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Safety Centre (CVSC)

The new, high-tech facility is being built on Pukenui Road, near where the new permanent double-laned roundabout is being constructed.

This location has been chosen because it's a vital link to the central and lower North Island and is a high-volume freight route with more than 2000 heavy vehicle passing daily. The construction of the new permanent roundabout also means trucks can safely enter from both directions.

The CVSC will use advanced roadside technology to screen passing vehicles 24/7, such as weigh-in-motion or in-road scales, automatic number plate recognition cameras and electronic signs.

Any potentially unsafe or non-compliant vehicles will be directed into the facility, and Police officers can undertake checks on vehicle weight, road user charges (RUC), certificate of fitness, logbook and driver impairment.

Everyday motorists will not be directed into a CVSC when they're passing. Light vehicles will have their licence plates scanned and information is anonymised within seconds of being captured to maintain privacy. The exception to this is in the case of stolen vehicles.

Ohakea CVSC construction underway

Construction is underway on the commercial vehicle safety centre that's being built on Pukenui Road outside RNZAF Base Ohakea, in Manawatū.

The Ohakea CVSC will replace the old New Zealand Police weigh station on State Highway 1/3 (SH1/3) near Bulls.

It's one of 12 facilities NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi is building on high-volume freight routes around the country for the NZ Police to operate. These facilities are part of the national Commercial Vehicle Safety Programme (CVSP) which is developing an integrated network of cameras, weigh-in-motion scales and safety centres covering strategic routes across the country. These facilities aim to improve road safety, ensure a level playing field for the industry and encourage compliant vehicle productivity.





Upcoming traffic management

Site set-up and earthworks began in December 2023 on the CVSC building next to Pukenui Road, and construction will continue through 2024. Much of the construction for this project occurs off the state highway. The installation of the in-road scales, digital signage and cameras will take place on SH1/3. Asphaltting works before the installation of the northbound in-road scales (south of Wilson Road) are scheduled to take place in late February. Asphaltting works before the installation of the southbound in-road scales (north of the Bulls Bridge) are scheduled to take place in March.

Other works on the Bulls to Sanson corridor

As part of a package of safety improvements for SH1/3 between Bulls and Sanson, a new roundabout and shared user path are being constructed, with the project due to be completed by August 2024. Between 2013 and 2022, there were 97 crashes on this 6.4km stretch of road, resulting in 13 people being seriously injured and 32 receiving minor injuries. This project will make the road safer for everyone who uses it.



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