

State Highway 2 between Wairoa and Napier is scheduled to open on 14 May 2023 with a Bailey bridge now spanning the Waikare Gorge.

# WEEKLY REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Week ending 12 May 2023

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## 1. CURRENT BRIEFINGS (BRI) AND MINISTER QUERIES (MIN)

REFERENCE	TITLE	DUE DATE
<b>Minister Wood</b>		
BRI-2750	Ownership details in the Motor Vehicle Register	COMPLETED
BRI-2760	Pūhoi to Warkworth delegation approval for temporary speed limits	COMPLETED
MIN-4163	Options for improving bus driver safety	COMPLETED
MIN-4167	COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Kilvarock Solar Village project comments	COMPLETED
MINO-737	Electric vehicle charging – Temporary Traffic Management cost break down and flexibility – follow up on BRI-2734	COMPLETED
MINO-749	Community Connect – security on buses update	COMPLETED
MINO-751	Bus driver wage increases since 2017	COMPLETED
BRI-2743	KiwiRail's Rail Network Investment Programme	COMPLETED
MINO-630	Mass Rapid Transit projects	12 May 2023
MINO-722	Let's Get Wellington Moving project timelines/milestones for rest of 2023	12 May 2023
BRI-2739	Pavement Conference 2023	Week ending 18 May 2023
BRI-2754	Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study	Week ending 18 May 2023
MIN-4159	Let's get Wellington Moving – new plan for the sponsors meetings	Week ending 18 May 2023
MIN-4162	FIFA tickets and public transport	Week ending 18 May 2023

MIN-4178	COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Neil Construction Limited and Maraetai Land Development Limited projects comments	Week ending 18 May 2023
MIN-4182	COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Oyster Capital Limit	Week ending 18 May 2023
MIN-4183	Removal of Cape Palliser Special Purpose Road	Week ending 18 May 2023
MINO-683	Lines for Distracted Driver Trial	Week ending 18 May 2023
MINO-729	Speed reduction on State Highway 25 – Lines	Week ending 18 May 2023
MINO-732	Climate Emergency Fund Programme expense transfer letter	Week ending 18 May 2023
MINO-738	Update on Waiheke Ferry issues – Lines	Week ending 18 May 2023
MINO-741	Delay in receiving car and Clean Car Discount costs - Lines	Week ending 18 May 2023
MINO-748	Follow up on MINO-663 Cabinet Priorities Committee tracker update on completed and upcoming project milestones	Week ending 18 May 2023
MINO-746	Actions taken to fix State Highway 25A - Lines	19 May 2023
BRI-2755	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending 25 May 2023
BRI-2757	Let's Get Wellington Moving meeting – 30 May 2023	Week ending 25 May 2023
MIN-4095	Safety Camera Programme update	Week ending 25 May 2023
MIN-4172	Infrastructure NZ Leader's Lunch speaking points	Week ending 25 May 2023
MIN-4176	Follow up on MINO-694 regarding State Highway 2 Safety Improvements	Week ending 25 May 2023

MIN-4185	Monthly Bus Driver Update – May 2023	Week ending 25 May 2023
MIN-4126	Indicative numbers of deaths and serious injuries for 2022 – MIN-3887 follow-up	Week ending 10 August 2023
Minister Allan		
	N/A	

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## 2. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

REFERENCE	TITLE	DUE DATE
N/A		

## 3. MEETINGS WITH OTHER MINISTERS

REFERENCE	DATE
N/A	

## 4. SELECT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

REFERENCE	DATE
N/A	

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## 5. KEY UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
<b>Road Safety Week, 15 to 21 May 2023</b>	<p>A joint media release is planned to mark Road Safety Week 2023, with comment from Waka Kotahi, Brake, and Beca (co-sponsor of Road Safety Week). An op-ed from Waka Kotahi Senior Road Safety Manager, Fabian Marsh, will also be provided to media.</p> <p>We are also excited to announce a new partnership we have formed with New Zealand rally car driver, Hayden Paddon. Hayden will promote road safety messages to his social media followers during the week and Waka Kotahi will share the content through its channels too.</p>
<b>Urban Mobility Update</b>	<p>Work is progressing well on the National Walking Plan – an Emissions Reduction Plan action, which is due for publication by the end of 2023.</p> <p>We have now completed the initial round of engagement. Workshops have been held involving a broad range of stakeholders including local government, Māori, academics, advocacy groups, accessibility and community groups, and public health professionals. There was broad agreement on the range of actions necessary to make a step-change in walking rates.</p> <p>Waka Kotahi and Te Manatū Waka - Ministry of Transport will pursue potential collaborative actions, particularly with Ministry of Health, Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand, Sport New Zealand, Ministry for Housing and Urban Development, and Kāinga Ora, to support broader government objectives around health, wellbeing, accessibility and liveability, in addition to reducing emissions.</p>
<b>Recovery Visa – Class Exemption</b>	<p>The New Zealand Government has created a new immigration visa class (the Recovery Visa). The Recovery Visa allows employers to bring eligible migrant workers into the country for a six-month period to undertake clean-up, rebuild and rehabilitation works following Cyclone Gabrielle.</p> <p>In consultation with the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment and WorkSafe, the Director of Land Transport has granted a class exemption that allows workers operating vehicles such as forklifts (F), track-laying vehicles (T), rollers (R) and large wheeled vehicles like graders (W) the ability to do so without needing to convert to a New Zealand Driver Licence. They will be able to drive on their overseas jurisdiction-issued licence, as allowed for in clause 88 of the Driver Licencing Rule, provided the licence classes they hold cover the driven vehicle's gross</p>

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	<p>vehicle weight. They will then be exempt from requiring a F, T, R or W endorsement.</p> <p>The requirement to maintain or improve safety will still be met, in this case through the existing function of the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Regulation Management) Regulations 2016, which requires employers to ensure that employees are adequately trained and experienced in the use of equipment.</p>

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## 6. GENERAL UPDATES



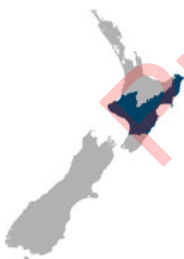
TITLE	UPDATE
<b>Network Road Closures due to Weather Events and Crashes between 30 April – 7 May 2023</b>	<b>30 April 2023</b> Due to a slip in Dome Valley, State Highway 1, between Warkworth to Wellsford, was closed for 17 hours. Alternate routes were available.
	<b>1 May 2023</b> Due to a serious crash, State Highway 28 was closed in both directions between Te Poi and Tepapa for 5 hours. Local detours were available.
	Flooding closed State Highway 15, between Pakotai and Parakao, for 3.5 hours.
	State Highway 25 at Ruamahanga was closed due to an over slip for 11 hours. No detour was available.
	State Highway 2 through the Karangahake Gorge was closed between Karangahake and Waikino due to an over slip for 6 hours.
	<b>2 May 2023</b> Multiple slips and areas of localised flooding closed State Highway 2, between Awakeri and Kutarere. The road was closed from 6.24pm on 2 May 2023 and reopened again at 12.56am on 6 May 2023 (closed for approximately 90 hours).
	
	<b>3 May 2023</b> Due to a serious crash, State Highway 27 was closed for 5.5 hours between Taihoa South Road and the State Highway 29 intersection. Local road detours were available.



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	<p>A truck crashed into a building in Carterton, closing State Highway 2 for 10 hours. Local road detours were available.</p> <p><b>5 May 2023</b> Due to protestor action on a Variable Message Sign gantry, north of Johnsonville, State Highway 1 closed one lane southbound for approximately 2 hours during morning peak traffic with a brief (30 minutes) full closure.</p> <p><b>6 May 2023</b> State Highway 6, Havelock to Rai Valley, was closed due to flooding for 4 hours.</p> <p>Flooding at Waitapu Bridge, north of Takaka, closed State Highway 60 for 11.5 hours.</p>

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## 7. MEDIA UPDATES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
<b>Auckland/Northland</b> 	<b>State Highway 1, Papakura to Drury Project</b> <p>A media release will be sent out either the week commencing 15 May or 22 May 2023, pending a decision from the Environmental Protection Authority to accelerate the consenting process for stage 1B2, under the fast-track Consenting Act.</p> <p>This stage will involve significant improvements to State Highway 1, with the replacement and upgrade of motorway bridges across Otuuwairoa Stream (Slippery Creek), additional traffic lanes, and a new shared path on the western side (including a shared path link across to Great South Road). Construction on the entire project is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2027.</p>
<b>Waikato/Bay of Plenty</b> 	<b>State Highway 3/Raynes Road, Waipa</b> <p>A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 15 May 2023 seeking community feedback on the design for a new roundabout at the intersection of State Highway 3 and Raynes Road in Waipa.</p> <b>Glenview Bus Hub, Hamilton</b> <p>A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 15 May 2023 to outline additional work required for the completion of the Glenview bus hub in Hamilton.</p>
<b>Central North Island</b> 	<b>Hawkes Bay/Tairāwhiti Strategic Recovery Approach</b> <p>A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 15 May 2023 to outline the 12-week resilience recovery plan for both regions and the focus for these plans on recovery of the network.</p>

**REGIONAL AREA****UPDATE****Wellington/Top of South****State Highway 2, Chapel Street**


A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 15 May 2023 to outline planned rehabilitation work for State Highway 2, Chapel Street, in Masterton.

**Rest of the South****State Highway 60, Motueka**

A media statement is planned for release during the week commencing 15 May 2023, confirming the implementation of new variable speed limits near schools on State Highway 60/High Street in Motueka.

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## 8. STATE HIGHWAY CLOSURES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
<b>Auckland/Northland</b> 	<b>State Highway 1, Mangamuka Gorge</b> Due to multiple large slips and dropouts, State Highway 1 is closed between Kitchen Road and Makene Road, through the Mangamuka Gorge. An alternative route is offered via State Highway 10 until further notice.
<b>Waikato/Bay of Plenty</b> 	<b>State Highway 3, Awakino</b> Due to a slip, State Highway 3 is closed between Manganui Road and Awakau Road.  <b>State Highway 5, Ngongotaha</b> Due to a slip near Dansey Road, a section of State Highway 5 is closed.  <b>State Highway 31, Kawhia to (State Highway 39) Tihiroa</b> Due to a slip, west of Te Rauamoa Road (near Kawhia Lookout), State Highway 31 (Kawhia Road) will be closed on weekdays from 8am until 12.30pm, and then again from 1.30pm until 5.30pm, daily for approximately 5 weeks, starting 11 April 2023. There will be no closures on weekends.  <b>State Highway 25A, Kopu to Hikuai</b> Due to full road collapse at a large washout location, the road between Kopu and Hikuai is closed until further notice.
<b>Central North Island</b> 	<b>State Highway 2, Eskdale to Tutira</b> Following Cyclone Gabrielle, State Highway 2 remains closed to general traffic between Eskdale and Tutira. There is controlled access in place between Esk Bridge and Tangoio, available for residents and emergency services only.  <b>State Highway 1, Rangipo to Waiouru (Desert Road)</b> Due to snow, State Highway 1 is closed between Rangipo and Waiouru. A detour is available for northbound traffic.



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	<p><b>State Highway 46, Rangipo to Tongariro</b></p> <p>Due to snow, State Highway 46 is closed between Rangipo and Tongariro. A detour is available for northbound traffic.</p>

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## 9. ROAD DEATH UPDATE – WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2023 TO TUESDAY 9 MAY 2023

**Key:** SAAS: Safe and Appropriate Speed. SH: State highway. IRR: Infrastructure Risk Rating. UCSR: Used Car Safety Rating. ANCAP: Australasian New Car Assessment Program. CWR: Crash Worthiness Rating. VSRR: Vehicle Safety Risk Rating. Top 10%: the 10% of regional networks assessed to deliver the greatest DSI savings through Speed Management.

Crash description		Speeds		Roads & Roadsides			People			Vehicles		
What happened (NZ Police description)	Date of crash Time of crash Local Council	Speed limit km/h	SAAS km/h	SH	IRR Land use and risk rating: low, medium, high	Road conditions	Deceased details Gender, Age, User	Deceased drivers' licence status	Restraint or helmet worn	Vehicle type where occupant died	UCSR/ANCAP/ CWR (light vehicles only)	Other vehicles involved
[Redacted]	[Redacted] Manawatu	100	80	No	Rural Residential Medium	Wet Traffic Sign, Fence, Ditch	[Redacted] Passenger	Not Applicable for Passenger	Yes	Van	3*UCSR	None
	[Redacted] Taupo	50	40	No	Medium Urban Residential	Dry Guardrail/Barrier, Fence, House	[Redacted] Driver	Unknown at the time of the report	No	SUV	5*VSRR	None
	[Redacted] Taupo	100	80	Yes	Low Medium Urban Fringe	Dry Guardrail/Barrier	[Redacted] Passenger	Not Applicable for Passenger	Yes	Car	5*VSRR	SUV, Caravan
	[Redacted] Gisborne	80	80	Yes	Medium Rural Residential	Dry	[Redacted] Passenger	Not Applicable for Passenger	Yes	Car	2*UCSR	Car
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[Redacted]	[Redacted]	50	30	No	Low Medium	Dry	[Redacted] Driver	Unknown at the time of the report	No	Light Truck	Not Applicable for Truck	None
	Christchurch				Commercial Big Box/Industrial	None						

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#### About the information:

Data is taken from NZ Police fatal crash notifications, Rightcar (<https://rightcar.govt.nz/>) and Mega Maps as at 8 am 10/05/2023

Fatal crash notifications are received within 24 hours of a death by NZ Police. Therefore, a recent crash may not be included in the report. Any subsequent death, within thirty days of the crash, will be recorded when received.

Deaths already excluded from the road toll based on Ministry of Transport assessment are not included in the data. Fatal crashes may be excluded from the road toll because the deaths may be caused by medical events, suicide, homicide, "Acts of God", be off-road or non-motor vehicle crashes, or the death may occur more than thirty days after the crash.

Fatal crashes may have occurred within the period for which notifications may be received later.

Traffic crash data covers all NZ roadways or places where the public have legal access with a motor vehicle.

- o In some cases, the NZ Police description of what happened has been altered to change the tense and to protect the privacy of individuals.