

MIN-3774 State Highway 5 Safety Infrastructure

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The Minister has asked for an update on confirmed plans for safety infrastructure on State Highway 5 (SH5).

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- We understand the need and desire to complete infrastructure changes that will complement the speed limit change on SH5.
- As such, we are undertaking early design work on this section of SH5 and are expecting to move into the detailed design stage in early 2022.
- The safety improvements being considered include shoulder widening, wide centrelines, side barriers and some intersection improvements.
- Implementation of the infrastructure changes could begin in 2023 with construction spanning over a number of years. The estimated cost for the total package of improvement works is between \$100-120 million. This expenditure is still subject to formal funding approval being obtained.

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