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Hi again Henry,

The link below has the latest media statement (Oct 14) and the comms/consultation material which has gone out.

<https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh6-blenheim-to-nelson-speed-consultation/>

High level key messages:

- ***This work is happening as part of the Safe Network Programme, which will rapidly deliver proven safety improvements and safe and appropriate speeds on high risk routes across New Zealand***
- ***The safe system approach aims to take a system wide view to reduce deaths and serious injuries: The Safe Network Programme has a large component of engineering improvements. Not all roads and roadsides be made forgiving and given New Zealand's older fleet, speed management is often the most cost-effective way to improve road safety, especially on lower volume roads, or on high volume roads where pedestrians and cyclists mix with general traffic and they cannot be safely separated.***
- ***The Government and NZ Transport Agency is committed to doing more to improve the safety of New Zealand roads, including ensuring that the speed limits are safe and appropriate.***
- ***A small change in speed makes a big difference. For example, if a pedestrian is hit by a vehicle, the severity of their injuries would be increasingly serious with increasing impact speed.***
- ***Speeding and travelling too fast for the conditions is a contributing factor in around one third of all fatal crashes.***

- *Most crashes are caused by a few contributing factors. Even when speed doesn't cause the crash, it is most likely to determine whether anyone is killed, injured, or walks away unharmed.*
- *Higher speeds increase the risk of making mistakes (for example because the driver's field of vision is narrower), reduce time available to react, increase braking time, and so make severe crashes more likely.*
- *It's so important that we travel at a safe speed for the road and conditions, including the safety of our vehicle, the weather, other traffic on the road, and our level of experience.*
- *We also need to consider how other people are driving and drive at a speed that gives us the time we need to react.*

#### Community involvement

- *As well as the technical advice on what is a safe and appropriate speed for a road, we also engage with communities to better understand how people use the road and what other factors might ultimately influence the speed limits.*
- *Communities typically tell us that increased traffic volumes, new developments such as a shopping centre or sub-division, a new school, increased number of tourists, or a greater number of cyclists are all factors that influence their views on speed. In many cases, speed reviews are initiated based on this type of community feedback or concern.*
- *Following engagement, we then formally consult with the community about a proposed new speed limit and seek specific feedback, such as when a new 80km/h zone might begin and end, to ensure we get it right.*

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