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Dear customer

Over the years, Port of Tauranga (POTL) has received extensive community feedback regarding the impact of port-related traffic on the roads around Mount Maunganui. A particular area of concern has been Totara Street and Hull Road roundabout. Based on this feedback, POTL will redevelop the Hull Road gate to alleviate traffic congestion and enhance the flow of vehicles into the port. We will also undertake an upgrade of our Waimarie Street location that will allow traffic to flow out onto Hewlett's Road thus alleviating some pressure on Totara Street. The redevelopment of Hull Road gate, Waimarie Street and other initiatives come at a cost that will be charged through to the trucking industry as a Mount Maunganui wharves access fee.

Overview:

1. **Relocation of Hull Road Gate:**
    - Moving the gate westward to create additional space between the gate and the roundabout for queuing traffic.

2. **Double Lanes for Hull Road Gate:** Implementing a double-lane system at the gate:
    - One self-service lane dedicated to trucks and single occupant vehicle port card holders.
    - The other lane, while available for all vehicles, will be designated for port visitors and/or multiple occupant vehicles, ensuring efficient entry and avoiding delays at the gate.

3. **Entry Charge for Trucks:**
    - Trucks entering any of the POTL controlled gates at Mount Maunganui will incur a $8 + GST charge for each entry event.

- The charge will begin on the 1st July 2025. POTL intends to invoice the access charges on a single monthly invoice.
- The controlled gates include Rata Steet, Hull Road, Maui Street, Waimarie Street and Tasman Quay.
- The entry fee will be charged to the registered owner of the truck.

Benefits:

- **Improved Traffic Flow:** By moving the gate westward and implementing double laning, POTL anticipates a significant reduction in congestion at the Totara Steet roundabout, benefiting both port traffic and the surrounding community.
- **Enhanced Efficiency:** Separate lanes for trucks and port visitors will streamline entry processes, leading to quicker turnaround times and improved operational efficiency at the gate.
- **Community Satisfaction:** Addressing longstanding concerns about traffic impact demonstrates our commitment to minimising disruption to the local community while supporting essential port operations.

Also attached is an information flyer aimed at communicating some of the changes we are making to improve traffic flow.

If you have any questions or feedback, please email commercial@port-tauranga.co.nz

Yours sincerely



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Improving Mount Access

• Reduce delays • Increase access options	• Reduce gate congestion • Improve productivity

Hull Road

- Dual lane with one dedicated for single occupant card holders.
- Moving gate ~25m westward to allow more vehicles between rail crossing and gatehouse.

Rata Street

- Manning gate Monday – Friday for ~8-hours per day.
- All northern business light traffic to enter this gate.
- All northern businesses visitors to present to this gate.

Tasman Quay

- Available for all transport operators in heavy vehicles only.

Waimarie St

- Construct gate to connect Hewletts Road and Waimarie Street for heavy vehicles only.