



The first eight Super Tee beams have been lifted on to the middle span of the Kāeo Bridge on State Highway 10 in Northland

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Week ending 9 June 2023

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

REFERENCE	TITLE	DUE DATE
Minister Wood		
BRI-2782	Karakia and Opening of State Highway 35 Hikuwai Bailey Bridge (For both Minister Allan and Minister Wood)	COMPLETED
MIN-4202	Notice of consent application by Shildon Limited, and invitation to comment under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020	COMPLETED
MIN-4203	COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Act 2020 - Notice of consent application by Build Rich Limited	COMPLETED
MIN-4206	Update on the proposal from the Papamoa Residents and Ratepayers Alliance for a cycleway between Bayfair, Papamoa, and Te Puke	COMPLETED
MIN-4208	COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Act 2020 - Notice of consent application by Sanctum Projects Limited	COMPLETED
BRI-2788	Impact of Cyclone Gabrielle on Median Barrier acceleration programme	Week ending 8 June 2023
MIN-4219	Meeting with Muma Whanau Services Limited	Week ending 8 June 2023
MIN-4226	National Ticketing Solution Monthly update – May 2023	Week ending 8 June 2023
MIN-4227	Update on BRI-2784 Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan	Week ending 8 June 2023
MINO-708	Takaanini level crossings project update factchecking	COMPLETED
MINO-773	Update on the written parliamentary question 13511 regarding Hope Bypass approval process	COMPLETED
MINO-776	Checklist of New Zealand Upgrade projects	COMPLETED
MINO-781	Follow up on MINO-748 – Cabinet Priorities Committee tracker update	COMPLETED

BRI-2781	Neocrete Innovation Fund Project Site Visit briefing	9 June 2023
BRI-2790	Rail regulatory Risk Framework	9 June 2023
MIN-4176	Follow up on MINO-694 regarding State Highway 2 safety improvements	9 June 2023
MINO-771	Traffic delays on State Highway 2 - Lines	9 June 2023
MINO-788	Information regarding inconsistency of the Total Mobility subsidy	9 June 2023
MINO-683	Distracted Driver Trial - lines	COMPLETED
MINO-787	Waka Kotahi comments on New Zealand's energy transition discussion documents	Week ending 15 June 2023
BRI-2772	State Highway Papakura to Drury (Stage 1A) – Park Estate Bridge Completion Event	16 June 2023
MIN-4194	Urban Mobility update	Week ending 6 July 2023
MIN-4228	Meeting with Minister Woods regarding Large Scale Projects and Future Development Strategy	Week ending 6 July 2023
MIN-4126	Moana Chief site tour in Auckland	7 July 2023
MIN-4126	Indicative numbers of deaths and serious injuries for 2022 – MIN-3887 follow-up	Week ending 10 August 2023
Minister Allan		
BRI-2796	New Zealand Automobile Association meeting briefing	Week ending 15 June 2023
MINO-778	Flooding on State Highway 30 between Lakes Rotoehu and Rotomā	Week ending 15 June 2023

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

TITLE	UPDATE
Urban Mobility Update - Active Modes Māori Advisory Panel	<p>The inaugural hui for the Active Modes Māori Advisory Panel, chaired by s 9(2)(a), was held during the week ending 2 June 2023 and showed promise of being an exciting space for frank discussions and powerful insights.</p> <p>These hui will initially benefit Urban Mobility and the National Cycling and Walking plans, and eventually broaden out to the wider Multimodal Integration and Transport Services teams. Participants' feedback suggests that this approach is novel and authentic in a way that they have not experienced before with government, so early signs are very promising.</p>
FIFA Women's World Cup Auckland Public Transport Update	<p>Auckland Transport will deliver special public transport services for all FIFA Women's World Cup matches, which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • covering the cost of travel on timetabled buses and trains for customers with match tickets. • providing special services to Eden Park (Eden Park Transport Hub) two to three hours prior to kick-off (dependent on service) from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Auckland central business district (120 Quay Street) ○ North Shore (via the Busway from the Albany Park and Ride, Constellation Station, Sunnynook Station, Smales Farm Station, Akoranga Station) ○ Manukau (City centre in Leyton Way) ○ Botany (main bustop in Botany town centre) ○ Pakuranga (Pakuranga Plaza) ○ and from Eden Park to the above destinations after the match. • effectively increasing after match rail services from the Kingsland Station to Britomart and Morningside Station by using two platforms at each and only running in one direction as this significantly improves crowd clearance time. • operating a mobility shuttle from Sandringham Road to Morningside Station to support the train operation.
Cross-agency road safety stand at National Fieldays	<p>For the first time, Waka Kotahi will be partnering with the New Zealand Police, Te Manatū Waka, Auckland Transport, WorkSafe and the Accident Compensation Corporation on a joint road safety themed stand at the National Fieldays event. Held from 14 to 17 June 2023, our presence at Fieldays is a great opportunity to present a unified voice on road safety, and visibly demonstrate that road safety is everyone's responsibility, and we are working</p>

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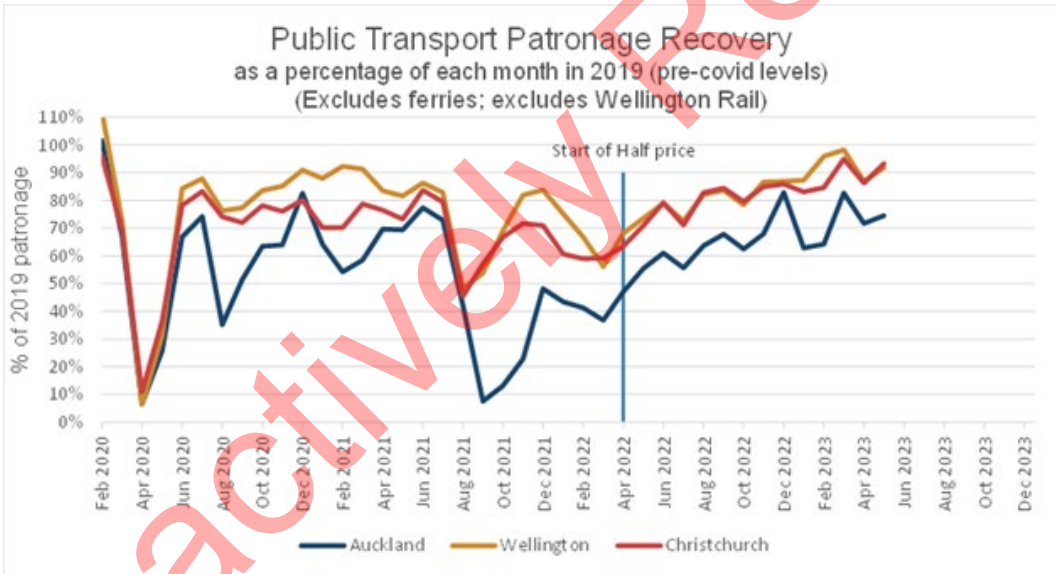
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together to keep people safe on our roads. Our goal is to engage people in the road safety conversation, share our road safety initiatives, explain safety interventions, answer any questions, and highlight the role that each of us play in reducing road deaths and serious injuries.

Fieldays is the Southern Hemisphere's largest agricultural event, attracting a wide range of people of all ages such as farmers, families, transport operators, schools, and those from urban centres. In 2021, there were 132,766 visitors and 33,000 viewers online. There was a media audience reach of 14.5 million and a social media reach of 694,560 people.

We understand that MP Jamie Strange will be popping in to visit the site.

6. REGULAR UPDATES

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Monthly Public Transport Patronage Update	<p>Public transport patronage, expressed as a monthly percentage of the same month in 2019, is now available for May 2023.</p> <p>Auckland continues to track approximately 20 percent lower than the other main centres. This is reflective of the very different COVID-19 experience in Auckland, compared the rest of the country, and the resulting long-term changes in travel demand. Total journeys (all modes) into the Auckland central business district (CBD) are about 25 percent lower than pre-COVID-19 levels. We will provide further information on travel choices into the Auckland CBD later in the month.</p> <p>It should be noted that, while the ‘month to month’ comparison removes the impact of seasonal variance and provides a useful comparison, variations, such as the number of working days per month, will affect the comparison.</p> <div><p>Public Transport Patronage Recovery as a percentage of each month in 2019 (pre-covid levels) (Excludes ferries; excludes Wellington Rail)</p><table><caption>Public Transport Patronage Recovery Data (Estimated % of 2019 Patronage)</caption><thead><tr><th>Month</th><th>Auckland</th><th>Wellington</th><th>Christchurch</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Feb 2020</td><td>100</td><td>100</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>Apr 2020</td><td>10</td><td>10</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Jun 2020</td><td>70</td><td>85</td><td>80</td></tr><tr><td>Aug 2020</td><td>35</td><td>80</td><td>75</td></tr><tr><td>Oct 2020</td><td>60</td><td>85</td><td>75</td></tr><tr><td>Dec 2020</td><td>80</td><td>90</td><td>80</td></tr><tr><td>Feb 2021</td><td>55</td><td>85</td><td>75</td></tr><tr><td>Apr 2021</td><td>70</td><td>85</td><td>75</td></tr><tr><td>Jun 2021</td><td>75</td><td>85</td><td>75</td></tr><tr><td>Aug 2021</td><td>10</td><td>50</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>Oct 2021</td><td>20</td><td>80</td><td>70</td></tr><tr><td>Dec 2021</td><td>45</td><td>80</td><td>70</td></tr><tr><td>Feb 2022</td><td>35</td><td>60</td><td>60</td></tr><tr><td>Apr 2022</td><td>50</td><td>70</td><td>70</td></tr><tr><td>Jun 2022</td><td>60</td><td>80</td><td>80</td></tr><tr><td>Aug 2022</td><td>65</td><td>80</td><td>80</td></tr><tr><td>Oct 2022</td><td>70</td><td>85</td><td>85</td></tr><tr><td>Dec 2022</td><td>80</td><td>90</td><td>85</td></tr><tr><td>Feb 2023</td><td>70</td><td>95</td><td>90</td></tr><tr><td>Apr 2023</td><td>75</td><td>90</td><td>90</td></tr><tr><td>Jun 2023</td><td>70</td><td>85</td><td>85</td></tr><tr><td>Aug 2023</td><td>75</td><td>85</td><td>85</td></tr><tr><td>Oct 2023</td><td>70</td><td>85</td><td>85</td></tr><tr><td>Dec 2023</td><td>75</td><td>85</td><td>85</td></tr></tbody></table></div>	Month	Auckland	Wellington	Christchurch	Feb 2020	100	100	100	Apr 2020	10	10	10	Jun 2020	70	85	80	Aug 2020	35	80	75	Oct 2020	60	85	75	Dec 2020	80	90	80	Feb 2021	55	85	75	Apr 2021	70	85	75	Jun 2021	75	85	75	Aug 2021	10	50	50	Oct 2021	20	80	70	Dec 2021	45	80	70	Feb 2022	35	60	60	Apr 2022	50	70	70	Jun 2022	60	80	80	Aug 2022	65	80	80	Oct 2022	70	85	85	Dec 2022	80	90	85	Feb 2023	70	95	90	Apr 2023	75	90	90	Jun 2023	70	85	85	Aug 2023	75	85	85	Oct 2023	70	85	85	Dec 2023	75	85	85
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7. GENERAL UPDATES

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Network Road Closures due to Weather Events and Crashes between 29 May – 5 June 2023	29 May 2023 State Highway 35 was closed between Tolaga Bay and Tokomaru Bay due to flooding for 8 hours. No detour was available.
	30 May 2023 State Highway 10 was closed north of Kaingaroa for 7.5 hours due to a crash with two fatalities. A detour was in place.
	31 May 2023 State Highway 2, between Featherston and Upper Hutt (Remutaka Hill), was closed for 5 hours due to a fatal crash. No detour was available.
	1 June 2023 State Highway 1, between Clinton and Balcutha, was closed for 5.5 hours due to a serious crash. A detour was in place. State Highway 14, between Maungatapere and Dargaville, was closed for 4 hours due to a fatal crash. A detour was in place.
	2 June 2023 State Highway 8B in Cromwell was closed for 5.5 hours due to a fatal crash. A detour was in place. State Highway 7, between the intersection with State Highway 7A and Engineers Camp, was closed for 5.5 hours due to a fatal crash. No detour was available.
	4 June 2023 State Highway 4, between National Park and Taumarunui, was closed for 6 hours for vehicle recovery from prior crash. No detour was available.

8. REGIONAL UPDATES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
Auckland/Northland 	State Highway 10, Kāeo Bridge upgrade <p>Last month saw the arrival of Super Tee beams at the Kāeo Bridge in Northland. We are using 24 of these beams to build the new bridge deck. Due to the complexity of the journey, we must transport one 50-tonne beam at a time up from Auckland. The first eight beams have been lifted onto the middle span of the bridge.</p> <p>We're expecting to have the structure of the bridge finished by the end of 2023, while also getting the road and roundabout ready for opening in early 2024.</p> Te Tupu Ngātahi – Supporting Growth <p>The purpose of Te Tupu Ngātahi - Supporting Growth Alliance, a joint Waka Kotahi and Auckland Transport project, is to investigate and route protect the strategic transport networks required to support Auckland's future growth areas.</p> <p>The Takaanini level crossings route protection detailed business case has been completed. There is considerable interest from elected members and some local stakeholders about these long-term Auckland Transport projects in the Takaanini area, which are part of Te Tupu Ngātahi work programme.</p> <p>Following further engagement with elected members and stakeholders in May 2023, we are undertaking some additional engagement activities to provide the community with a final opportunity to discuss the projects with team members. For this opportunity, we have planned targeted meetings with specific community groups. We have provided background information on this project in a recent Ministerial note (MINO-708 refers).</p>
Waikato/Bay of Plenty 	State Highway 2 roadworks and associated traffic delays <p>State Highway 2 into Tauranga has experienced significant traffic congestion over recent weeks, which has resulted in negative media coverage and an increase in social media comments. There are currently two worksites located between Te Puna and Bethlehem, which have contributed to the issue – an asphalt resurfacing site between the Wairoa Bridge and Bethlehem and the Wairoa section of the Ōmokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway (delivered by Tauranga City Council).</p> <p>The asphalt resurfacing is currently expected to be completed by 12 June 2023. This work is taking place at night under stop/go</p>

traffic management, which has minimised disruption by avoiding work during peak periods. This work has been disrupted by poor weather and machinery breaking down, which impacted traffic one morning.

The Tauranga City Council cycleway project will continue until August 2023, this work has mainly taken place on the shoulder or outside of the road corridor. Following the completion of the asphalt resurfacing, the cycleway works will move on-road, through the construction of a signalised intersection near the Carmichael Road cul-de-sac. This work will take place at night where possible; however, some work such as kerbing/ concrete work which, cannot be done at night, is expected to cause some disruption during peak travel periods. There will be a continued emphasis on proactive communications to prepare and enable people to make informed decisions about their travel.

The projects have been coordinated to minimise overall delays by ensuring that they are not causing cumulative issues. While every effort will be made to coordinate works and minimise disruption, it is highly likely that significant delays will be unavoidable due to multiple programmes of work seeking to improve safety and access, while maintaining the existing corridor. Traffic volumes at this location increased by 25 percent between 2020 and 2022, and this growth is being supported by projects such as Waihi to Ōmokoroa (completion in 2026) and Takitimu North Link (completion in 2027).

The 2023/24 construction season will also see significant work on this corridor for road maintenance (approximately 25 lane kilometres) and ongoing works for the above projects. This will be communicated proactively ahead of the season commencing.

Central North Island

State Highway 1, Levin to Foxton safety improvements

Following the completion of detailed design, the updated design for safety improvements on State Highway 1, between Levin and Foxton, will be publicly released on 27 June 2023.

Improvements planned for this stretch of road include a new roundabout at the intersection with Waitārere Beach Road, stretches of painted wide centreline, roadside and median barriers, and new turnaround facilities.

Engagement with partners and the community has been ongoing since mid-2020. On 7 June 2022, we released the draft design for the safety improvements to collect feedback on. Waka Kotahi has continued to engage with iwi, hapū, and landowners since releasing the draft design to provide updates on the project, get further feedback, and address concerns.


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The Poroutawhao Community Group (made up of residents who live and work along this section of State Highway 1) has raised concerns that the flexible median barrier will result in unintended safety issues. We are working with the Group on refining the design to address these concerns.

Construction on the safety improvements is expected to begin on site later in 2023.

9. MEDIA UPDATES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
Central North Island 	Hikuwai Bailey Bridge opening event A Waka Kotahi media statement is planned for release on 14 June 2023. This will occur after a Ministerial event and announcement to mark the re-opening of State Highway 35 following the completion of the installation of the Hikuwai Bailey Bridge. Mount Messenger Bypass A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 12 June 2023 to mark the end of the summer/spring construction season and milestones ahead for the Mount Messenger bypass project. State Highway 3, Tariki, update A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 12 June 2023 to provide details on planned roadworks on State Highway 3, Tariki, in Taranaki. Hawkes Bay roading update A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 12 June 2023, outlining progress on State Highway 2 and State Highway 5, as well as work planned during the winter period.

10. STATE HIGHWAY CLOSURES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
<div>Auckland/Northland</div> <div></div>	<div>State Highway 1, Mangamuka Gorge</div> <div>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.</div>
<div>Waikato/Bay of Plenty</div> <div></div>	<div>State Highway 25A, Kopu to Hikuai</div> <div>Due to full road collapse at a large washout location, the road between Kopu and Hikuai is closed until further notice.</div>

11. CABINET PAPER FOR INPUT

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Proactively Released

12. ROAD DEATH UPDATE – WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2023 TO TUESDAY 6 JUNE 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.

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s 9(2)(a)	s 9(2)(a) South Wairarapa	100	80	Yes	Medium Rural Residential	Wet Guardrail/Barrier	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Restricted Current	Yes	Car	4* UCSR	Car
	s 9(2)(a) South Wairarapa	100	80	No	Medium High Remote Rural	Dry	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Full Current	No	Car	2* VSRR	None
	s 9(2)(a) Auckland	50	40	No	Medium Urban Residential	Dry	s 9(2)(a) Driver s 9(2)(a) Passenger	Unknown at the time of report	Yes	Car	1* VSRR	Car
	s 9(2)(a) Kaipara	100	80	Yes	Medium Rural Residential	Wet	s 9(2)(a) Driver s 9(2)(a) Driver	Learner Disqualified Full Current	No Yes	Car Car	2* UCSR 4* VSRR	Car Car
	s 9(2)(a) Central Otago	80	80	Yes	Low Medium Urban Fringe	Dry	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Full Current	Yes	Car	5* ANCAP	Truck
	s 9(2)(a) Hurunui	100	80	Yes	Low Medium Remote Rural	Dry	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Unknown at the time of report	Yes	Car	1* UCSR	Not stated

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s 9(2)(a)	s 9(2)(a) Far North	100		No	Unknown (Forestry Road)	Dry	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Restricted Current	No	SUV	4* UCSR	None

About the information:
Data is taken from NZ Police fatal crash notifications, Rightcar (<https://rightcar.govt.nz/>) and Mega Maps as at 8 am 7/06/2023
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.

Clean Car Standard (CCS): 1 June go-live update (as at 12pm 7 June)

Since go live on 1 June 2023, the CCS payments system has been performing well.

- A few minor system bugs (not unexpected for a system go-live of this scale) have been identified and are being fixed with little to no impact on importers.
- **Since 1 January 2023**, 18,000 charge vehicles have been imported by 1,182 CO2 accounts (both new and used car).
 - 883 of the 1,182 accounts were in a net charge position. The remainder were in a net credit position (but may also have some charge vehicles to offset).
 - This totalled \$13.1 million of charges that were due for payment on 1 June 2023.
- **Since Go-live, 355 (40 percent) of the 883 deficit charge CO2 accounts have fully cleared their charge position.**
 - \$5.8 million (44.6 percent) of the \$13.1 million PAYG charges have been settled across all 1,182 accounts.
 - The vast majority is via offsetting CO2 credits – there is \$475,000 in the CCS bank account relating to payments since 1 June 2023.
 - For context, on 1 June alone, 141 CO2 accounts fully cleared their PAYG charge position, representing \$3.2 million worth of charges.
- **CO2 credit trading and transfers are occurring.**
 - 34 importer accounts have been involved in CO2 credit transfers.
 - 28,300 CO2 credits have been transferred, the majority between used car accounts.
 - While the amount paid for each trade is unknown, the total charge position that this could have offset is approximately \$608,000.

Anti-Money Laundering (AML) verification is progressing well

AML Verification	Number	Comment
Total accounts verified and able to trade CO2 credits	198	Prior to being able to transfer credits, account owners must complete a verification process. Of the 210 accounts that are still to be verified, all have been contacted to initiate the process. Most pending verifications are due to importers who have not yet provided the required documentation.
Remaining	210	

CCS contact centre statistics

- Since 1 June, the CCS Team received 228 calls and 240 emails from importers, a 24 percent increase on typical daily call volumes.
- The majority were importers requesting help to log in and undertake basic functions.
- The majority had imported a single vehicle and have not logged into the system since or been part of the training and webinar sessions.

Industry

- Industry feedback has been positive and supportive in the lead up to, and post, 1 June Go-live. Waka Kotahi will continue to work closely with importers to support their compliance with the CCS.