



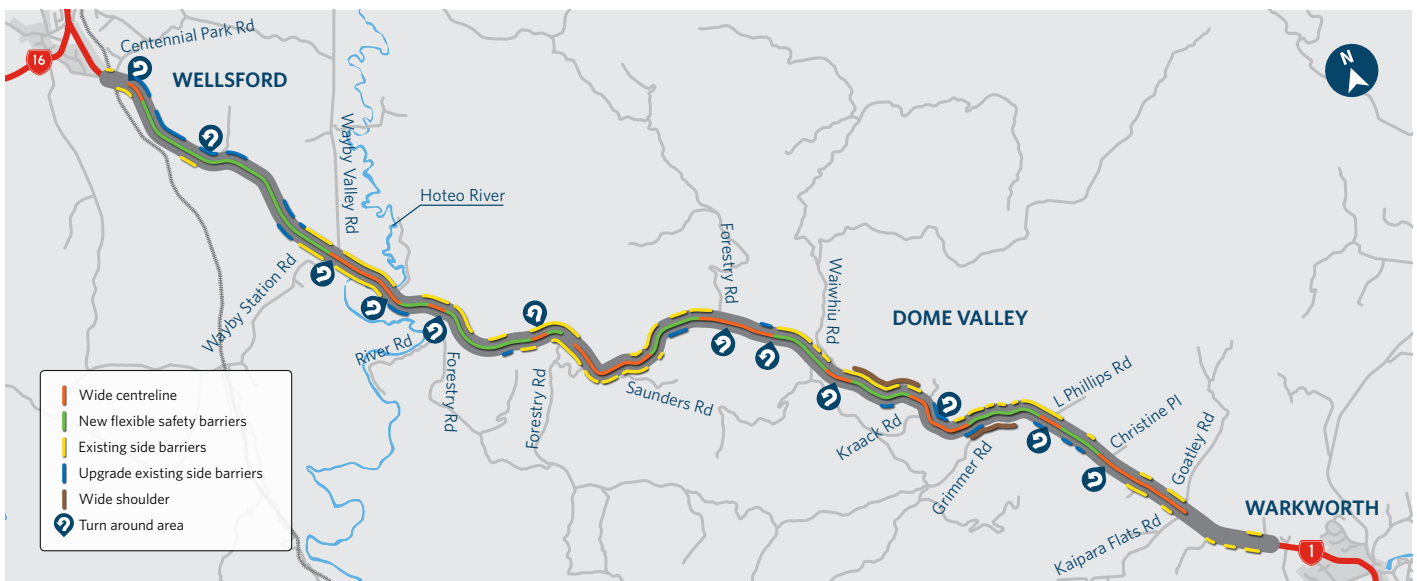
Dome Valley safety improvements



We're looking at ways to make State Highway 1 from Wellsford to north of Warkworth through the Dome Valley safer for everyone. This project is part of the government's Safe Roads and Roadsides Programme to prevent people from dying or being seriously injured on our rural roads.

Making your road safer





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SH1 between Wellsford and Warkworth through the Dome Valley is classified as a high-risk rural road for a reason - 17 people have died and 45 have been seriously injured between 2006 and 2015. Most of these crashes were caused by drivers losing control and running off the road or crossing the centreline and hitting an oncoming vehicle.

The road is an important link between Northland and Auckland for commuters, freight and tourists but its unexpected curves, poor visibility and steep slopes make it difficult for people to drive safely. Over 10,000 vehicles travel the route each day and with vehicle numbers increasing we urgently need to make safety improvements before more people lose their lives.

Something has to change

We've had some great conversations with locals, community representatives and transport groups recently and it's clear everyone agrees something needs to be done quickly.

We're planning improvements that will help in the short term ahead of the completion of the Ara Tūhono Pūhoi to Wellsford Road of National Significance. The future Warkworth to Wellsford section of the motorway will travel west of the Dome Forest, completely separate to the existing SH1. The Dome Valley route will remain for locals to use, and as an alternate route for traffic if the new road is closed for any reason.

How will we make the road safer?

This stretch of road is windy with poor visibility and steep slopes so we are limited in the type of improvements we can use. We know that the following safety improvements suit the road and are proven to save lives:

- » installing flexible road safety barriers to reduce the risk of head-on crashes
- » adding wide centrelines to separate traffic
- » creating a wide shoulder throughout the Dome Valley so people who cycle can use the route
- » replacing the northbound and southbound top of the dome passing lanes at the entrance to Dome Valley with a wide shoulder to make the area safer



Wide centrelines

Widening the centreline is a simple and effective way to steer drivers away from each other.



Flexible road safety barriers

These barriers catch drivers who leave their lane before they hit something harder like trees, poles, ditches or other vehicles.

What's happening, and when?

May - December 2017: conversations continue with locals and land owners to further refine the plans.

Mid 2018: construction starts.

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