

# **MIN-3988 Woodend Safety Improvements (State Highway 1 Saltwater Creek to Cam River (North Canterbury) Safety Improvements project)**

17 October 2022

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to provide Minister McAnulty with an update on the Woodend Safety Improvements project to support his meeting with Waimakariri Mayor Dan Gordon on Tuesday, 18 October 2022.

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## **Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:**

### **Overview of the Project**

- The State Highway 1 (SH1) Saltwater Creek to Cam River Safety Improvements project is part of the SH1 Ashley to Belfast programme of work through the Speed and Infrastructure Programme (SIP).
- The current project estimated cost is \$28 million.
- This 11.4km section of SH1 is a key route connecting North Canterbury to Christchurch City, the airport, port and further afield.

### **Works already undertaken to date**

- New speed limits between SH1 Waikuku and William Streets became effective in December 2020.
- A signalised pedestrian crossing on SH1 near Woodend School was completed in early 2021, making it safer for children and the local community to cross the highway.
- Construction of safety barriers on the section of highway between the Cam River and Tram Road began in mid-2021, along with related road widening and an upgrade of the Ohoka Road off-ramp. This work was largely completed in April 2022 with the remaining re-sealing scheduled for late 2022.

### **SH1 Saltwater Creek to Cam River Safety Improvements project includes (see Attachment 1).**

The project involves:

- Road widening, wide centreline, and high-performance road markings in places between Saltwater Creek and Tulls Road
- Road widening, flexible median safety barriers and high-performance road markings between Gressons Road and Pegasus Boulevard roundabout
- A Jug Handle turnaround facility in the vicinity of Gressons Road
- Left in/Left out intersections at Preeces Road and Ward Road
- Measures to reduce speed at Pegasus roundabout, including reduction to one lane, and improved cyclist and pedestrian access across SH1
- Signalised intersection at Woodend Road
- Left in/Left out intersection at Rangiora Woodend Road
- Roundabout at Woodend Beach Road
- Road widening, flexible median safety barriers and high-performance road markings between Woodend Beach Road and Williams Street
- Left in/Left out intersections at Sandhills Road and Pa Road
- Roundabout at Williams Street

- Road widening, flexible median safety barriers and high-performance road markings between Williams Street and Cam River.

### **Timelines**

- August and September 2019 (under the previous Safe Network Programme, then SIP) – Waka Kotahi asked the public for feedback on a proposed plan for the section of SH1 from the Ashley River Bridge to Tram Road.
- August 2021 – the project received funding for design.
- June 2022 – the project received funding for property.
- 14 June 2022 – An oral briefing was undertaken with Mayor Dan Gordon, Waimakariri District councillors and Woodend-Sefton Community Board members (a copy of the presentation is included as Attachment 2).
- 30 August 2022 - Property acquisition discussions began with affected property owners.
- 2 September 2022 - site visit with Mayor Dan Gordon and Chair of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board (hosted by James Caygill, Director Regional Relationships, West Coast/ Canterbury/ Otago/ Southland).

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### **Current phase and next steps of the SH1 Saltwater Creek to Cam River Safety Improvements**

- The project is currently in the pre-implementation stage.
- Waka Kotahi expects to share an update on the proposed safety improvements with the community next month.
- Subject to property acquisition and consenting processes, Waka Kotahi is aiming for construction to start in this National Land Transport Programme period (the first half of 2024).