

5 Waiotapu



HAVE YOUR SAY ON SAFER SPEEDS

Public consultation 30 September - 25 October 2019

We've heard from the community that speed through Waiotapu on State Highway 5 (SH5) isn't safe, so we're proposing the current 100km/h speed limit be reduced to 80km/h.

We're also making SH5 between Wairakei and SH38 safer with improvements like roadside safety barriers, wide centrelines and rumble strips. Work is already underway on the northern section of the route at Waiotapu. The right speed limit, along with these other improvements will make Waiotapu safer for everyone.

Before we decide on any changes to the speed limit, we want to hear from you.

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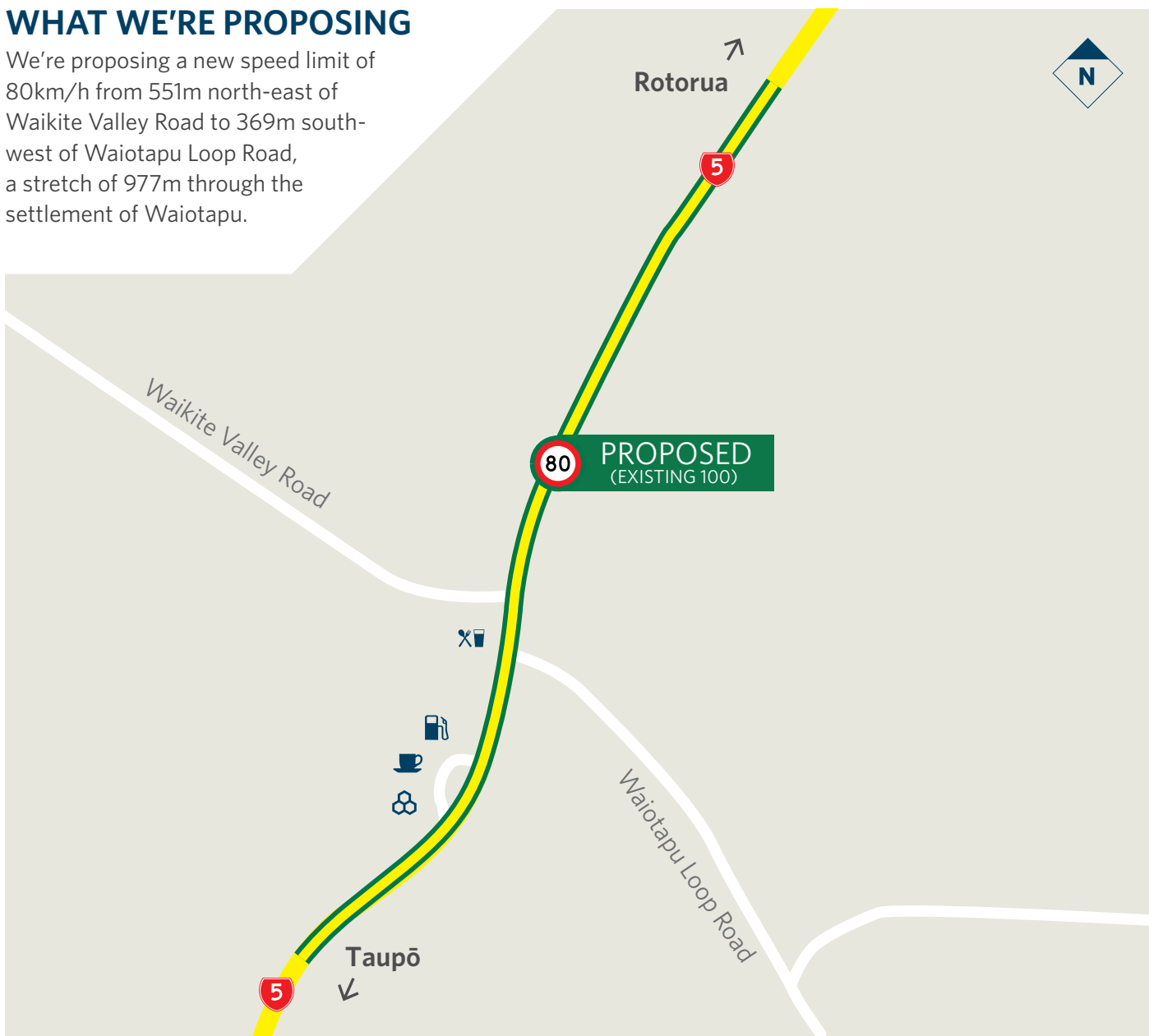
WHAT WE KNOW

There are several businesses and intersections leading to tourist destinations at Waiotapu. Vehicles are slowing down to turn off to these locations, while those passing through are continuing to travel at 100km/h which causes safety issues. There is also limited space for traffic to turn and the current road layout makes it hard for drivers to see what's ahead. Reducing the speed limit is a relatively simple way to make this area safer for everyone.

The community has told us it's concerned about speed through Waiotapu, we've completed an assessment and consider 80km/h to be the appropriate speed for the area. The new roadside safety barrier being installed will help prevent run-off-road crashes and 80km/h is consistent with the safe and appropriate speed identified for other settlements along SH5 such as Golden Springs.

WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING

We're proposing a new speed limit of 80km/h from 551m north-east of Waikite Valley Road to 369m south-west of Waiotapu Loop Road, a stretch of 977m through the settlement of Waiotapu.



CRASHES AT WAIOTAPU

Between 2009 and 2018 there were 20 crashes at Waiotapu resulting in five people being seriously injured. The speed reduction from 100 km/h to 80km/h over this distance will not significantly impact on travel times and will greatly improve safety for everyone.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Before we make any decisions we want to hear from you.

Formal consultation on the new speed limit proposal is required under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits (2017).

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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No matter what causes a crash,
speed can be the difference between
walking away or being carried away.

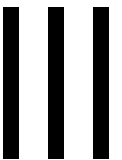
Speed also reduces the time
you have to react to a mistake -
yours or someone else's.

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