

MINO-0515 SH5 Programme Business Case

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Providing the latest information on the progress of the SH5 between Napier and Taupō since the last update provided in May 2022 (MIN-3875 refers).

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- MIN-3875 indicated that the Programme Business Case (PBC) to set out a long-term vision for SH5 between Napier and Taupō was expected to take 12 months.
- Unfortunately, due to a range of issues this did not progress at the expected rate. These have now been resolved and the project team is working at pace. We anticipate the PBC being completed within 12 months from now.
- We acknowledge that this has been a 6-month delay on the original expected timeline, however the PBC will be completed in time to inform the 2024-27 NLTP.
- There will be opportunities for community engagement through the business case process. The timing has not yet been determined but will likely occur in Q2 in 2023.
- Waka Kotahi will be undertaking Investment Logic Mapping sessions shortly, which will identify a range of problems, outcomes and benefits before any investment decisions are made.
- As indicated in MIN-3875, the final PBC will identify early quick wins that could be funded and implemented through the current Speed and Infrastructure Programme (SIP). Additionally, in February 2023, Waka Kotahi will be able to identify if any interventions can be funded in the current SIP without needing the PBC to be finalised.
- The Stakeholder Reference Group will be working together and supporting the project team while holding them accountable for delivery, to ensure the outcomes and benefits being sought are achieved.
- Funding for future interventions required for SH5 will be put forward in the 2024-27 NLTP and a decision will be subject to the standard practice of national prioritisation.