



WEEKLY REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Week ending 26 May 2023

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

REFERENCE	TITLE	DUE DATE
Minister Wood		
BRI-2777	Ōtaki train station visit	COMPLETED
MIN-4095	Safety Camera Programme update	COMPLETED
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	COMPLETED
MIN-4188	Interim coastal shipping update	COMPLETED
MIN-4207	Update on Low Emission Vehicle programme	Week ending 25 COMPLETED
MINO-683	Lines for distracted Driver Trial	Week ending 1 June 2023
MINO-757	Overseas licence conversion process	COMPLETED
MINO-759	Prime Minister's office query - key projects funded in Queenstown and public transport patronage statistics pre/post COVID-19	COMPLETED
MINO-770	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	COMPLETED
MINO-774	State Highway and local road maintenance that invested for Nelson in current and previous National Land Transport Programme.	Week ending 25 May 2023
BRI-2757	Let's Get Wellington Moving meeting – 30 May 2023	26 May 2023
BRI-2770	National vehicle kilometres travelled reduction plan and urban programmes – revised draft and update	26 May 2023

BRI-2755	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending 1 June 2023
BRI-2782	Karakia and Opening of State Highway 35 Hikuwai Bailey Bridge (For both Minister Allan and Minister Wood)	Week ending 1 June 2023
MIN-4210	Notes for Minister's Wood meeting with Bike Auckland meeting	Week ending 1 June 2023
BRI-2772	State Highway 1, Papakura to Drury (Stage 1A) – Park Estate Bridge completion event	2 June 2023
MIN-4194	Urban Mobility update	Week ending 8 June 2023
MIN-4202	Notice of consent application by Shildon Limited, and invitation to comment under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020	Week ending 8 June 2023
MIN-4203	COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Act 2020 - Notice of consent application by Build Rich Limited	Week ending 8 June 2023
MIN-4206	Update on the proposal from the Papamoa Residents and Ratepayers Alliance for a cycleway between Bayfair, Papamoa, and Te Puke	Week ending 8 June 2023
MIN-4208	COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Act 2020 - Notice of consent application by Sanctum Projects Limited	Week ending 8 June 2023
MINO-771	Traffic delays on State Highway 2 - Lines	Week ending 8 June 2023
MINO-772	Road rules around green emergency light – Lines	Week ending 8 June 2023
MINO-773	Update on the written parliamentary question-13511 regarding Hope Bypass approval process	Week ending 8 June 2023
BRI-2781	Neocrete Innovation Fund Project Site Visit briefing	9 June 2023
MIN-4126	Indicative numbers of deaths and serious injuries for 2022 – MIN-3887 follow-up	Week ending 10 August 2023
Minister Allan		
BRI-2782	Karakia and Opening of State Highway 35 Hikuwai Bailey Bridge (For both Minister Allan and Minister Wood)	Week ending 1 June 2023

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State Highway 43, Forgotten World Highway
Improvements: Kahouri Stream Bridge Sod Turning
Ceremony

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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	

5. KEY UPDATES

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Road Safety Week recap	<p>Waka Kotahi was out and about for Road Safety Week last week. From attending road safety expos and school visits, to promoting a suite of social media posts, the agency made Road Safety Week a priority in keeping with its 30 year-plan, <i>Arataki</i>, and its focus on safe, sustainable access and connectivity for all across the road safety community.</p> <p>Below are some highlights from the week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More than 1,000 organisations, schools and community groups participated in Road Safety Week.• Over 100 schools across the motu participated in a superhero themed school patrol, helping their peers cross the road to and from school.• Waka Kotahi visited 14 schools, alongside Beca and local contractors, to engage students in a road safety presentation and activity.• We worked with Hayden Paddon (New Zealand rally car driver) to develop road safety messaging to be run on his social media channels.• We launched our new safe speeds around schools education plan (a resource for teachers of Year one to eight students).• We participated in Auckland Transport's Māori Road Safety Expo, which included the display of the Decepta car (regular looking from the outside but internally shows how it could look in the aftermath of a crash) – this attracted a steady flow of attendees.• We collaborated with the New Zealand Automobile Association and New Zealand Police on a short video about school patrols and the important work they do.• We have utilised social media, Variable Message System boards, billboards, Locky Docks, and more to promote Road Safety Week. <p>We will continue community engagement with cross agency representation at Mystery Creek Fielddays in June 2023.</p>
New drink driving campaign – 'Would You Rather'	<p>Further to our update last week regarding the launch of our new drink driving campaign, 'Would you Rather', on 28 May 2023, we are pleased to share with you the advertisement for this campaign: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3R_z1oD_0Y.</p> <p>The launch will have a video focus including television, digital video (YouTube and TVNZ+) and cinema. It will also be</p>

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supported by radio, outdoor (billboards and in-bar media), social media and digital activity.

Hikvision cameras

Waka Kotahi has concerns about the digital security of Hikvision Cameras. There are currently 91 Hikvision cameras connected to Waka Kotahi Transport Operations Centres. While none of these cameras are owned or managed by Waka Kotahi, their output images are integrated into the Auckland Transport Operation Centre camera system.

Auckland Traffic Operation Centre is a joint venture with Auckland Transport. Auckland Transport uses Hikvision cameras to monitor their roads and public spaces. These camera feeds are integrated into the Auckland Traffic Operation Centre. Auckland Transport has assessed the situation and as the cameras are not connected to the internet, they have determined it to be low risk. Auckland Transport are looking to replace the cameras as they come up for renewal.

The Waka Kotahi Digital group has initiated a process to understand possible scope, cost, and timelines for the replacement, under the ITS Programme, to address this matter. A plan will be presented to the Waka Kotahi Chief Digital Officer for consideration and approval by 30 June 2023.

Public Transport during the FIFA Women's World Cup

All host cities have public transport plans in place to support spectators and accredited officials travelling to and from matches at the respective stadiums. Bus driver shortages are also rapidly lessening around the country and are expected to be at a manageable level by the time the tournament starts.

Auckland, Hamilton and Dunedin will provide additional special event buses for before and/or after matches, with Auckland having the capacity to scale up extra shuttle trains to/from Eden Park if ticket sales exceed anticipated forecasts. These special event services are in addition to regular timetabled public transport services.

In Wellington, there will be double the usual train capacity on all matchdays. Based on current ticket sales, Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) estimates the additional train capacity will meet the spectator demand, including three matches whose kick-off or final whistle time overlap peak travel periods for which a sell-out crowd is anticipated.

As Wellington Regional Stadium is close to the city centre, GWRC do not expect a significant need for additional bus services, as it is typical in Wellington for attendees to walk from city hospitality venues and hotels. Nonetheless, these services

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are highly frequent with latent capacity to accommodate spectators and usual commuters, and capacity will be bolstered through operators using the largest vehicles available on Wellington city routes on match days.

These plans are subject to change, as host cities are still monitoring ticket sales and finalising contracts with the bus operators that are providing the special event buses.

Further details on each host city's plan can be found in the regional update section of this report.

Restore passenger rail protest enforcement action

Police lead the response to these protests and any enforcement action undertaken. Waka Kotahi has been working with New Zealand Police to attend and provide assistance at these protests on matters such as legal ownership and trespass, and to help manage the incident with the least possible disruption to the public.

The Police have arrested 25 restore passenger rail protestors (RPR) over seven mornings of protest action in Wellington since 17 April 2023.

All of these protestors have been charged with criminal offences in regard to their unlawful protest action and are currently before the Courts.

The Police take any unlawful protest action very seriously and are working actively with the tools available to them and their partners to identify and gather intelligence relating to any future RPR protest action to prevent unlawful protest from occurring.

Waka Kotahi continues to implement recommendations to increase security on the highway network.

Northland safety camera site and camera technology

A new generation (Redflex Halo) fixed speed safety camera will be installed near Kawakawa on State Highway 1, in Northland.

The site was identified as a high-risk corridor with a safe and appropriate speed limit, and as having a significant proportion of vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Confirmation of the site as a suitable location for installation was subject to a detailed site inspection, iwi and community engagement, and speed surveys.

Construction and installation are set to begin in early June 2023 and once installed, rigorous testing and a certification process will follow.



This camera will be using automated number plate recognition (ANPR), will be in test mode from June to November 2023, and won't be enforcing offences. This is to enable an extended period

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	<p>of camera testing and integration with Waka Kotahi back-office systems and processes prior to infringement notices commencing in late 2023.</p> <p>Local residents and key stakeholders will be advised of the new camera through Waka Kotahi communications channels, followed by a media release due the week commencing 5 June 2023.</p> <p>A Privacy Impact Assessment is in progress and will be published before the camera is installed. Privacy and civil liberties advocacy groups will be advised before the camera is installed.</p>
<p>Round two of Hoe ki angitū - Innovation Fund</p>	<p>Applications for round two of Hoe ki angitū closed on 24 March 2023.</p> <p>There has been strong interest, with 91 proposals received in response to the following three challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improving safety in and around roadworks. • reducing the impact of increasing freight and door-to-door deliveries in our urban environments. • taking advantage of data and technology to improve safety and efficiency for people using different modes of transport in the same space. <p>The proposals have come from private and non-government sector innovators across the motu, as well as from Australia, the United States, and the United Kingdom. Many are from organisations that Waka Kotahi has not worked with before.</p> <p>We are currently assessing the proposals and expect to decide which proposals will be funded by the end of June 2023.</p> <p>We will liaise with your office to determine whether you wish to be involved in announcing the successful applicants.</p>
<p>Urban Mobility update</p>	<p>The Annual Active Modes Insights Report for 2022 will be published during the week ending 2 June 2023. Trends suggest a softening in walking numbers from the COVID-19 years of 2020 to 2021 but numbers are still up on pre-lockdown figures, and encouragingly, there continues to be strong support for walking and cycling with seven out of ten people asking for better access to walking and cycling facilities.</p> <p>Previous annual reports covering 2016 to 2021 are available here: https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/understanding-attitudes-and-perceptions-of-cycling-and-walking/</p>

6. GENERAL UPDATES

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Significant Network Road Closures due to Weather Events and Crashes between 15 May - 21 May 2023	15 May 2023 State Highway 26 was closed between Hamilton and Morrinsville for 9.5 hours due to a serious crash. Alternate routes were available.
	19 May 2023 A fatal crash closed State Highway 2, between Matata and Pongakawa, for 7 hours. Alternate routes were available
	21 May 2023 State Highway 4, Whanganui, was closed due to a slip for 10.5 hours. Local detours were available. Flooding closed State Highway 3, between Whanganui and Whangaehu, for 13.5 hours, and between Bulls and Lake Alice for 10.5 hours State Highway 54, between Vinegar Hill and Kimbolton Road, was closed due to flooding for 31 hours.

7. REGIONAL UPDATES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
Auckland/Northland 	Public Transport during the FIFA Women's World Cup – Auckland plans <p>Auckland Transport plans to implement special event buses as well as use existing Western Line rail services to service spectators travelling to and from Eden Park.</p> <p>Depending on the match type and anticipated ticket sales numbers, the following special event buses are planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• North Shore special event buses – 25 to 50 special event buses before and after matches.• City Centre special event buses – 7 to 20 special event buses before and after matches.• East Auckland special event buses – 10 to 20 special event buses before and after matches. <p>The special event bus arrangements detailed above have not yet been signed off by Auckland Transport, the Host City organisation and bus operators. This is expected by the end of May 2023.</p> <p>Based on ticket sales, Auckland Transport expects up to 6,000 passengers per hour to travel to and from Eden Park, for both directions on the Western Line, before and after the match. That is, up to 12,000 passengers before and after a match.</p> <p>Auckland Transport can provide additional shuttle trains if required.</p>
Waikato/Bay of Plenty 	Public Transport during the FIFA Women's World Cup – Hamilton plans <p>There will be two special event 'night rider' services for spectators after the matches, which all conclude at night. The services will leave from the stadium straight after the match and service both sides of Hamilton on a loop route, dropping people at bus stops along the way. This will be a shuttle type service where the buses run until the crowd is gone. There will be four buses servicing each direction of the route (eight in total). Buses will depart when full and can come back to collect more passengers after their first lap, if needed.</p> <p>Standard central business district (CBD) shuttle buses will run before and after the matches. Waikato Regional Council will encourage people to park in the CBD and take these shuttle buses or take a free city bus into the Transport Centre and walk to the stadium.</p>

For the Fan Festival based at Claudelands on 22 June 2023, Waikato Regional Council will run a free shuttle between the stadium and Claudelands, starting at 5pm until kick off. It will then run again after the game to return the passengers to Claudelands.

Wellington/Top of South**Public Transport during the FIFA Women's World Cup – Wellington plans**

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) has identified three matches where the kick-off time or final whistle time overlap peak travel times:

- New Zealand versus the Philippines (25 July 2023, kick-off at 5.30pm);
- The United States of America versus the Netherlands (27 July, kick-off at 1pm);
- and a quarter-final (11 August, kick-off at 1pm).

These matches are expected to have a sell-out crowd of up to 33,000 attendees.

Rail capacity will be doubled on all match days by running trains with more passenger carriages for a longer duration after the match and additional services.

Planned rail maintenance on match days has been deferred by KiwiRail, meaning trains will run as normal and no services will be replaced by buses.

Bus operators are planning to use the largest vehicles available to increase capacity on Wellington city routes on match days.

The frequency of these services is high, with latent capacity to accommodate match ticket holders and commuters, especially as it is typical for many attendees to walk to the stadium.

GWRC will develop a communications plan to highlight expected public transport service levels during the tournament to the public.

Rest of the South**Public Transport during the FIFA Women's World Cup – Dunedin plans**


A FIFA-branded double-decker special event bus will shuttle spectators between The Octagon and the stadium before and after matches.

Otago Regional Council intends to increase/maintain the service frequency in the evening on routes to 15 minutes from the Central City Bus Hub to the stadium (Forth Street terminus), and back, in the hours before and after matches.

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	Dunedin City Council will also provide and manage a Transport Hub at the Forth Street terminus near the stadium, comprising stops for buses, taxi stands and mobility parking, as well as wayfinding information for visitors.



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8. MEDIA UPDATES

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<div>Rest of the South</div> <div></div>	<div>Arthur's Pass closure</div> <div>A media statement is planned for release during the week ending 2 June 2023 to advise of a planned 36-hour weekend road closure of State Highway 73 on 10 and 11 June 2023. The closure is required for KiwiRail to replace a rail level crossing on the West Coast side of State Highway 73.</div>

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9. STATE HIGHWAY CLOSURES

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Auckland/Northland 	State Highway 1, Mangamuka Gorge 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.
Waikato/Bay of Plenty 	State Highway 25A, Kopu to Hikuai Due to full road collapse at a large washout location, the road between Kopu and Hikuai is closed until further notice. State Highway 30, Rotoma Due to significant under slips, a partial road closure remains in place as geotechnical investigations are completed. Currently, State Highway 30 is closed to westbound traffic between State Highway 34 (Kawerau) and Matahi Road, Lake Rotoma. A detour via Matata and Paengaroa is required. Eastbound traffic may still travel this section of State Highway 30 with caution.

10. CABINET PAPER FOR INPUT

Title	Summary	Estimated timing
<p>CAB-470: Freight and Supply Chain Strategy</p> <p>Lead Agency: Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport</p>	<p>Te Manatū Waka has developed a strategy to provide a long-term strategic direction for New Zealand's freight and supply chain system containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • principles guiding how government and sector stakeholders should approach the system • the strategic goals they want to achieve • expectations across different time frames. <p>The Strategy contains a long-term vision for the freight and supply chain to be underpinned by zero emissions freight transport, resilient, reliable, and prepared for potential disruptions, highly productive and efficient, and upholds safety and environmental sustainability.</p> <p>The Cabinet paper seeks agreement to publish the Strategy and the initial set of actions.</p> <p>Waka Kotahi provided extensive feedback on the Strategy itself. The feedback centred around four main themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We see significant opportunity for Te Manatū adding value by focusing on aligning government systems, given the whole freight and supply chain which contains significant private and local government owned assets 2. Realising the long-term Strategy will require investment. Current funding pressure is not referenced / incorporated in the Strategy which could affect confidence in the signalled direction. 3. Waka Kotahi is committed to supporting the Strategy, but clarity is needed on what the anticipated role for the organisation is in delivery or support of any of the actions. 4. Waka Kotahi is supportive of Te Manatū Waka progressing a partnership approach with ourselves and other sector participants to further develop a pipeline of system-level actions to achieve the objectives set out in the Strategy. 	<p>DEV 31 May 2023</p>
<p>CAB-473: Equitable Transitions Strategy</p> <p>Lead Agency: Ministry of Social Development</p>	<p>The Ministry of Social Development has developed a strategy to manage the equity impacts of the transition to a low emissions future.</p> <p>The Strategy includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high-level vision for an equitable transition to a low emissions future • principles to guide the overall approach to an equitable transition and a framework to address 	<p>SWC 7 June 2023</p>

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<p>CAB-461: Consultation on proposed levy rates to fund Fire and Emergency New Zealand from 1 July 2026</p> <p>Lead Agency: Department of Internal Affairs</p>	<p>distributional impacts arising from policies designed to lower emissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy proposals to support an equitable transition • proposed tool design for monitoring the distributional impacts of the transition. <p>The Cabinet paper seeks approval to release the draft Strategy for further engagement.</p> <p>Waka Kotahi provided extensive feedback on the Strategy. Waka Kotahi felt the Strategy would benefit from a clearer definition around equity, better integration with the Climate Change Commission's advice, and a better understanding of the transport sector issues.</p> <p>The paper seeks approval to release a consultation document on setting the Fire and Emergency Levy on insurance contracts for 2026 to 2029.</p> <p>The paper proposes a 5.2 percent increase to the overall levy revenue. Fire and Emergency New Zealand has proposed this increase on top of the 12.8 percent rise to levy revenue proposed as part of consultation on transitional levy increases from 1 July 2024.</p> <p>Waka Kotahi indicated that the changes have the potential to increase the costs of delivering and maintaining transport infrastructure for Waka Kotahi and partners. We also suggested that the Cabinet paper and discussion document should outline the extent to which these changes are expected to disincentivise the uptake of motor vehicle insurance contracts and any resulting risk of under insurance or no insurance and the implications for both transport network safety and levy revenue.</p>	TBC
<p>CAB-478: Establishing a Government Inquiry into the North Island Severe Weather Events</p> <p>Lead Agency: National Emergency Management Agency</p>	<p>The paper proposes establishing a government inquiry into the response to the North Island severe weather events, including whether the response phase operated as expected, whether the current design of the emergency management system created unnecessary challenges, and whether the system improvements already underway will be sufficient to address the identified challenges.</p> <p>Waka Kotahi is supportive of the inquiry and indicated we would like to be proactively engaged in the process.</p>	Lodge Cabinet paper 25 May 2023

11. ROAD DEATH UPDATE – WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023 TO TUESDAY 23 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]	100	80	Yes	Low Medium Remote Rural	Wet None	[Redacted] Driver	Never licensed	Yes	Car	3*VSRR	Truck
	Western Bay of Plenty											
	[Redacted]	100	80	Yes	Low Medium Rural Residential	Wet Fence	[Redacted] Driver	Unknown at the time of report	Yes	Car	2*UCSR	Utility
	Whangarei											
	[Redacted]	100	80	Yes	Medium Rural Residential	Wet Guardrail/Barrier	[Redacted] Motorcyclist	Unknown at time of report	No	Motorcycle	Not Applicable for Motorcycle	None
	Far North											
	[Redacted]	100	100	Yes	Low No Access	Wet None	[Redacted] Pedestrian	Not Applicable for Pedestrian	Not Applicable for Pedestrian	Pedestrian	Not applicable for pedestrian	Car
	Auckland											
	[Redacted]	50	30	No	Medium High Commercial Big Box/Industrial	Dry None	[Redacted] Pedestrian	Not Applicable for Pedestrian	Not Applicable for Pedestrian	Pedestrian	Not applicable for pedestrian	Car
	Auckland											
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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 24/05/2023

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.

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

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