

MINO-817 Upcoming potential events July to September 2023

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Provide detail of potential events over the coming months, specifically in Tāmaki Makaurau, Northland, Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti, and Queenstown.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- There are currently very few project event opportunities available, with no major projects scheduled to begin or be completed between now and the end of September 2023 in Tāmaki Makaurau, Northland, Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti, or Queenstown.

Tāmaki Makaurau

- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Director Regional Relationships (Northland/Auckland) would be happy to host a regional tour for the Minister.
- A one-day visit to Northland would present some difficulties as there are considerable distances between projects; however, there are plenty of opportunities in Tāmaki Makaurau, with several projects underway.
- A visit along the Tāmaki Makaurau to Whangārei corridor could be a potential option due to the significant resilience issues experienced on the critical corridor.

Tairāwhiti/Hawke's Bay

- An Event Proposal Form has been provided to your office for a Tairāwhiti and Hawke's Bay one-day recovery visit for the Minister.
- An event to announce the outcome of consultation on bilingual traffic signs could be considered and would be best suited to be held in Tairāwhiti or Hawke's Bay given signs would be gradually introduced, particularly in regions hit by Cyclone Gabrielle. Timings would be tight for this event to be held before the end of September 2023 as several milestones would need to be met before an event could take place (rule change approved by the Minister, rule coming into force 28 days after being Gazetted). Furthermore, the first sign would need to be ordered and produced if this would be required for event collateral.

Queenstown

- Waka Kotahi Director Regional Relationships (West Coast/Canterbury/Otago/Southland) is currently on leave but could be approached to see if a Queenstown Lakes regional visit is viable in the coming months if this would be of interest to the Minister.
- This could potentially be tied in with the State Highway 88 Dunedin to Port Chalmers Safety Improvements project opening (currently postponed due to project delays), which is expected to happen in August 2023.