

## MINO-0515 SH5 Programme Business Case update

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Providing the latest information on the progress of the SH5 between Napier and Taupō.

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

- In May 2022, Waka Kotahi 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.
- In November 2022, Waka Kotahi advised you that the PBC will be completed in November 2023, a 6-month delay to the original timeline, due to a range of issues.
- Waka Kotahi has since reconsidered the programme and the PBC has been prioritised in terms of resources and time. Two investment logic mapping (ILM) workshops were held with key internal and external stakeholders late 2022. An optioneering workshop will be held soon, which will further refine the quick wins that can come out of the SIP programme.
- Waka Kotahi is currently aiming to complete the PBC in June/July 2023, and it is scheduled for consideration by the Waka Kotahi Board at that time.
- Linda Stewart, Director Regional Relationships (Central North Island) continues to engage with local MPs about the progress of the PBC.
- Local councils attended the Investment Logic Mapping sessions held by Waka Kotahi late last year.
- The councils are also part of the Steering and Stakeholder Reference Groups, which includes political and technical representation and other key stakeholders such as Hawke's Bay Regional Transport Committee, iwi, Napier Port, Police and freight advocates.
- The next meeting with the Groups has been confirmed for February/March 2023.
- A comprehensive communication plan has been developed.
- No funding was committed during the 2021-24 NLTP period beyond the investigation work (PBC), maintenance and the two safety improvement projects delivered under the Speed and Infrastructure Programme (SIP).
- The PBC has always been intended to plan for the forward works programme that will be delivered over a number of NLTP periods.
- Waka Kotahi has publicly said that future options to address the safety, efficiency and resilience of the route, if approved and funded, will be delivered in stages between 2022 and 2027.