



MIN-4014 Wairarapa Speed Reviews [AM]

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Following the opening of consultation on the Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan (ISHSMP), you have requested information on proposed speed reviews in the Wairarapa electorate.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- MPs were not given advance notice by Waka Kotahi of the consultation of the ISHSMP opening before it opened to the public. Minister Wood received the maps and review details early, to share with MPs at his discretion. MPs are welcome to participate in and share the consultation with their constituents.
- The outcome of the speed review for the full section of State Highway 2 from Masterton to Featherston is still under consideration. This includes the individual sections for:
 - Featherston to Greytown
 - Greytown to Carterton
 - Carterton to Masterton.
- Consultation for this corridor has finished. The team is now reviewing the comments received and will make decisions in due course.
- The proposed new speed limit outside of townships was 80km/h. During consultation, there was significant feedback from the community asking for 90km/h to be considered. 90km/h is not considered to be the safe and appropriate speed for the corridor, due to the high traffic volumes, the head-on crash risk without median wire barriers, and roadside hazards.
- Information on the SH2 Masterton to Featherston speed review can be found here:
<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh2-wairarapa-highway-improvements/speed-review/>.
- This speed review is not included in the ISHSMP, as it was already in progress. The ISHSMP only includes new corridors proposed for speed review.
- The current consultation on the ISHSMP is both notification of the proposed corridors that will potentially be included in the ISHSMP and consultation on the proposals.
- The ISHSMP includes a 10km corridor north of Masterton proposed as a corridor to be reviewed. This is part of the SH2 Masterton to Pahiatua corridor, which was not supported in its entirety for entry into the ISHSMP. The north of Masterton section was included to support local development.