contact the owner/driver and take appropriate action(s).

## **Heavy and/or large vehicle access**

Until the structural integrity of the unstable sites has been secured, the route remains unsuitable for heavy vehicles. Traffic restrictions will therefore remain in place until the sites are sufficiently stabilised to allow heavy vehicles to safely re-use this section of Moonshine Road.

Once the test anchor has been approved and all 12 posts concreted in, RCC will be requested to advise about timing for lifting of restrictions on heavy and/or large vehicles.

Should the road be deemed unsafe or impassable at any stage, any emergency restrictions will be notified via Porirua City's website, Facebook page and / or by email to the residents' associations.

## **Remaining slips in the gorge**

- We continue to monitor the situation at all sites, particularly after heavy rain or earthquakes
- Design solutions are continuing to ensure the best possible long-term solution for each site
- We are working with the contractor to determine the most efficient programme to complete these works to minimise disruption to road users (e.g. staging of the various work sites, night works etc.).

## **Flood debris at Slip Site 1**

We have issued further instruction for the removal of the tree, and its root ball, now sitting in the bed of the stream at the Upper Hutt end of Slip Site 1.

## **Approximate programme**

The anticipated deadline for the proposed works is still the end of July 2017, although works will continue as necessary, subject to safety and efficiency requirements.

As already covered in this communication RCC will be requested to advise about timing for lifting of restrictions on heavy and/or large vehicles ASAP.

## **Ongoing communications**

We will continue these weekly email updates and will also update our Facebook page with any new restrictions. These will also be posted to the main front page and relevant community group pages and also via our web page.

- Here's the direct link to the Moonshine Road web page: <http://pcc.govt.nz/Contact-Us/Status-Reports/Road-Closures-Status>
- The web page information can also be accessed by clicking the Status Reports Road Closures link on the bottom right-hand-corner of the front web page <http://pcc.govt.nz/> and then by clicking on the Moonshine Road page link.

- Please keep letting us know when issues arise.

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