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To: The Owner/Occupier/Stakeholder

### State Highway 2 Maramarua Road Safety Improvements

You may remember the NZ Transport Agency reduced speed limits on State Highway 2 in some rural areas to 90km/h in December 2011 as an interim measure to improve safety on this highway. We are very pleased to report our monitoring shows we have had good buy-in from the public in terms of supporting these limits.

SH2 has had a poor road safety record for many years and as previously advised through our newsletters we still want to do more to help make it a more forgiving environment if people make mistakes.

This busy highway presents a number of challenges which is why it was always the intention to deliver infrastructure safety improvements in stages.

These include:

#### SH2 Safe System Corridor Project:

- **Western section:** SH1 intersection to Mangatawhiri Stream, 7.4km.
- **Eastern section:** Monument Rd to SH2/25 roundabout, 9.5km.

And also:

- **Mangatawhiri Deviation:** 7km. Retrofit median treatments.
- **Kopuku Realignment:** New 4km route. In investigation stage.
- **Maramarua Deviation:** 6km route bypassing Maramarua Village. In design stage.
- **Mangatarata Passing Lanes:** Investigation complete.

Investigation of safety improvements on the two sections of the SH2 Safe System Corridor Project began in 2013, with consultation leading up to an open day in July 2014. Feedback was considered and options developed.

We appreciate everyone who gave us feedback at our open day. Following on from this we are continuing to look at all options to provide the best and affordable outcomes that will provide a safer route for users of the road and for local residents.

I would like to thank you for your patience while this evaluation process continues and I hope to have positive news of our progress when I write to you next time.

Yours faithfully



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