



Wild weekend weather has damaged the bridge crossing the Waipawa River on State Highway 50 between Ongaonga and Tikokino

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Week ending 30 June 2023

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

REFERENCE	TITLE	DUE DATE
Minister Parker		
BRI-2806	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	COMPLETED
MIN-4243	Great North Road cycleway funding	COMPLETED
MINO-802	Transport resilience fund update	COMPLETED
MIN-4242	Update on general cost escalation paper	COMPLETED
MINO-808	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending 29 June 2023
BRI-2807	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending 13 July 2023
BRI-2812	Driver Licence Improvement Programme (DLIP) Business Case	Week ending 6 July 2023
MIN-4249	National Ticketing Solution Monthly Report - June 2023	Week ending 6 July 2023
MINO-807	Cabinet Priorities Committee (CPC) Tracker Update	Week ending 6 July 2023
MIN-4248	Update on Fullers360 Waiheke Ferry Service Exempt Status review	Week ending 13 July 2023
BRI-2817	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending 13 July 2023
BRI-2818	Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF) programme overview	Week ending 13 July 2023
MIN-4227	Update on BRI-2784 Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan	TBC
BRI-2790	Rail Regulatory Risk Framework	TBC

Minister Allan

MINO-806	Papers on the East Coast Recovery Alliance	Week ending 29 June 2023
BRI-2813	East Coast Recovery Partnership Announcement	Week ending 6 July 2023

2. SELECT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

REFERENCE	DATE
Transport and Infrastructure Committee	29 June 2023

Proactively Released

3. KEY UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
Progress update on public consultation regarding bilingual traffic signs	<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>
Changes to regulatory funding and fees – go-live 1 October 2023	<p>Fees and charges for regulatory services like registration and driver licensing are currently scheduled to change on 1 October 2023, after Cabinet approved the changes in April 2023. The Parliamentary Council Office process is progressing, with papers to the Minister and Ministerial consultation targeted to start on 17 July 2023 and the Cabinet Legislation Committee paper scheduled to be lodged on 17 August 2023.</p>

TITLE	UPDATE
<p>Number Plate Readability Issues</p>	<p>New black background number plates were tested by NZ Police last year and, in September 2022, Waka Kotahi commissioned these into service through our agent. It has been identified that under some specific circumstances, the new design is not as visible as the standard plates with a white reflective background.</p> <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>NZ Police are currently re-testing these plates to ensure they are fit for purpose in New Zealand conditions both from a visual perspective and with the specific technology we use (e.g. Safety cameras, Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras, CCTV). This is expected to take two to four weeks. After this time, Waka Kotahi will be in a position to determine whether they are fit for purpose and remain in circulation, or remove from circulation.</p> <p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p>

4. GENERAL UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
Network Road Closures due to Weather Events and Crashes between 19 June – 27 June 2023	20 June 2023 State Highway 4 was closed in Taumarunui for approximately four hours due to flooding. Detours were in place. State Highway 1B was closed between Gordonton and Matangi for approximately 9.5 hours due to a serious crash. Detours were in place.
	21 June 2023 State Highway 1 was closed between Drury to Papakura for approximately seven hours due to a serious crash. An alternate route was available. State Highway 35 was closed between Okitu and Ruatoria for approximately 17 hours due to multiple slips and flooding. No detour was available.
	22 June 2023 State Highway 2 is closed since 22 June at Te Karaka due to a drop out. No detour is available. Limited access expected from Tuesday morning 4 July. State Highway 5 was closed between Taupo and Eskdale for approximately 85 hours due to flooding. No detour was available. State Highway 35 was closed between Okitu and Ruatoria for approximately 87.5 hours due to flooding. No detour was available. State Highway 2 was closed between Napier and Wairoa for approximately 17 hours due to flooding. No detour was available.
	23 June 2023 State Highway 35 was closed at Ruatoria for approximately 4.5 hours due to a drop out. No detour was available. State Highway 26 was closed between Hamilton and Morrinsville for approximately 22 hours due to flooding. Detours were in place.

TITLE**UPDATE****24 June 2023**

State Highway 50 is currently closed between Tikokino and Ongaonga since 24 June 2023 due to flooding. Detours are in place.



State Highway 56 was closed at Opiki for approximately 15 hours due to flooding. Detours were in place.

State Highway 25 north of Thames was closed following two slips. Reopened with stop/go management from 1.30pm, 29 June 2023.

27 June 2023

State Highway 1, Dome Valley, is closed due to slip. Expected to re-open to one lane from Friday evening, 30 June, and to two lanes from Monday morning, 3 July.

5. REGIONAL UPDATES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
Auckland/Northland 	SH1 Papakura to Drury project <p>From the evening of 26 June 2023, the Papakura southbound loop on-ramp is closed for up to three months so the project team can realign and rebuild the ramp as part of the Papakura to Drury project.</p> <p>A detour to Drury Interchange has been put in place throughout the length of this closure. Notifications of these closures were circulated one week in advance, following our usual processes. It is expected, however, that there will be some disruption and congestion in the area for a few days while affected motorists adapt and change their travel habits accordingly. This may result in negative publicity for the project.</p> 
Waikato/Bay of Plenty 	Regional Update – Bay of Plenty, State Highway 2 North of Tauranga <p>Resurfacing works on State Highway 2, north of Tauranga, have recently been completed by the Network Outcomes Contract as part of the annual road renewals programme. From next week, Tauranga City Council are due to re-start a section of the Ōmōkoroa to Tauranga Cycleway on the same stretch of highway. Most of the work will be completed at night, including drainage, replacing guardrails and new cycleway construction. Construction of a signalised pedestrian crossing will commence in due course. Further delays to motorists on State Highway 2, north of Tauranga, are expected. The cycleway project is due to be completed mid-August and is the final section of the Ōmōkoroa to Tauranga cycleway which offers commuter and</p>

recreational cyclists a safe alternative to driving this high-volume state highway corridor.

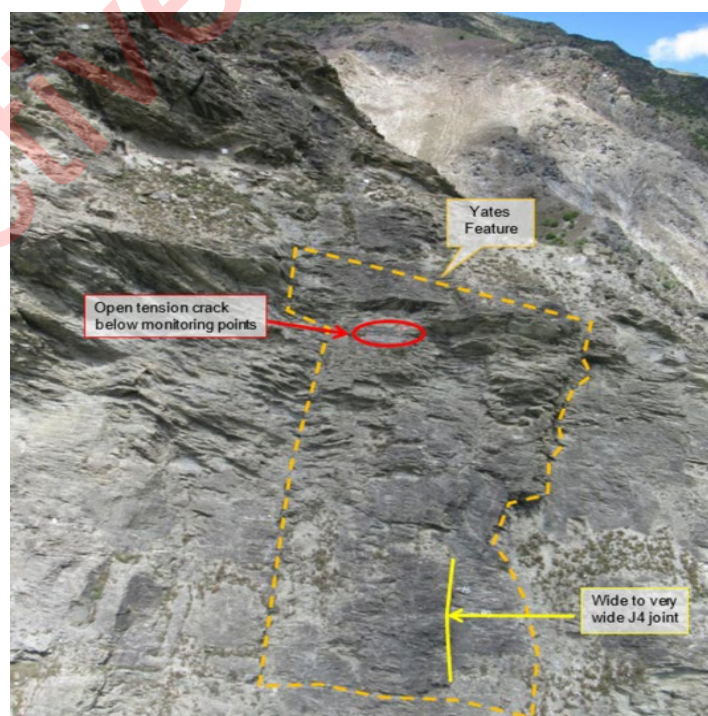
Rest of the South**State Highway 6 Nevis Bluff 'Yates Feature' Geotechnical works**

Waka Kotahi has completed an important geotechnical project to mitigate rockfall issues associated with Yates Feature at the Nevis Bluff, State Highway 6, Gibbston Valley. This \$1.2 million project was delivered by Aspiring Highways, based in Central Otago.



Figure 1: Site location plan



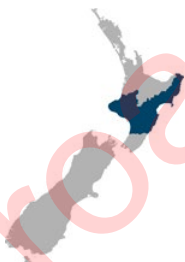
Central Otago suffered extreme winter conditions in 2022. Multiple intense snow and rain events contributed to an accelerated movement of the upper portion of the existing Yates Feature on Nevis Bluff above State Highway 6, which was picked up during routine monitoring.



The Aspiring Highways geotechnical design team moved quickly to ensure risk to this transport corridor was mitigated as soon as possible. The solution was to tie back the feature with a well-designed series of approximately 100 rock bolts (32 millimetre diameter, 7 to 13 metres in length) drilled into the rockface at 1.8 metre spacings.

State Highway 6 is an important transport link to Central Otago and Queenstown, in particular, for all food and fuel deliveries from their respective coastal distribution centres. Loss of this important transport corridor would have significant implications for the communities in the Wakatipu basin.

6. STATE HIGHWAY CLOSURES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
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. State Highway 1 Warkworth to Wellsford Due to ongoing slip activity at this site, State Highway 1 through the Dome Valley is closed 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.
Central North Island 	State Highway 2, Matawai to Te Karaka Due to a road dropout, State Highway 2 is closed from Matawai to Te Karaka until further notice. No detour is available. State Highway 50 between Tikokino and Ongaonga Due to flooding, State Highway 50 is closed between Tikokino Road and Bridge Street intersection until further notice.

7. ROAD DEATH UPDATE – WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2023 TO TUESDAY 27 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.

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
s 9(2)(a)	s 9(2)(a) Mackenzie	100	80	Yes	Remote Rural Low Medium	Dry None	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Full Current	No	Car	5*ANCAP	None
	s 9(2)(a) Auckland	100	100	Yes	No Access Low	Dry Guardrail/Barrier, Bridge Pillar	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Full Current	Yes	Heavy Truck	Not Applicable for Truck	None
	s 9(2)(a) Auckland	50	30	No	Commercial Strip Shopping High	Dry None	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Unknown at the time of report	No	Car	2*UCSR	SUV

About the information:
Data is taken from NZ Police fatal crash notifications, Rightcar (<https://rightcar.govt.nz/>) and Mega Maps as at 8 am 28/06/2023
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.
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.

Low Emissions Vehicles (LEV): Update 28 June 2023

Since the 1 June 2023 go-live, the payment system continues to perform well with the next release scheduled for 27 June 2023.

- All minor system bugs from 1 June 2023 have been resolved.
- Waka Kotahi has received positive feedback from industry partners on the 1 June 2023 release, communications and the guidance that allowed for minimal disruption to industry.
- **Since 1 June:**
 - 59 percent of the 1,182 CO2 accounts have settled their 1 June 2023 charge balances.
 - \$11.4m (87 percent) of the \$13.1 million 1 June 2023 charge balances have been settled.
 - \$210,000+ credits have been transferred between 120 accounts.
 - 81 percent of the accounts with a remaining charge balance are importers with less than five vehicles. Debt collection procedures are in place to recover the remaining balances.
- The Clean Car Standard (CCS) team are undergoing another outreach programme to the CO2 account holders with outstanding balances to discuss payment options and timing.
- Waka Kotahi's Anti-Money Laundering (AML) compliance procedures are in place and 69 percent of importers' AML verifications are complete. The remainder are due to importers having not yet provided their verification documentation.
- Third party credit trading platforms are starting to establish themselves in the market. These platforms will interact with the CCS system, however Waka Kotahi will not be involved in the trading of credits, only the transfer of credits between accounts.
- Pay-As-You-Go business as usual payment functions released as part of 1 June 2023 go-live are operating with no issues. This includes credit card and POLi payments, as well as offsetting charges with available credits.
- Clean Car Discount (CCD) changes are ready to be deployed on 28 June 2023 ahead of the 1 July 2023 legislative deadline.
- The CCD changes for 1 July 2023 are reliant on the Minister of Transport signing the letter confirming the changes to the current Ministerial Direction and Funding Deed (provided 21 June 2023; BRI: OC230451). CCD and CCS regulation changes have already been completed.

The programme is now focussing on:

- Programme completion planning to 31 October 2023.
- Finalisation of the detailed operating model within Waka Kotahi.
- Submission of the AML exemption application with Department to Internal Affairs
- Staged handover of CCS operations from the programme to the various business units within Waka Kotahi.

Change in programme leadership

- Graeme Manzi has replaced David Strong as Programme Director. Graeme has been working on the LEV programme since April 2022 and has been heavily involved in the planning, delivery and policy processes.