



Safe travels this summer

Summer season speed limit

Turihaua to Pouawa 20 December 2022 – 1 February 2023

Speed limit 60km/h



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Mohaka slow vehicle bay construction

Safer speeds between Turihaua and Pouawa this summer

A temporary 60km/h speed limit is in place from Turihaua to Pouawa until 1 February 2023, to protect motorists and freedom campers who frequent the beaches in the area over the summer period.

New slow vehicle bays for Tairāwhiti

Safer journeys are on the cards for Tairāwhiti drivers thanks to the SH2/SH35 Passing Opportunities programme, which aims to improve safety and driver experience across SH2 and SH35 in Northern Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti.

Motorists heading north on SH35 through Tatapouri now have more opportunities to pass, with the newly extended Tatapouri northbound slow vehicle bay now open to motorists. The extension of a slow vehicle bay on SH2 at Waikoau Hill, just south of Lake Tūtira, has also been completed, making it easier for motorists to pass slower vehicles on this steep and windy stretch of SH2 and reducing driver frustration. It will be opened to motorists as soon as crews have finished repairs to an adjacent dropout early in the new year.

Four more slow vehicle bay projects are set to begin this summer. On SH35, a new slow vehicle bay at Busby's Hill and an extension

to the slow vehicle bay at Puketiti will begin early next year. On SH2, slow vehicle bays at Otoko Hill and Kopua will be getting underway over the summer period, while work continues on the new Mohaka Ascent slow vehicle bay near Raupunga.

All projects are funded by Kānoa - Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit.

Strengthening SH35 at Turihaua Point

Rock protection is on the cards for SH35 at Turihaua Point, where coastal erosion is a risk. We are currently working through the design and consenting phases, with the consent taking longer than expected due to the coastal environment. Sites requiring rock protection have been prioritised, with two sections to begin once consent has been granted. The remainder of the work will begin in April, following the freedom camping season.

Strong start for major resealing programme

Waka Kotahi is undertaking its largest-ever programme of road renewals, with more than 15% of the Tairāwhiti state highway network to be resealed or rebuilt before April 2023.

Intensive work on SH35 saw 67 sites resealed in just seven weeks, with 46 of those concentrated in a stretch of highway between Ruatoria and Pōtaka.

A number of road closures were necessary to ensure our contractors could carry out the work safely and we are grateful to the community for their cooperation and patience.

Drive safe over the holiday period

With the holiday period ahead, expect an increase in traffic on the road. Allow plenty of time for your journey, drive to the conditions and take regular breaks to stay alert. Plan ahead for a safe, enjoyable summer trip using our Journey Planner at journeys.nzta.govt.nz and our interactive traffic prediction map at journeys.nzta.govt.nz/holiday-journeys, which shows when we expect traffic to be heavy based on travel patterns from previous years.

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