

Te Aranui o Te Rangihāeta - Transmission Gully project works completing the extension of State Highway 59 between Paekākāriki and Mackays Crossing are about to get underway.

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Week ending 15 September 2023

#346

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

REFERENCE	TITLE	DUE DATE
Minister Parker		
MINO-887	Updated list of projects included in the Transport Choices programme	COMPLETED
BRI-2865	Review of Fullers360 Waiheke Ferry Service Exempt Status – final assessment against Land Transport Management Act criteria	COMPLETED
BRI-2856	Northwest Rapid Transit Meeting	COMPLETED
MINO-888	Comment on meeting with First Union regarding Global Safe Rates campaign	Week ending 21 September 2023
MIN-4293	Waka Kotahi 2023-24 Annual Report on the Rail Network Investment Programme	22 September 2023
BRI-2864	2021-24 Rail Network Investment Programme - third update	22 September 2023
Minister O'Connor		
MIN-4312	Information related to REAP programme trial in Tairāwhiti	Week ending 14 September 2023
BRI-2867	Costs of different road safety improvements relating to Road to Zero Quarterly Update for the April & June period	15 September 2023
MINO-889	Stats from the Kura school signs consultation regarding public support	Week ending 21 September 2023
MIN-4311	Vehicle license (rego) scam safeguards and preventions	Week ending 21 September 2023
MIN-4313	Effect of pavement cracking due to heavy vehicles – State Highway 1 Utiku	Week ending 21 September 2023

2. KEY UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
Transmission Gully Update	<p>Transmission Gully has been providing motorists with good reliable service since it was opened under interim arrangements in March 2022.</p> <p>Section 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>The management strategy for Transmission Gully has been endorsed by the Waka Kotahi Board supported by both Treasury National Infrastructure Unit and Te Waihanga – New Zealand Infrastructure Commission.</p> <p>Updates on this matter have been regularly provided to your office and your colleagues, the Ministers of Finance and Infrastructure.</p>
Undelivered mail	<p>NZ Post alerted Waka Kotahi of an incident where a collection of undelivered mail and parcels in Papakura, intended for rural delivery in the Papakura and Clevedon areas, has been found.</p> <p>Dates of recovered items range from October 2021 to 24 August 2023, and Waka Kotahi has been identified as the sender of some items.</p>

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Safe and appropriate speed limits on State Highway 6 Blenheim to Nelson

The Safe System case study *Safe and appropriate speed limits on SH6 Blenheim to Nelson* referred to in Weekly Report #344 (week ending 1 September 2023) will be released to selected stakeholders later in the year.

Review of the content will continue in the meantime.

Rollout of average speed / point-to-point (P2P) camera sites in Tāmaki Makaurau

As advised in MINO-878, Waka Kotahi is progressing work to implement average speed / point-to-point (P2P) safety cameras. The Bill will allow average speed camera enforcement from 1 March 2024.

In addition to the two test corridors advised in MINO-878, Waka Kotahi has identified a further five high-risk corridors in Tāmaki Makaurau as suitable for average speed safety camera installation. Automated number plate recognition (ANPR) speed surveys have already been conducted to confirm these locations. There will be two camera sites per corridor.

Through October and November 2023, Waka Kotahi will begin the groundwork (foundations, base, power and communications) at these sites.

During the week commencing 18 September 2023, and prior to construction of the Auckland Transport (AT) local road sites, communications will be issued. These will include notification letters to residents and local boards, emails to all regional and national stakeholders, hui and updated content on our website.


A media release will announce the test of average speed cameras on Matakana Road and the further five corridors on AT local roads. There is a high likelihood of media interest.

Corridor	1 st camera address	2 nd camera address	Suburb	Local Board	Posted speed limit
Kahikatea Flat Road	117 Kahikatea Flat Road	793 Kahikatea Flat Road	Dairy Flat	Rodney	80
East Coast Road	1232 East Coast Road	1627 East Coast Road	Redvale	Rodney	80
Whitford Road	222 Whitford Road	659 Whitford Road	Shamrock Park / Whitford	Manukau	60
Glenbrook Road (East)	83 Glenbrook Road	721 Glenbrook Road	Karaka / Kingseat	Franklin	80
Glenbrook Road (West)	946 Glenbrook Road	1233 Glenbrook Road	Glenbrook	Franklin	80




3. GENERAL UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
Network Road Closures due to Weather Events and Crashes between 3 September and 10 September 2023	4 September 2023 State Highway 24 at Te Poi was closed for approximately 5.5 hours due to a fatal crash. Local detours were available.
	6 September 2023 State Highway 6 in Invercargill was closed for 16 hours due to a building fire. Local detours were available. State Highway 56 in Shannon was closed for 8 hours due to a fatal crash involving a car and milk tanker. Alternate routes were available.
	7 September 2023 State Highway 1 north of Taupō was closed for 5.5 hours due to a serious crash. Local detours were available.

4. MEDIA UPDATES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
<div>Waikato/Bay of Plenty</div> <div></div>	<div>Hewletts Road rail crossing, Tauranga</div> <div><p>A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning Monday 18 September 2023 advising that in response to a recent fatality at the Hewletts Road rail crossing involving an 11-year-old student from Mount Maunganui Intermediate School, KiwiRail, Tauranga City Council and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency have brought forward plans to improve safety.</p><p>The crossing will be made safer in the short-term by installing a paved and fenced pedestrian maze. Design is already underway, and construction is expected to begin in coming weeks with completion expected by mid-November 2023.</p></div>

5. 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.
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.
Rest of the South 	State Highway 94 Te Anau to Milford (Milford Road) Due to warm heavy rain forecast the road was closed from Thursday 14 September 2023 due to a moderate trending high avalanche hazard. Expected re-opening is mid-day Friday 15 September 2023 after active avalanche control works have been completed. Due to the unsettled nature of spring and more heavy warm rain forecast we are anticipating further closures over the weekend.

6. CABINET PAPER FOR INPUT

Title	Summary	Estimated timing
Section 9(2)(g)(i)		

Proactively Released

7. ROAD DEATH UPDATE – WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 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
Section 9(2)(a)	Section 9(2)(a) [redacted] Horowhenua	100	80	Yes	Rural Residential Low Medium	Dry Guardrail/Barrier	Section 9(2)(a) Driver	Unknown Unknown	Unknown	Car	5*VSRR	Truck and Trailer
	Section 9(2)(a) [redacted] Horowhenua	100	80	Yes	Rural Residential Low Medium	Dry None	Section 9(2)(a) Passenger	Not Applicable	Unknown	Car	4*UCSR	None
	Section 9(2)(a) [redacted] Manawatu	100	80	No	Rural Residential Medium	Dry None	Section 9(2)(a) Driver	Full Current	Unknown	Utility	5*ANCAP	Truck and Trailer
	Section 9(2)(a) [redacted] Gisborne	100	60	Yes	Rural Residential Medium High	Wet Tree, Fence, Ditch	Section 9(2)(a) Driver	Full Current	Yes	Heavy Truck	Not Applicable	None
	Section 9(2)(a) [redacted] Auckland	50	50	No	Commercial Big Box/Industrial Low Medium	Wet None	Section 9(2)(a) Driver	Full Current	Yes	Car	1*VSRR	Two unknown vehicles (Vehicle types not mentioned in the FCN)

About the information:
Data is taken from NZ Police fatal crash notifications, Rightcar (<https://rightcar.govt.nz/>) and Mega Maps as at 8 am 13/09/2023.
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.