



Will be considered for release in full.

MINO-860 – Speed Limit on State Highway 1, Wellington

18 August 2023

This is to notify you of a proactive release being prepared by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency about the speed limits along sections of State Highway 1 (SH1), Wellington.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- Waka Kotahi has received a number of queries from the public asking whether the speed limit will increase from 100km/h to 110km/h along parts of SH1 in Wellington.
- In response to these queries, Waka Kotahi will be providing information during the week of 21 August 2023 that gives further context to the public regarding the way speed limit changes are made.
- The information will focus on Mackays to Peka Peka and Peka Peka to Otaki expressways (between Mackays Crossing and Ōtaki) and their significant improvement in safety compared to the old state highway route.
- The release will outline that decisions on changing the speed limit cannot be made until a review is complete. It will also outline that implementing a 110km/h speed limit on the Mackays to Ōtaki expressways will be subject to the review finding that the increased speed limit is safe and appropriate. It also requires:
 - Technical and safety reviews
 - Public consultation to be carried out through a Speed Management Plan, and
 - The Director of Land Transport at Waka Kotahi to be satisfied the road can be safely maintained and operated at a higher speed.
- This release will help to provide a base for future questions and information for the public about the process involved with changing speed limits.