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Ōamaru to Dunedin safety improvements



We are looking at ways to make State Highway 1 between Waitaki River and Dunedin safer for everyone. We know people make mistakes on the road, but there are changes we can make so that simple mistakes don't cost lives.

Help us make your road safer





30 people died and 112 were seriously injured on this stretch of road*

Many of these crashes involved drivers running off the road or crashing head-on.

*Between 2007 and 2016

Something has to change

There are proven ways we can upgrade the road to help prevent more crashes like these, but to get it right we need your help. After all, it's locals who know local roads best.

What safety measures are we considering?

The types of improvements we could make are:

- » putting in roadside safety barriers to stop drivers running off the road into steep gullies and ditches
- » widening the centreline or putting a barrier along the middle of the road in busy areas to help stop head-on crashes
- » improving road markings so they're easier to see in wet weather and at night
- » widening the road shoulder in some areas to give drivers more room to recover if they lose control
- » making some intersections safer

- » putting in rumble strips to give drivers a wake-up call if they stray across the line
- » reviewing speeds so they're safe and appropriate for the road
- » improving signs to warn drivers that they are approaching local communities along the route.

Come along and have your say

We'd like to hear how you think we can make the road safer.

Saturday 3 February
East Otago A&P Show
Palmerston Showgrounds
Gilligan St, Palmerston
10am to 4pm

Saturday 24 February
North Otago A&P Show
A&P Showgrounds
2 Ettrick St, Ōamaru
9am to 4pm

Can't make it and want to share your views?
Get in touch

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Provide feedback online at nzta.govt.nz/o2d/have-your-say before 3 March.

Wide centrelines

Widening the centreline is a simple way to keep vehicles apart.

Flexible road safety barriers

These catch drivers before they hit something hard like a tree, pole, ditch or another vehicle.

Making rural roads safer

This project is part of the government's \$600m Safe Roads and Roadside Programme to reduce the number of people dying or being seriously injured on our rural state highways.