



A public event to walk across the new Beaumont Bridge on SH8 over the Clutha River – Mata-Au – will take place on 30 July 2023.

# WEEKLY REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Week ending 28 July 2023

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

REFERENCE	TITLE	DUE DATE
<b>Minister Parker</b>		
BRI-2830	Clean Car Discount - Quarterly Update (April to June 2023)	COMPLETED
MINO-823	Lines on Auckland Traffic Control Devices (road signs)	COMPLETED
MINO-830	National Resilience Plan Phase 1	COMPLETED
MIN-4262	Update on increasing volume of rail network in Auckland	Week ending 27 July 2023
MINO-824	Lines on Te Huia train lifted ban	28 July 2023
MINO-833	List of official data releases between now and the end of October	Week ending 3 August 2023
MINO-834	Updated information on Cabinet Priorities Committee (CPC) Tracker	Week ending 3 August 2023
MINO-738	Lines requested for update on the Waiheke Ferry issues - follow up	Week ending 3 August 2023
MINO-836	Lines regarding request for compensation due to pothole damage	Week ending 10 August 2023
MINO-837	Lines regarding land purchases for motorway to Whangarei	Week ending 10 August 2023
BRI-2736	Innovation Fund Site Tour of the Infrastructure for the Micromobility Hub - Follow up	Week ending 31 August 2023
<b>Minister O'Connor</b>		
BRI-2834	Driver Licensing Improvement Programme (DLIP)	28 July 2023
MIN-4266	Detailed breakdown of regional road network	28 July 2023
BRI-2835	[PROACTIVE] Heavy vehicle enforcement	Week ending 10 August 2023
MINO-839	Regulated product stewardship for tyres – Imprest supply approval	Week ending 10 August 2023

## 2. KEY UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
<b>Sentencing under Crimes Act of fraudulent WoF inspector</b>	<p>In the Weekly Report for the week ending 13 July 2023, we provided advice on the upcoming sentencing of a person who had plead guilty on one charge of dishonestly accessing a computer system. The person misrepresented himself as someone qualified to carry out warrant of fitness (WoF) inspections and issued over 900 WoFs between October 2021 and April 2022.</p> <p>On 18 July 2023, the defendant (Brent Robinson) was prosecuted under the Crimes Act and sentenced to eight months' home detention. This is the first prosecution by Waka Kotahi under the Crimes Act rather than the Land Transport Act.</p> <p>Media on the subject can be found at: <a href="https://autotalk.co.nz/auckland-man-convicted-for-issuing-unlawful-wofs/">https://autotalk.co.nz/auckland-man-convicted-for-issuing-unlawful-wofs/</a></p>
<b>Rail Safety Week</b>	<p>Rail Safety Week will run from 7 to 13 August 2023. This is an annual event and this year TrackSAFE are taking a different approach with their theme. TrackSAFE will introduce "Steely Stan" who reminds people to always look for trains by using the "Steely Stare" to look left and right. The campaign is to help New Zealand motorists, pedestrians and cyclists safely navigate railway crossings.</p> <p>There will be a number of activities to raise awareness about Rail Safety Week for both our employees and the general public. A number of these activities are highlighted below.</p> <p><b>Rail Safety Week launch event</b></p> <p>The launch will take place at KiwiRail Millennium Centre in Auckland at 9am, 7 August 2023. The event will be attended by a number of dignitaries, people affected by level crossing collisions, locomotive engineers and representatives from local schools. Key speakers will include Minister Parker, KiwiRail Chief Executive Peter Reidy and Waka Kotahi Group General Manager, Systems Leadership, Chris Bunny.</p> <p><b>Rail Safety song for school children</b></p> <p>Our Education team has been working on resources for the Waka Kotahi Education Portal, <a href="https://education.nzta.govt.nz/">https://education.nzta.govt.nz/</a>, including a song that is for primary students years 1 to 8 (ages 5 to 12). Young people are an important audience for us as we</p>

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work towards our vision of zero deaths and serious injuries from people getting around our land transport system.

### Advertising in the Education Gazette

We are also promoting Road Safety Week in the Education Gazette, a publication that goes out to every school in Aotearoa New Zealand. In addition to raising awareness of the week, we are promoting our range of rail safety education resources that we have on our Education Portal. This includes curriculum resources for years 1 to 8 and virtual field trips that schools can do to help spread the message about how important safety around tracks is.

### Hamilton City Council Peacocke Development HIF Funding

Hamilton City Council (HCC) has applied for an additional \$41.9 million of funding from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF), following cost escalation on its Peacocke Development Project. The matter will be considered by the Waka Kotahi Board in August 2023.

The transport infrastructure to enable the Peacocke Development is partially funded by a Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) loan, with 49 percent being repaid by HCC and 51 percent by the NLTF. When the Waka Kotahi Board initially approved the funding towards the project, it imposed the following condition:

*Restrict investment from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) to the funding available to the NZ Transport Agency through the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) Crown loan, meaning that any transport-related cost increases after the endorsement of the Hamilton City Council's Peacocke Business Case will be covered by Hamilton City Council (unless HIF Crown loan to the Transport Agency is increased to cover the NLTF share of that cost increase).*

The Ministry of Housing & Urban Development has confirmed no further HIF funding or any other alternative Crown funding is available. HCC is aware that given the above condition and the significant funding constraints within the NLTF, its application may not be successful. While council officers understand the reasons for this, they have indicated Councillors are likely to raise this with Ministers. The Minister of Housing & Urban Development has also been made aware.

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### Mobile phone and seatbelt detection trial

A technology trial that used safety cameras to detect distracted driving behaviour (mobile phone use) and seatbelt wearing on two state highway locations and on one local road in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland was completed on 24 November 2022. A first for Aotearoa New Zealand, the trial has given us a better understanding of the scale of distracted driving and seatbelt compliance, as current evidence of these road safety issues is anecdotal.

The trial met its primary objective to determine the ability of safety cameras to accurately identify these offences. The trial showed that across the three test sites over the six-month period, one in 42 drivers (2.4 percent) were shown using mobile phones and one in 95 (1 percent) vehicles had occupants not wearing seatbelts. The total number of offences recorded over the full trial period was 242,959.

A report and media release on the findings will be released in the coming weeks. Enforcement of these types of offences is subject to enactment of enabling legislation currently being progressed via the Road Safety Penalties Review.





### 3. GENERAL UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
<b>Significant Network Road Closures due to Weather Events and Crashes between 16 July and 23 July 2023</b>	<b>17 July 2023</b> Due to a fallen tree west of Tirau, State Highway 1 was closed between the intersections of State Highways 1/27 and State Highways 1/29 for approximately six hours. Alternate routes were available.
	State Highway 75 at Hillmorton was closed for 4.5 hours due to a serious crash. Detours were available.
	<b>19 July 2023</b> State Highway 96 Te Anau to Milford (Milford Road) was closed for 16 hours due to snow. No detours were available.
	<b>21 July 2023</b> Due to flooding and slips, State Highway 25 was closed in multiple places for between five and ten hours. This included locations between Whitianga and Kaimarama, and Te Kouma to Manaia, with no detours available.
	Flooding closed State Highway 35 between Tolaga Bay and Tokomaru Bay for approximately 13.5 hours. No detours were available.
	State Highway 56 at Opiki was closed for 10.5 hours due to a truck roll. Local detours were available.
	<b>22 July 2023</b> State Highway 75 was closed due flooding and slips for 15.5 hours between Birdlings Flat and Cooptown. No detours were available.
	State Highway 7 was closed due to snow and ice between Hanmer Springs and Springs Junction (Lewis Pass) for 9.5 hours. No detours were available.
	State Highway 80 was closed due to snow between Pukaki to Mt Cook (Aoraki Mt Cook Highway) for ten hours. No detours were available.

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State Highway 73 was closed due to snow and ice between Arthurs Pass Village to Otira (Arthurs Pass) for approximately seven hours. No detours were available.

**23 July 2023**

State Highway 77 at Methven was closed due to flooding for 6.5 hours. No detours were available.


State Highway 79 between Fairlie and Geraldine was closed due to flooding for 19.5 hours. No detours were available.

State Highway 85 between Palmerston and Kyebrum was closed due to flooding for 15 hours. No detours were available.

State Highway 1 at the Ashburton River bridge was closed overnight (11 hours) as a precautionary measure due to high flood water and debris build up around the bridge. Contractors manned the closure which allowed for monitoring and emergency vehicle access. No detours were available.

Due to a fatal crash, State Highway 3 at Bulls was closed for 4.5 hours. Alternative routes were available.

## 4. REGIONAL UPDATES



REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
<b>Auckland/Northland</b> 	<b>State Highway 10 Marae Safety Improvements</b> <p>The variable speed limit safety improvements have been successfully installed on State Highway 10, in Northland, outside Māhimaru and Kareponia marae. They will be effective and operational from 31 July 2023. Both marae will have a 60km/h variable speed limit area to ensure the safe entry and exit of vehicles. Kareponia marae will also have a 30km/h variable speed limit area encompassing both Kareponia marae and the urupā to keep iwi safe as they walk along the state highway during tangi. Key stakeholders have been notified and the public are being notified through advertising, social media and a media release.</p> <p>We have also developed a Mana Enhancing Agreement with Kareponia marae to support Trustees with the operation of the 30km/h variable speed limit. The Agreement places the principle of mana at the centre of the relationship and enables both organisations to work in partnership to enhance the safety of the community.</p> <b>State Highway 16 Brigham Creek to Waimauku Safety Improvements</b> <p><i>Stage 1 – State Highway 16 Haupia to Waimauku</i></p> <p>Fulton Hogan has been confirmed as the construction partner for Stage 1 of the State Highway 16 Brigham Creek to Waimauku project. Safety improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• installing flexible road safety barriers to catch drivers who leave their lane before hitting something harder like trees, poles, ditches or other vehicles</li><li>• installing four turnaround bays to enable safe turning movements along the corridor</li><li>• widening bridges that are too narrow</li><li>• creating a wider road shoulder so there's more space for people who cycle.</li></ul> <p>Fulton Hogan will commence work on site by September 2023. A construction commencement event and a community day are in planning stages.</p> <p><i>Stage 2 - SH16 Brigham Creek to Kumeū</i></p> <p>Stage 2 of the State Highway 16 Brigham Creek to Waimauku project is being temporarily paused for a six to 12-month period in response to a significant increase in forecasted costs. Material</p>





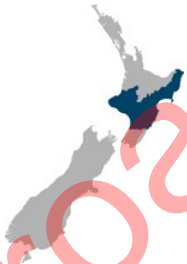
supply issues, labour shortages and rising inflation are contributing to increased project cost estimates, and further work over the following months is necessary prior to being able to confirm decisions about funding and scope. As a result, Auckland Council has accepted our request to extend the timeframe for the Notice of Requirement for a six to 12-month period. We have also suspended all Public Works Act land acquisitions for the same period. Affected landowners, Auckland Council elected members and key stakeholders have been notified. Further updates will be provided once we have worked through the necessary steps.

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## 5. MEDIA UPDATES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
<b>Auckland/Northland</b> 	<b>State Highway 10 Marae Safety Improvements</b> <p>A media release will be sent out on 31 July 2023 to announce the new variable speed limits installed on State Highway 10 outside Māhimaru and Kareponia marae. Waka Kotahi has worked with iwi and hapū partners over several years to develop these safety improvements to address the safety issues the community face, including allowing safe entry and exit of vehicles and keeping iwi safe as they walk along the State Highway during tangi.</p> <b>Waitematā Harbour Connections</b> <p>A media release will be sent out on 6 August 2023 following the Ministerial event, announcing the emerging preferred option. The media release will be sent out after the Ministerial release.</p>
<b>Central North Island</b> 	<b>Kiwi Incubating two eggs at Mt Messenger project site</b> <p>A media release planned as Tom the kiwi is incubating two eggs near the future tunnel southern portal. The beginning of the nesting season has halted activity in a 40-metre exclusion zone while incubation continues. Once incubated for 40 days, the eggs will be taken to Wairakei incubation facility for hatching.</p> <b>State Highway 4 Auraki Stream progress</b> <p>A Traffic Bulletin likely next week to indicate the stretch of road south of Raetihi will be sealed next week as work progresses to repair storm, flooding and slip damage. This comes ahead of a planned community planting day in August 2023. We will invite local media to this.</p> <b>State Highway 50 Waipawa Bridge</b> <p>A release is planned to indicate the start of work to build back the abutment washed away in June 2023. The river has now successfully been rerouted away from the bridge approaches after a second attempt, allowing work to begin to build back the abutment.</p> <b>State Highway 51 Safety Improvement Programme, Awatoto</b> <p>A release is planned to mark the completion of all median barrier installation and to highlight the fact the earthworks for the permanent roundabout has been brought forward to September/October 2023.</p>

## 6. 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 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 50 between Tikokino and Ongaonga</b> Due to flooding, State Highway 50 is closed between Tikokino Road and Bridge Street intersection until further notice.

## 7. ROAD DEATH UPDATE – WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 2023 TO TUESDAY 25 JULY 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) Westland	100	60	No	Medium High Remote Rural	Dry Ditch	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Learner Cancelled	No	Car	4* UCSR	None
	s 9(2)(a) Christchurch	50	30	No	Low Medium Urban Residential	Dry Fence	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Full Current	No	Car	1* UCSR	None
	s 9(2)(a) Waikato	100	80	Yes	Rural Residential Low Medium	Dry None	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Full Disqualified	Unknown	SUV	1* UCSR	Utility
	s 9(2)(a) Rangitikei	100	80	Yes	Rural Residential Low Medium	Dry Fence	s 9(2)(a) Driver s 9(2)(a) Passenger	Learner Current Not applicable for passenger	Yes Yes	Car Car	1* UCSR 1* UCSR	Car, Utility

### About the information:

Data is taken from NZ Police fatal crash notifications, Rightcar (<https://rightcar.govt.nz/>) and Mega Maps as at 8 am 26/07/2023.

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.

## Low Emissions Vehicles (LEV): Update 24 July 2023

Since the 1 June go-live, the payment system continues to perform well with the next release scheduled for 28 July 2023.

- The next release will focus primarily on transferring the outstanding 1 June 2023 balances to the Waka Kotahi debt recovery team, as well as enable the legislative functions for Fleet Average (FA) accounts.
- The FA functionality will include the submission of new compliance plans, deferral of obligations and settling of year-end balances.
- **Since 1 June:**
  - 68 percent of the 1,182 CO2 accounts have settled their 1 June 2023 charge balances.
  - 274,000+ credits have been transferred between 156 accounts. This equates to approximately \$7.6 million of offsetting value.
  - 384 CO2 accounts still have an outstanding 1 June 2023 charge balance. 78 percent of these accounts relate to importers with less than five vehicles. The Clean Car Standard (CCS) Team has contacted all importers with outstanding balances and has advised them that the issue will be transferred to debt collection on 1 August 2023.
- The spike in Anti-money laundering (AML) verification requests has slowed down, with no new requests for AML verification since the last report.
- Waka Kotahi AML monitoring and reporting procedures continue to perform well with no further suspicious activities identified. This supports the Waka Kotahi AML risk assessment of the CCS system as being low risk.
- The first annual AML report is due to be submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs, as the Waka Kotahi assessor, in August 2023. Based on recent AML legislative changes, Waka Kotahi will be applying for an AML exemption based on the low-risk nature of CCS activity.
- The programme completion planning is now finalised. All legislated functionality will be complete by 31 October 2023.
- All the FA functionality will be completed by September 2023. This will be accompanied by training materials and workshops with all FA account holders to ensure they are aware of how to settle their year-end balances.
- Clean Car Discount (CCD) changes have been adopted with no issues. One last piece of work will be carried out on 1 September 2023 to remove the comparable, pre-July dollar values from the system.
- Industry engagement continues to be beneficial, with participants assisting with communications to wider industry and conveying the importance of settling 1 June 2023 balances.

### The programme is now focusing on:

- finalisation of the detailed operating model within Waka Kotahi
- submission of the AML exemption application with the Department of Internal Affairs
- staged handover of CCS operations from the programme to the various business units within Waka Kotahi
- deployment of the single landing page for importers
- updates to emissions source data.

*Please note that this will be the last update on the LEV Programme as CCS moves into business-as-usual operations and CCD changes have now been delivered.*