

MINO-878 Installation of cameras to conduct speed surveys

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Providing an update to the Minister's Office on the installation of cameras to conduct speed surveys

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- With the Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill (the Bill) recently passing, Waka Kotahi is progressing work to implement average speed (point-to-point) safety cameras. The Bill will allow average speed camera enforcement from 1 March 2024.
- Average speed cameras are proven to be effective in reducing deaths and serious injuries (DSI).
- The first step in the implementation process is to conduct a roadside test of average speed cameras on two high-risk corridors. This testing will confirm that the average speed cameras meet operational, security, privacy and legislative requirements before enforcement starts.
- As part of selecting test corridors, we conduct speed surveys to confirm that speeding is a problem on the corridor, that speed profiles are suitable for treatment with an average speed camera and to establish a baseline for measuring speed reductions once the average speed camera is installed.
- Speed surveys use Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras that are similar to average speed cameras but aren't capable of enforcement.
- The ANPR cameras are owned and operated by an independent supplier (Team Traffic). To address any potential privacy concerns, Waka Kotahi will not receive any images or information that identifies any vehicle or person. All images and data collected by the supplier will be destroyed within a month.
- The first average speed camera test corridor will be Matakana Road, which is an Auckland Transport local road. Testing is planned to run from December 2023 to end February 2024. ANPR speed surveys have already been conducted and this corridor has been confirmed as suitable.
- The location and timing of the second test is yet to be confirmed, but will be at one of three high-risk corridors outside Auckland. These are State Highway 2 between Pōkeno and Mangatāwhiri in the Waikato, State Highway 2 between Greytown and Carterton in the Wairarapa and State Highway 75 Tai Tapu to Little River in Canterbury. We will advise you of the location once confirmed.
- We will conduct ANPR speed surveys at the first two of these locations in the coming weeks.
- When we have done speed surveys in the past, the ANPR cameras have been noticed by road users. Waka Kotahi will be providing communications to the local communities about the ANPR speed surveys and information will be published on our website.
- Once the average speed camera test corridors have been confirmed, there will be more intensive communications and engagement, including a media release.