Road maintenance crews have been working hard to restore and stabilise sections of the state highway network affected by severe weather events. Pictured here is work being carried out to stabilise a slip along SH53.

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Week ending 30 September 2022

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

REFERENCE	TITLE	DUE DATE
Minister Wood		
BRI-2537	s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]	Prior to 31 October 2022
BRI-2567	s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]	Prior to 31 October 2022
BRI-2569	s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]	Prior to 31 October 2022
BRI-2570	s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]	Prior to 31 October 2022
BRI-2571	**[PROACTIVE]** NZUP: Queenstown, P2D & Takitimu North Link baseline reports, SH22 Bridge over Ngākōroa River - assessment update	Prior to 31 October 2022
MIN-3914	Lifting of the SH22 Bridge over Ngākōroa stream	TBC
MIN-3839	National Ticketing Solution monthly report	30 September 2022
BRI-2501	LGWM: Advice on next steps to improve LGWM governance	30 September 2022
MINO-467	Projection of media barrier installation to be delivered over one and two years	30 September 2022
MIN-3959	2021-24 NLTP forecast scenarios, cashflow situation	3 October 2022
BRI-2594	Advice on maintenance including contributing factors, current state and management options	3 October 2022
MIN-3975	Update on Hutt to Wellington cycle corridor for meeting with Hutt Cycle Network	4 October 2022
BRI-2602	**[PROACTIVE]** Walking and cycling plan	4 October 2022
MIN-3901	Views on Glenpanel Development Limited's notice of consent application	6 October 2022

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N/A	LGWM monthly report for September 2022	7 October 2022
MINO-371	Follow up to meeting with the NZ Equestrian Advocacy Network	10 October 2022
MIN-3976	Clean Car Standard s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]	11 October 2022
MIN-3977	Clean Car Standard s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]	11 October 2022
MIN-3887	Follow up to WPQ 16049 - DSI figures for 2021	13 October 2022
BRI-2596	Briefing and speech notes for Future Roads conference, 6 and 7 November 2022	1 November 2022
MIN-3970	Update on reinstatement works in Marlborough, following severe weather events	15 November 2022
BRI-2589	AWHC and ALR joint briefing for ALR sponsors meeting, 29 November 2022	15 November 2022

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2. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

REFERENCE	TITLE	DUE DATE
N/A	N/A	N/A

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
Phone Free Day	On 6 October 2022 it's Phone Free Day, a chance for New Zealanders to take stock of their phone use and make a conscious decision to be smarter with their phone. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is taking the opportunity on Phone Free Day to encourage people to go phone free in their vehicles. Waka Kotahi will be running a series of internal and external communications to encourage drivers to turn on the 'Do not disturb while driving' feature on their phone, reducing a distraction so people can get to where they are going safely. More information about Phone Free Day can be found on the campaign website at: www.phonefreeday.org
Safety Camera Acceleration in Tāmaki Makaurau	Waka Kotahi and Auckland Transport are progressing the acceleration of safety camera expansion in Tāmaki Makaurau and are on track to begin site construction in late October/early November 2022. Ten Redflex NK7 cameras, having been relocated from the Waterview Tunnel, will be placed across high-risk local roads in Tāmaki Makaurau. Cameras are expected to be installed in early 2023, becoming operational shortly after. Communications with stakeholders and impacted communities begins this month, and information on the project will be published on the Waka Kotahi website ahead of construction works. Broader communications and media engagement will progress in the new year prior to installation and activation of the cameras.

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6. REGULAR UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
Public Transport (PT) Patronage	The latest PT patronage trends are provided in **Appendix A.** Please note the figures for next week will show a decline due to the public holiday for Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day on 25 September 2022, as well as the school holidays which commence on 1 October 2022.

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7. GENERAL UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
Network Performance Over the Queen's Memorial Long Weekend	Throughout the Queen's Memorial long weekend (23 to 26 September 2022), travel was impacted in some areas by an increased level of congestion. For the rest of New Zealand, the most significant impacts on the state highway network were due to serious and fatal crashes, which mainly affected travel in the North Island.
Update Following the 17-19 August 2022 Intense Rainfall Events	A network update following severe weather events is provided below: • Tasman/Marlborough: SH63 re-opened on 10 September 2022 following the reinstatement of the Branch Bridge approach and resurfacing to The Wash River scour. • Tasman: SH60 (Drummond historic slip, Takaka Hill) is under single lane traffic signals control due to a drop out. Recovery investigations are underway. • Tasman: SH60 (Birds Hill) is under single lane traffic signals control due to a drop out and historic overslip. Recovery investigations are underway. • Nelson SH6 (Rocks Road) is now open under traffic management. • Nelson: SH6 (Whangamoa Hill) is under single lane traffic signals control due to two dropouts. Recovery investigations are underway. • Marlborough: SH6 (Rai Saddle) is under single lane traffic signals control due to four dropouts. Recovery investigations are underway.
Network Road Closures Due to Weather Events and Crashes	A summary of road closures on the state highway network between 19 and 26 September 2022 is provided below: **19 September 2022** • SH3 Te Awamutu and Ohaupo Road: Closed due to a slip for 4 hours. • SH3 Ohaupo: Closed between Kaipaki Road and West Road due to downed power lines caused by an accident. The road was closed for 9.5 hours while the power lines were reinstated. **20 September 2022** • SH32 Waihaha: Slip over south bound lane. Open and cleared after 4 hours. • SH4 Waterfall Hill near Kopaki Road: Truck crash, road closed for approximately 10 hours.

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	• SH4 near Ohura Road/Ongarue: Slip and tree on road. Closed for approximately 5 hours. • SH3 Urenui near Avenue Road: Large slip, road closed for approximately 4 hours. **21 September 2022** • SH1N Bulli Point - Taupo to Turangi: Slip over south bound lane. Open and cleared after 12 hours. • SH53: Closed for 24 hours from 6pm on 21 September 2022 in order to stabilise a slip which would have resulted in 10+ trees falling should the slip have failed. Closing the road allowed for longer-term measures to be taken as well allowing for the road to be open for the long weekend, and prior to the forecasted rain on 23 September 2022. **22 September 2022** • SH1N Motutere - Taupo to Turangi: Slip over southbound lane. Open and cleared after 2 hours. **23 September 2022** • SH2 Dannevirke, north of Ruahine Street: Closed due to a fallen tree for 2 hours. • SH4 Kakatahi to Waimarino, near the Mangawhero River (Auraki) Bridge: Closed due to earthquake damage for 1.5 hours. • SH20 Neilson St Off-ramp northbound: Multi-car crash, road closed for 2 hours. • SH1S Kaikoura, near Wilderness Road: Car crash, road closed for 8 hours. • SH4 Pararara's: Due to multiple slips, the road was closed for approximately 2 hours. Waimarino and Site 15 area. **24 September 2022** • SH56 Opiki, between Tane Road and Alve Road: Closed due to flooding for 33.75 hours. • SH1N Mt Wellington, single car crash: Road closed for 2 hours. • SH26 Hikutaia: Due to a fatal crash, the road was closed for 4 hours. **25 September 2022** • SH3 Inglewood, between Kahikatea Street and Konini Street: Car crash, road closed for 8 hours. **26 September 2022** • SH1N Tirau to Putaruru: Fatal crash, road closed for 10 hours.

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8. REGIONAL UPDATES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
Auckland/Northland	**North-West Rapid Transit Network (RTN)** Internal planning is now well underway for the procurement of the long term North-West RTN study. A registration of interest for the Detailed Business Case professional services contract will be completed before Christmas 2022, with the tender itself to go to market in early 2023. Integration discussions are underway with the Auckland Light Rail and Waitematā Harbour Connections projects to ensure clear alignment with scope and governance arrangements. Waka Kotahi has also commenced early engagement with Auckland Transport and Iwi who will be key project partners.
Wellington/Top of South	**Peka Peka to Ōtaki Project Update** The asphalt remedial work was recently completed, and the focus is now on laying the rest of the EMOGPA (top layer of asphalt). A second paving team from Waikato has been brought onboard to manage the placement of the Stone Mastic Asphalt. This kind of asphalt is applied to the bridge decks and on high stress areas of the road, such as on and off ramps, where there is increased vehicle braking. The project team has also started laying the foundations for the gateway sculptures, which will be installed at either end of Ōtaki to welcome people into the town.

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9. MEDIA UPDATES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
Waikato/Bay of Plenty	**Ngāruawāhia Works** A media statement will be released to let drivers know work begins next month on pavement repairs and safety improvements on the Ngāruawāhia section of the Waikato Expressway. Waka Kotahi is undertaking improvements to bring this section up to the same standard as neighbouring expressway sections which have been built to allow for a speed limit of 110km/h. **Waihī to Ōmokoroa** A media release will be issued highlighting progress on the Waihī to Ōmokoroa safety improvements project, detailing the completion of another section of the project between Athenree Road and Tanners Point Road, and the first of six intersection upgrades (roundabouts) to be installed at Rea Road and Tetley Road. The release will also include details of nightworks to complete asphalt works at this site.

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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. A detour route is available via SH10.

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11. ROAD DEATH UPDATE – WEDNESDAY 21ST TO TUESDAY 27TH 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	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) Christchurch	50	30	No	Medium Commercial Big Box/Industrial	Dry Objects hit: None	s 9(2)(a) Cyclist	Not Applicable for Cyclist	No	Bicycle	Not Applicable for Bicycle	Car
	s 9(2)(a) Western Bay of Plenty	100	80	No	Medium Rural Residential	Dry Objects hit: Tree	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Restricted - Current	No	Car	4*UCSR	None
	s 9(2)(a) Rotorua	50	30	No	Medium Commercial Big Box/Industrial	Dry Objects hit: None	s 9(2)(a) Pedestrian	Not Applicable for Pedestrian	Not Applicable for Pedestrian	Car	4*UCSR	None
	s 9(2)(a) Hauraki	100	80	Yes	Medium Rural Residential	Dry Objects hit: None	s 9(2)(a) Motorcyclist	Full-Current	Yes	Motorcycle	Not applicable for Motorcycle	SUV
	s 9(2)(a)	100	80	Yes	Low Medium Remote Rural	Dry Objects hit: None	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Unknown at time of report	Yes	Car	4*VSRR	Truck and Trailer

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s 9(2)(a)	South Waikato											
	s 9(2)(a) Waikato	100	80	No	Medium Rural Residential	Dry Objects hit: None	s 9(2)(a) Passenger s 9(2)(a) Passenger	Not Applicable for Passenger Not Applicable for Passenger	Yes Yes	Car	3*UCSR	Utility
	s 9(2)(a) Kaikoura	No info on Mega maps		Yes		Dry Objects hit: None	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Unknown at time of report	Yes	Car	This vehicle has no safety rating available.	Truck and trailer
	s 9(2)(a) Taupo	80	80	Yes	Low Medium Remote Rural	Dry Objects hit: Tree, Ditch	s 9(2)(a) Driver	Unknown at time of report	Yes	Car	4*UCSR	None
	s 9(2)(a) Horowhenua	100	30	Yes	Medium Commercial Big Box/Industrial	Dry Objects hit: None	s 9(2)(a) Pedestrian	Unknown at time of report	Not applicable for Pedestrian	Truck and Trailer	Not applicable for Truck and Trailer	None

About the information:
Data is taken from NZ Police fatal crash notifications, Rightcar (https://rightcar.govt.nz/) and Mega Maps as at 8 am 28/09/2022.
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 – Public Transport Patronage

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