

These are national State Highways that make it safe, reliable, and efficient to move people and goods between and within regions. These roads run through farmland and natural areas so there are low levels of roadside activity. These roads carry significant levels of motor vehicle traffic, including freight. There are people cycling on the routes that connect the New Zealand Cycle Trail.

Safe and appropriate speeds for interregional connectors

Interregional connectors have a wide range of safe and appropriate speeds from 60km/h to 110km/h.

To have a safe and appropriate speed of 110km/h, an interregional connector will be a transport corridor at least 5km in length, and has:

- stereotype is dual carriageway or median divided
- alignment is straight or curved
- two or more lanes in each direction
- an annual average daily traffic of less than 25,000 vehicles per direction
- intersections that are grade separated and have spacing of 1.5km or more.

Note: Approval is required from Waka Kotahi for a speed limit of 110km/h.

The implications of increased emissions from a 110km/h speed limit should be considered.

Otherwise, an interregional connector has a safe and appropriate speed of 80km/h.

Where an interregional connector is particularly windy or narrow, a safe and appropriate speed would be 60km/h.

