Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has announced the successful councils who will be implementing their accelerated street change projects as part of the Streets for People programme. This programme aims for safer streets with fewer vehicles, safer speeds and more people choosing to uptake biking, walking, and scootering.

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Week ending 9 September 2022

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1. CURRENT BRIEFINGS (BRI) AND MINISTER QUERIES (MIN)

REFERENCE	TITLE	DUE DATE
Minister Wood		
BRI-2568	**[PROACTIVE]** NZUP: South Auckland – Mill Road	TBC
BRI-2569	s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]	TBC
BRI-2570	s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]	TBC
BRI-2537	s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]	TBC
BRI-2567	s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]	TBC
BRI-2571	**[PROACTIVE]** NZUP: Queenstown, P2D & Takitimu North Link baseline reports, SH22 Bridge over Ngākōroa River - assessment update	TBC
MIN-3914	Lifting of the SH22 Bridge over Ngākōroa stream	TBC
MINO-371	Follow up to meeting with the NZ Equestrian Advocacy Network	TBC
MIN-3945	Severe weather event response update	Ongoing as required
MIN-3946	s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]	8 September 2022
MINO-445	Regional active mode project summaries	8 September 2022
MIN-3958	**[PROACTIVE]** Whakawhanake Kāinga Committee & Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee agenda packs	9 September 2022
BRI-2497	Impacts and benefits of Fisher & Paykel Health Care's purchase of land opposite Lomai Properties	9 September 2022
MIN-3953	Waka Kotahi organisational resilience/business continuity plan for extreme natural event in Wellington	12 September 2022

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MINO-468	Clean Car Standard update to support meetings discussing progress, 14 and 16 September 2022	13 September 2022
MIN-3952	Follow up questions regarding 2021/22 Annual Report on the Rail Investment Programme	14 September 2022
BRI-2586	Regulatory Funding and Fees Review: Recommended allocation from land transport revenue	15 September 2022
BRI-2587	Regulatory Funding and Fees Review: Public Feedback and Options on Fees and Charges	15 September 2022
MINO-466	AWHC project monthly update	28 September 2022
MINO-467	Projection of media barrier installation to be delivered over one and two years	28 September 2022
MIN-3887	WPQ-16049 follow up – DSI 2021 statistics	29 September 2022
MIN-3839	National Ticketing Solution monthly report	30 September 2022
BRI-2501	LGWM: Advice on next steps to improve LGWM governance	30 September 2022
N/A	LGWM monthly report for September 2022	7 October 2022

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2. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

REFERENCE	TITLE	DUE DATE
N/A	LGWM: Disabled Persons Assembly engagement	N/A
MINO-468	Clean Car Standard update to support meetings, 14 and 16 September 2022	13 September 2022

3. MEETINGS WITH OTHER MINISTERS

REFERENCE	DATE
N/A	N/A

4. SELECT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

REFERENCE	DATE
N/A	N/A

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5. KEY UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
Application Requirements Change for Indian and Pakistan, Non-exempt Driver Licence Conversions	From 26 September 2022, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency will require Indian and Pakistan driver licence holders to present documentation to prove the validity of their licence when applying to convert to a New Zealand driver licence. This process change will improve the experience for the licence holder by reducing the wait time for a licence to be issued once application requirements are met. India and Pakistan have regional licensing authorities, which creates differences in the appearance and information recorded on the driver licence. This new requirement creates a level of assurance that the licence details being presented are accurate. Licence holders can obtain proof of licence validity online from licensing authorities.
Bike Racks on Buses Class Exemption	Waka Kotahi became aware that a number of bike racks on the front of buses were non-compliant with the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016 (the Rule). This is because they extend too far forward of the bus to comply with the swept path requirements in the Rule. A range of options were developed to address the issue, including requiring buses to undergo certification to achieve compliance with the Rule. This would have meant that the bike racks could not be used until certified, affecting approximately 800 buses across New Zealand. Research of the safety risk posed by this non-compliance is deemed to be low, as evidence suggests no deaths or serious injuries occurring in New Zealand or overseas as a result of the low speed turning performance of vehicles with bike racks. A decision has been made to exempt these buses from the requirements in the Rule until the Rule can be reviewed and updated. The class exemption is drafted and will be Gazetted in the next few weeks.

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6. REGULAR UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
Rail and Freight	The first of the Coastal Shipping Activity Class suppliers, Pacifica shipping, will commence their new services on 19 September 2022 with the launch of a second dedicated coastal vessel "MV Takutai Chief". Waka Kotahi has contributed to this by underwriting the operational cost for the first two years. Adding the MV Takutai Chief (1300 twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU)) container vessel almost doubles the capacity provided by the existing service (MV Moana Chief 1700 TEU). The MV Takutai Chief will operate a weekly service calling into Auckland, Lyttelton, Tauranga, and Timaru or Marsden Point on alternating weeks. Please refer to the map provided in **Appendix A**.
Public Transport Patronage	Patronage has remained stable over the month of August 2022, indicating it is stabilising at a 'new normal' within normal seasonal parameters. The latest trends are provided in **Appendix B**.

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7. GENERAL UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
s 9(2)(g)(i)	

Weather and Crash Related Road Closures

A summary of road closures on the state highway network between 29 August and 5 September 2022 are provided below:

30 August 2022

- SH25 near Kaimarama (just south of Whitianga) – The road was closed for 6 hours due to a fatal crash.
- SH5 near Iwitahi on Taupō-Napier Road – The road was closed for 5 hours due to a serious crash. There was no detour available.

31 August 2022

- SH94 Milford to Te Anau, between Hollyford and Donne River – The road was closed due to an avalanche hazard for 17 hours.

1 September 2022

- SH5 – The road was closed for 2 hours due to a crash – car vs bridge.
- SH1 North of Otaki – The road was closed for approximately 3 hours due to a serious crash.

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TITLE	UPDATE
	2 September 2022 • SH5 Te Pohue (Hawkes Bay end) – The road was closed for 3 hours due to a serious crash. • SH10 Taipa – The road was closed for 4 hours after a seven-car crash between Taipa View Road and Mamaru Road. Two people sustained injuries. A detour route was put in place for light vehicles, but heavy vehicles had to be stacked as the detour route was not suitable. **3 September 2022** • SH1 between the SH12 intersection and Waipu Gorge Road – The road was closed for 4.5 hours due to a car vs pedestrian incident resulting in one fatality. A detour route was put in place for light vehicles, but heavy vehicles had to be stacked as the detour route was not suitable. • SH5 - Closed for 2 hours due to a three-car crash outside 3027 SH5, southbound lane. • SH94, Milford Road – The road was closed for approximately 16 hours overnight due to an avalanche risk. **4 September 2022** • SH2 in Greytown – The road was closed for approximately 2 hours due to a crash. **5 September 2022** • SH1S between Dunedin and Waitati – The road was closed due to snow and ice. Remains closed. • SH1N Rangipo to Waiouru (Desert Road) – The road was closed due to snow. Remains closed. • SH49 Waiouru to Ohakune – The road was closed due to a slip for 3 hours. • SH87 Middlemarch to Outram – The road was closed due to snow. Remains closed.
New Zealand Equestrian Advocacy Network	The New Zealand Equestrian Advocacy Network (NZEAN) has submitted a petition to Parliament that public infrastructure must be designed to meet the needs of the equine community. Waka Kotahi submitted a written response to this petition and will attend an oral hearing on 15 September 2022. Sarah Downs, Regional Manager System Design will attend this hearing on behalf of Waka Kotahi. Waka Kotahi has contacted s 9(2)(a), co-chair of NZEAN to arrange a meeting to discuss the groups concerns further.

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	Waka Kotahi will provide you with an update on this meeting after it has occurred.

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8. REGIONAL UPDATES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
Auckland/Northland	**SH1 Whangārei-Wellsford Safety Improvements Central Section** A follow-up announcement to detail redesigned proposals at four high-risk intersections in the Waipū area is planned during the week beginning 12 September 2022. The announcement will be made via press release and updates to key stakeholders and members of the community. The redesigned plans have been shared previously with members of the Waipū Ratepayers Association and reported on in local media, where they were well-received. **Northland Severe Weather Event Network Update - SH1 Mangamuka Gorge** Almost two weeks after the closure of SH1 through Mangamuka Gorge, conditions are still highly unstable, and the ground is still moving. Before any repair work can begin, the team need to wait for Maungataniwha to settle to ensure the safety of workers and to avoid further movement hindering any repair work. Two of the major underslips are at either end of the Gorge, which means the team is unable to safely get heavy machinery and equipment required for repair work through at this stage. However, three overslips on the southern end have now been mostly cleared.

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Waka Kotahi teams are looking at options to reopen the road to allow for light traffic movements as soon as possible. However, journeys would still be disrupted as multiple locations would be down to one lane, necessitating traffic management. This would be a shorter-term solution geared towards those who need to cross the Gorge for essential purposes.

SH10 Vulnerability During Mangamuka Gorge Closure

Geotechnical investigations on the slip near Totara North Road on SH10 Waitaruke where an underslip reduced the State Highway to one lane have been completed. The aim is to reopen the road to two lanes as soon as possible. Another minor under slip 2km north of the Waitaruke slip has formed and the team is attending to this before it impacts the road.

To ensure the continued movement of vital goods through the region, Waka Kotahi has also reinstated temporary access for overweight vehicles to use the SH10 Waitangi River Bridge while SH1 remains closed through the Mangamuka Gorge.

Restrictions on use of the bridge were put in place earlier this year, following the detection of deterioration during routine inspections. The Parapara Bridge just north of the Waitangi River Bridge also

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REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
	suffered storm damage, and a 50km speed restriction was put in place. The condition of both bridges is being closely monitored, with a structural engineer carrying out regular checks. Waka Kotahi is working to assess how the bridges will be repaired without impacting traffic.
Wellington/Top of South	**SH6 Blenheim to Nelson Reinstatement** In the wake of the storm and flooding that hit the Top of the South, Waka Kotahi has been highlighting the great work from its contractors to reconnect communities and ensure access on the state highway network. The before and after photos of SH6 (below) have featured on the Waka Kotahi Facebook and LinkedIn pages and have attracted an overwhelmingly positive response. Within five days of being published, the posts reached 200,000 people across channels, with 5000 reactions and hundreds of comments. The two dashcam photos show that content doesn't need to be highly produced to be successful – these two images tell a simple story, extremely well. Waka Kotahi is encouraging its contractors to share more of this type of content – the mutual benefits to Waka Kotahi and its contractors is hugely valuable. Sharing content like this is part of the Waka Kotahi wider communications strategy to lift the profile of road maintenance activity.

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REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE

Top of the South Severe Weather Event Network Update - Marlborough

- SH63 (Renwick to St Arnaud) remains closed at the Branch River Bridge approach. Focus is now on restoring the approach. This may take some time as the team look to reinstate to a resilient condition. Road surface repairs further south at the Wash are yet to be undertaken.
- SH6 (Blenheim to Nelson) conditions are largely stable with the vast majority of the simple fault sites repaired, enabling the road to open between the two centres on 31 August 2022. There remain several more complex sites, typically underslips, that are being monitored and will need more comprehensive geotechnical design. Drive-over is completed and regular geotechnical assessments continue. High-level options for recovery on the Nelson side were presented this week. On the Marlborough side of Rai Valley, there are some minor faults identified that will be programmed to be rectified once SH63 re-opens.
- Local Marlborough District Council roads – Work continues to assess damage to the local council roads across the Marlborough Sounds where many have numerous slips, especially Keneperu Road and the French Pass Road
- SH6 Rocks Road is open to all users (except southbound cyclists) with minor width restrictions in two locations. Changes to traffic management are planned this week to enable southbound cyclists. The Cliffs, a private retaining wall above the road failed, putting road users at risk during the event. The wall has stabilised as it has dried but removal will be required before the barriers on the highway occupying the cycle facility can be removed. Tahunanui Slump (a significant slump that slips and then typically sticks during periods of extreme rainfall) is being monitored daily as it has continued to move post event more than experienced in prior events.
- SH1 Blenheim to Picton - there is an underslip near the passing lane on the Picton elevation, which is being monitored, combined with minor overslip clearance.

Nelson/Tasman

- SH60 (Birds Hill, Takaka to Collingwood) is open to vehicles, including truck and trailer units, with 30km/h temporary speed limit in place. Work continues, with ongoing intermittent closures during the day

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REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
Rest of the South	**NZUP – Walnut Avenue Intersection Improvements** Waka Kotahi has commenced the last portion of construction work to significantly improve pedestrian, road and rail safety in and around Walnut Avenue in Ashburton. Most of the work will occur in the rail corridor and will include: • Installation of the new rail crossing, including laying pre-cast slabs that will carry the track through the intersection. • Installation of new rail signal warning lights and new street lighting in and around the crossing. • Installing new pedestrian refuge areas (where pedestrians can safely wait while trains pass). • Footpaths and landscaping. • Testing and inspecting the coordination of the rail and road crossing signals to tie in with the level rail crossing. To ensure the safety of both the public and workers, and to ensure the road and rail corridors tie together properly, Waka Kotahi has proposed closing Walnut Avenue between East and West Streets for up to seven weeks from the end of September 2022. While some members of the community will be disrupted by this, Waka Kotahi proposes to operate a pedestrian crossing across the tracks during school days from 8am until 5pm, in an attempt to minimise the disruption to local school children.

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REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
	Second Ashburton Bridge – Business Case Update Waka Kotahi continues to work closely with the Ashburton District Council (the Council) on the Ashburton Tinwald Connectivity business case (second Ashburton Bridge), which provides clear guidance on scope, location, and costs – s 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted] At their meeting on 17 August 2022, the Council resolved to accept the business case and confirm the Council contribution of $7.5m, as outlined in the District's Long-Term Plan 2021-31. The Council also resolved at the meeting to consider increasing their contribution in their 2023/24 Annual Plan. The Council lodged the business case with Waka Kotahi on 1 September 2022 and Waka Kotahi is providing assurance. The activities/phases and costings are: s 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted] The media has reported that this will go to the Board in November 2022, however, the timing is yet to be determined. The Council will continue to advocate for Crown funding to make up the shortfall. The Council has formally resolved to wait for a Waka Kotahi Board decision to advocate to Government and are regularly meeting with Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport to explore funding opportunities.

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9. MEDIA UPDATES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
Waikato/Bay of Plenty 	**SH5 SH30 Urban Rotorua Speed Review** A media statement will be released on 14 September 2022, announcing the decision on the SH5 and SH30 urban Rotorua speed limit review. Some speeds are staying the same while others are being reduced. **SH35 Motu River Bridge** A media statement will soon be released to let drivers know that SH35 near the Motu River Bridge will be opening back up to two lanes. The media statement is intended for release by 9 September 2022; however, it may be delayed to the week beginning 12 September 2022 due to poor weather conditions.

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10. STATE HIGHWAY CLOSURES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
Auckland/Northland	**SH1 Mangamuka Gorge** Due to multiple large slips and dropouts, SH1 is closed between Kitchen Road and Makene Road. There is a detour via SH10.
Wellington/Top of South	**SH59 Pukerua Bay to Paekakariki** Due to a slip, SH59 is closed between Pukerua Bay and Paekakariki. A detour route is available. **SH63 St Arnaud** Due to flood damage, SH63 is closed between Leatham Road and Rainbow Ski Field. This road is expected to reopen the week beginning 12 September 2022, weather permitting. Once open, there will be temporary traffic restrictions in place and delays are expected when travelling.

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11. ROAD DEATH UPDATE – WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST TO TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Key: SAAS: Safe and Appropriate Speed. SH: State highway. IRR: Infrastructure Risk Rating. UCSR: Used Car Safety Rating. ANCAP: Australasian New Car Assessment Program. CWR: Crash Worthiness Rating. VSRR: Vehicle Safety Risk Rating. Top 10%: the 10% of regional networks assessed to deliver the greatest DSI savings through Speed Management.

Crash description		Speeds			Roads & Roadsides			People			Vehicles		
What happened (NZ Police description)	Date of crash Time of crash Local Council	Speed limit km/h	SAAS km/h	SAAS Top 10%	SH	IRR Land use and risk rating: low, medium, high	Road conditions	Deceased details Gender, Age, User	Deceased drivers' licence status	Restraint or helmet worn	Vehicle type where occupant died	UCSR/ANCAP/ CWR (light vehicles only)	Other vehicles involved
s 9(2)(a)	s 9(2)(a) Thames-Coromandel	100	80	Yes	Yes	Medium Rural Residential	Dry Objects hit: None	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Full-Current	No	Car	4*VSRR	Car
	s 9(2)(a) Hastings	80	80	No	No	Low Medium Rural Residential	Dry Objects hit: None	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Unknown at time of report	Unknown	Light Truck	Not applicable for Light Truck	Utility
	s 9(2)(a) Waikato	100	80	No	No	Medium Rural Residential	Dry Objects hit: Guardrail/Barrier, Ditch	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Full-Current	Unknown	Car	3*VSRR	SUV
	s 9(2)(a) Whangarei	100	80	Yes	Yes	Low Medium Remote Rural	Dry Objects hit: Pedestrian	s 9(2)(a) Pedestrian	Not applicable for Pedestrian	Not applicable for Pedestrian	SUV	Unknown	None
	s 9(2)(a)	60	30	No	No	Medium Rural Residential	Wet Objects hit: Pole	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Unknown at time of report	No	Car	4*UCSR	None

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s 9(2)(a) [redacted]	Rotorua												

About the information:
Data is taken from NZ Police fatal crash notifications, Rightcar (https://rightcar.govt.nz/) and Mega Maps as at 8 am 07/09/2022.
Fatal crash notifications are received within 24 hours of a death by NZ Police. Therefore, a recent crash may not be included in the report. Any subsequent death, within thirty days of the crash, will be recorded when received.
Deaths already excluded from the road toll based on Ministry of Transport assessment are not included in the data. Fatal crashes may be excluded from the road toll because the deaths may be caused by medical events, suicide, homicide, "Acts of God", be off-road or non-motor vehicle crashes, or the death may occur more than thirty days after the crash.
Fatal crashes may have occurred within the period for which notifications may be received later.
Traffic crash data covers all NZ roadways or places where the public have legal access with a motor vehicle.

- In some cases, the NZ Police description of what happened has been altered to change the tense and to protect the privacy of individuals.

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Appendix A – Rail and Freight – Vessel Services

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Coastal service maps

NZ1 service

MV Moana Chief
1,700TEU

NZ2 service

MV Takutai Chief
1,300 TEU

Timaru loop

Marsden loop

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Appendix B – Patronage Update – Public Transport

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