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Please see attached and below the collateral for the Northland and North Auckland speed review announcements.

Stakeholder	What	Detail	Timing (2024)
Public/all stakeholders	Official online approval notification	Publish Director of Land Transport approval of Northland-north Auckland speed limit changes on NZTA website	20 Feb
Local government stakeholders	Email letter to stakeholders	Send official letter to advise on approved Northland-north Auckland speed reviews and implementation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Councils Road Controlling Authorities Regional Transport Committees 	20 Feb
Treaty partners	Email to treaty partners	Send official email to iwi and hapū groups to advise on approved Northland-north Auckland speed reviews and implementation dates	20 Feb
Wider public and stakeholders	Website update Media release Advertising	Updated NZTA website goes live with approved Northland-north Auckland speed reviews and implementation dates (6 corridors) Media release to inform of approved Northland-north Auckland speed reviews and advise of next steps for implementation. Print and radio ads, and flyers, to advise date new speed limit on SH1 Pukenui to Kaitaia will take effect.	20 Feb
Key stakeholders	Email to key stakeholders	Send official email to advise on approved Northland-north Auckland speed reviews and implementation timeframes, including freight, industry, business groups, NZ Police and emergency services, AA, Ministry of Education, ACC.	20 Feb
Submitters and subscribers	E-newsletter	E-news distribution to advise on approved Northland-north Auckland speed reviews and implementation.	20 Feb
Implementation of first corridor - SH1 Pukenui to Kaitaia - March 2024			

Kia pai to ra

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Pukenui to Kaitaia speed limit changes

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<title> New speed limits on state highways in Northland and north Auckland

As a road controlling authority, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi has a responsibility to set safe and appropriate speed limits to maintain the state highway network.

NZTA is planning to implement changes to speed limits on short sections of state highways as part of the Northland and north Auckland speed review project. Speed limits on sections of the following state highways will be changing:

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These speed limit changes will not affect the entire stretch of state highway and instead, changes will be targeted to short sections; through townships and close to schools and marae. Maps have been developed to show where the changes will happen and what the new speed limit will be.

NZTA will start to implement changes to sections of the approved state highways. In total, this includes 54 new permanent speed limit changes and new electronic (variable speed limit) signs across 34 schools. Changes also affect speed limits alongside 7 marae.

All decisions have been informed by detailed technical assessments to check the road environment, layout and use, and by extensive consultation with the community, iwi/hapu partners, and stakeholders to provide valuable information about how communities use our roads. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to input into our speed review process.

[Read the Consultation Summary](#) from the May – June 2022 engagement period.

Phased roll-out starting with SH1 Pukenui to Kaitaia

NZTA will use a phased approach to implement approved speed limit changes, starting with sections of SH1 between Pukenui and Kaitaia. Changes will apply from **4 March 2024** and include permanent speed limit changes to 5 sections of state highway and new electronic variable speed limit (VSL) signs at Waiharara School and Awanui School, operating during school peak times.

Construction activity includes work to install poles, signs, and technology along sections of the state highway network to clearly outline the new speed changes. NZTA will provide updates to local communities and motorists during construction to minimise disruption.

Speed limit changes on the remaining state highways are expected to be delivered by the end of 2024. NZTA will provide prior notification to communities and stakeholders in advance of any changes.

Safe speeds around schools

As part of these changes, we plan to implement variable speed limits at 34 schools in Northland and north Auckland by the end of 2024. Variable speed limits (VSL) outside schools help to slow traffic down when people are travelling to and from school.

Electronic VSL signs can be activated during school travel periods to display a lower, enforceable speed limit. When the electronic sign is active the legal speed limit of 30 or 60 km/h will be displayed when children are going to and from school at the start and end of the school day. At all other times, the electronic sign is blank and the permanent speed limit applies.

More information

For more information on how NZTA is considering speed management, including maps of the approved speed limit changes, and a summary of the public consultation, please visit our project webpage Northland and north Auckland speed reviews.

You can also send us an email: speedmanagement@nzta.govt.nz

Northland-Auckland speed reviews

Frequently asked questions

To go live 20 February 2024 and included on website

Why are you changing speed limits?

As a road controlling authority, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi has a responsibility to set safe and appropriate speed limits to maintain the state highway network.

What are the new approved speed limits?

The following maps and tables show the approved speed limit changes.

<insert tables and maps>

Speed limits on short sections of the following state highways will be changing:

- SH1 Pukenui to Kaitaia
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In total, the approved changes include 54 new permanent speed limit changes and new electronic (variable speed limit) signs across 34 schools. The changes affect speed limits alongside 7 marae.

Will there be speed limit changes along the entire state highway corridor?

Speed limit changes will be targeted to short sections through townships and close to schools and marae, and will not affect the entire stretch of state highway.

What is a variable speed limit (VSL) and how does it work outside schools?

Variable speed limits (VSL) outside schools help to slow traffic down when people are travelling to and from school. Electronic VSL signs can be activated during school travel periods to display a lower, enforceable speed limit.

When the electronic sign is active the legal speed limit of 30 or 60 km/h will be displayed when children are going to and from school at the start and end of the school day. When activities (e.g. early finish times, school functions) may create additional risk to children, the signs can be active for a duration agreed by the school. At all other times, the electronic sign is blank, and the permanent speed limit applies. We will work with each school to confirm VSL operating times and conditions.

When will the new speed limits apply?

We will use a phased approach to implement speed limit changes. The first changes will be on sections of State Highway 1 between Pukenui to Kaitaia as shown in the map and table below – **these new speed limits will apply from Monday 4 March 2024.**

<insert map and location table>

We intend to deliver the remaining speed limit changes by the end of 2024 and will let people know once we have confirmed the implementation dates. Keep an eye on our website for updated information.

How are you notifying people about the speed limit changes?

We let people know about the changes via a targeted communications campaign including letters and emails, newspapers, radio and digital advertising, social media posts, flyers, and updates to our project webpage. Keep an eye on our website for updated information.

Did you consult with the public on these changes?

In May and June 2022, we consulted with stakeholders and the public on the safe and appropriate speed for new proposed speed limits at schools and townships on 11 corridors of state highway in Northland and north Auckland. This included collaborating with iwi and hapū on signage for marae.

What was the feedback received during consultation?

We received 653 submissions. You can read our consultation summary here. [\[insert link\]](#)

These sections of state highway were selected as priority sections for consideration following strong feedback and genuine safety concerns from the community and local stakeholders. Feedback during May – June 2022 highlighted strong community support for speed limit changes including:

- SH12 Brynderwyn to Ōmāpere – 92 percent support
- SH16 Wellsford to Waimauku – 89 percent support
- SH15 from SH1 (north of Kaikohe) to Otaika – 88 percent support
- SH12 Ōmāpere to Kaikohe – 78 percent support
- SH11 Kawakawa to Paihia – 70 percent support
- SH14 Dargaville to Whangārei – 67 percent support
- SH10 Pakaraka to Taipā – 61 percent support.

How were these speed limits decided?

To change a speed limit, we must follow a legal process that involves a number of steps.

Ongoing engagement

While technical advice is an important part of speed reviews, local knowledge and experience of using our roads is also vital to this process. We want all communities to have a chance to give their feedback on how safety interventions can be managed in their area, and on any proposed changes to speed limits.

We actively seek input and feedback from our Māori and local government partners, key stakeholders and the community. It's these conversations that help us get valuable insights and local knowledge on how people use the road, and their concerns around road safety.

We consider people's feedback alongside the technical information that our road safety specialists have collated to help us decide how we are best to manage safety on our roads and ensure speed limits are safe and appropriate for all road users.

Formal consultation on proposed speed limit changes

The formal consultation step is where we show people how we plan to manage speeds on our roads, including proposed speed limit changes. These changes have been developed and refined using the technical information as well as feedback gathered from our engagement with people.

During this consultation stage, we ask people if they have any additional information we should consider, that might have an impact on our final decision. We consider people's feedback alongside our technical information to finalise our proposed speed limit changes.

Approval of speed limit changes

We submit our proposed speed limit changes to the Director of Land Transport for approval, and publish the approval on our website.

New speed limits implemented

We let people know the date speed limits will change, we install the new speed limit signs on the road, then implement the new speed limits.

There is more information on our speed review process on [our website](#).

How does the revised government approach to speed limit rules affect this work?

In late 2023, the Minister of Transport announced changes to the Setting of Speed Limits Rule and confirmed that work is underway to develop a new Rule. We are taking the appropriate steps to give effect to road safety policies the government announces.

Upcoming speed limit changes in Northland and north Auckland were approved before the formalisation of any new rules, however they are consistent with the government's approach, to focus on changes to short sections of state highway through townships, schools and marae.

Safer speeds on select locations on Northland and North Auckland state highways

Following consultation with communities on setting safe and appropriate speed limits, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) will be changing speed limits on short sections of the state highway network across Northland and north Auckland.

The focus will be kept on select locations through townships and close to schools and marae, rather than the entire stretch of state highway. This allows more targeted changes to protect some of our most vulnerable road users accessing community venues, workplaces and local schools.

Sections of state highway were selected as priority areas for consideration following strong feedback and genuine safety concerns from the community and local stakeholders, as part of the [Northland and north Auckland Speed Review project](#):

Following approval from the Director of Land Transport, a phased approach will be used to implement speed limit changes on sections of the following state highways:

- SH1 Pukenui to Kaitaia
- SH15 from SH1 (north of Kaikohe) to Otaika
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The approved changes include 54 new permanent speed limit changes on targeted sections of state highway and new electronic (variable speed limit) signs across 34 schools. The changes affect speed limits alongside 7 marae.

NZTA Director Regional Relationships, Steve Mutton says that sections on SH1 Pukenui to Kaitaia will be the first to be rolled out, effective from 4 March 2024.

“This will include a permanent speed limit change to 5 sections of SH1 and new variable speed limit signs at Waiharara School and Awanui School, operating during school peak times.

“Variable speed limits are activated during school periods to display a lower, enforceable speed limit and help to slow traffic down when people are travelling to and from school.

“Speed limit changes on the remaining state highways are expected to be delivered by the end of 2024. This includes variable speed limits (VSL) at the 34 schools in Northland and north Auckland” says Mr Mutton.

All decisions have been informed by detailed technical assessments to check the road environment, layout and use, and by extensive consultation with the community, iwi/hapu partners, and stakeholders to help fully understand the safety issues.

NZTA will update local communities and motorists prior to and during construction to minimise disruption and new signs will clearly outline the new speed limits.

The speed limit changes in Northland and north Auckland were approved before the formalisation of signalled new speed rules, however NZTA has ensured this implementation is consistent with the Government’s direction. The speed changes focus on short sections of state highway through townships, schools and marae and involved extensive community engagement and input.

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<letter to key stakeholders including councils, AA, freight, NZ Police, others>

[Date]

[Name]

[Role]

[Address]

[Address]

[Address]

Tēna koe [first name],

Re: Approved speed limit changes for Northland and north Auckland

As a road controlling authority, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi has a responsibility to set safe and appropriate speed limits to maintain the state highway network.

I am writing to let you know that as part of our Northland-north Auckland speed review project, the Director of Land Transport has approved speed limit changes on short sections of the following state highways:

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Speed limit changes will not affect the entire stretch of state highway. Instead, changes will be targeted to short sections; through townships and close to schools and marae.

The approved sections of state highway across Northland and north Auckland include 54 new permanent speed limit changes and new electronic (variable speed limit) signs across 34 schools. The changes affect speed limits alongside 7 marae.

There are small sections still under consideration within some state highways that were consulted on in the *Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan* and we will come back to you to confirm implementation details.

All decisions have been informed by detailed technical assessments to check the road environment, layout and use, and by extensive consultation with the community, iwi/hapu partners, and stakeholders. These state highways were selected as priority sections for consideration following strong feedback and genuine safety concerns from communities during the speed review process.

Implementation

We plan to use a phased approach to implement speed limit changes. The first changes will be on sections of State Highway 1 between Pukenui to Kaitaia as shown in the accompanying map. New speed limits will apply from **Monday 4 March 2024** and include permanent speed limit changes to 5 sections of state highway and new electronic variable speed limit (VSL) signs at Waiharara School and Awanui School, operating during school peak times.

We expect to deliver the remaining speed limit changes by the end of 2024 and will update you again when we have finalised implementation plans.

More information

We want to thank you for your time providing feedback on our speed reviews and for your continued interest in keeping our road users safe. If you would like more information on NZTA's approach to speed management, or have any questions, please contact us at speedmanagement@nzta.govt.nz.

You can also visit our [website](#) for maps and more information about these speed limit changes as well as a [summary of consultation](#) from the 2022 engagement period.

Ngā mihi nui,

Vanessa Browne
National Manager

Programme and Standards

NZ Transport Agency

<Insert updated maps and location tables>

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1 SH1 Pukenui to Kaitaia

New speed limits effective from 4th March 2024



Approved speed limit changes for SH1 Pukenui to Kaitaia

New speed limits effective from 4th March 2024

Location		Length of road with new speed limit	Current speed limit	Approved speed limit
1	From 465m north of Katavich Road to 225m south of Camp Road	3.10km	100km/h	80km/h
1A	Waiharara School – From 335m north of Katavich Road to 230m south of Katavich Road	0.57km	100km/h	80km/h (60km/h VSL)
2	From 20m north of Spains Road to 300m south of Gills Road	1.94km	100km/h 50km/h	50km/h
2A	Awanui School – From 240m north of Southey Street to 60m south of Southey Street	0.30km	50km/h	50km/h (30km/h VSL)
3	From 300m south of Gills Road to 60m north of Wireless Road	3.99km	100km/h	80km/h
4	From 60m north of Wireless Road to 220m north of North Park Drive	0.91km	100km/h 70km/h	60km/h
5	From 220m north of North Park Drive to 65m south of North Park Drive	0.29km	70km/h	50km/h

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Permanent speed limit changes

School variable speed limit changes

SH1 Pukenui to Kaitaia Advertising – note this is targeted to radio stations close to the Pukenui to Kaitaia corridor only

Radio

NZTA has a responsibility to set safe and appropriate speed limits to maintain the state highway network. The safety of our community, whanau, and especially our tamariki is important to improving efficiency and safety for everyone in New Zealand.

From 4th March, new speed limits will take effect on short sections of SH1 from Pukenui to Kaitaia, close to schools and through townships. For more information on these changes visit www.nzta.govt.nz/naklspeedreviews

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Pukenui to Kaitaia

Permanent speed limits and school variable speed limits

New speed limits have now been set for short sections of SH1 Pukenui to Kaitaia.

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Base social media posts on the following:

We're implementing speed limit changes in Northland and Auckland with our first changes on sections of State Highway 1 Pukenui to Kaitaia. We're keeping our focus on schools and townships which allows us to make changes that protect some of our most vulnerable road users, with plenty of support from local communities.

You can learn more and view all maps [here](#)

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Speed review decision announcement

Project webpage copy

To go live 20 February 2024

Current URL: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/northland-auckland-speed-reviews/>

Update to: [Insert updated URL e.g from "/xyz-speed-limit-consultation" to "/xyz-permanent-speed-limits"]

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Speed management in Northland and Auckland

<new tab> **Project overview**

Project introduction

As a road controlling authority, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi has a responsibility to set safe and appropriate speed limits to maintain the state highway network. We've been reviewing speed limits on state highways in Northland and north Auckland as part of our national speed management programme and plan to implement changes to short sections of the following state highways:

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Approved sections of state highway include 54 new permanent speed limit changes and new electronic (variable speed limit) signs across 34 schools. Changes also affect speed limits alongside 7 marae.

All decisions have been informed by detailed technical assessments to check the road environment, layout and use, and by extensive consultation with the community, iwi/hapu partners, and stakeholders to provide valuable information about how communities use our roads. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to input into our speed review process. We received 653 submissions during consultation on proposed speed limit changes from 17 May to 14 June 2022, with feedback outlined in our [Consultation Summary](#)

Phased roll-out starting with SH1 Pukenui to Kaitaia

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Project updates

Subscribe to updates on speed management.

Project contacts

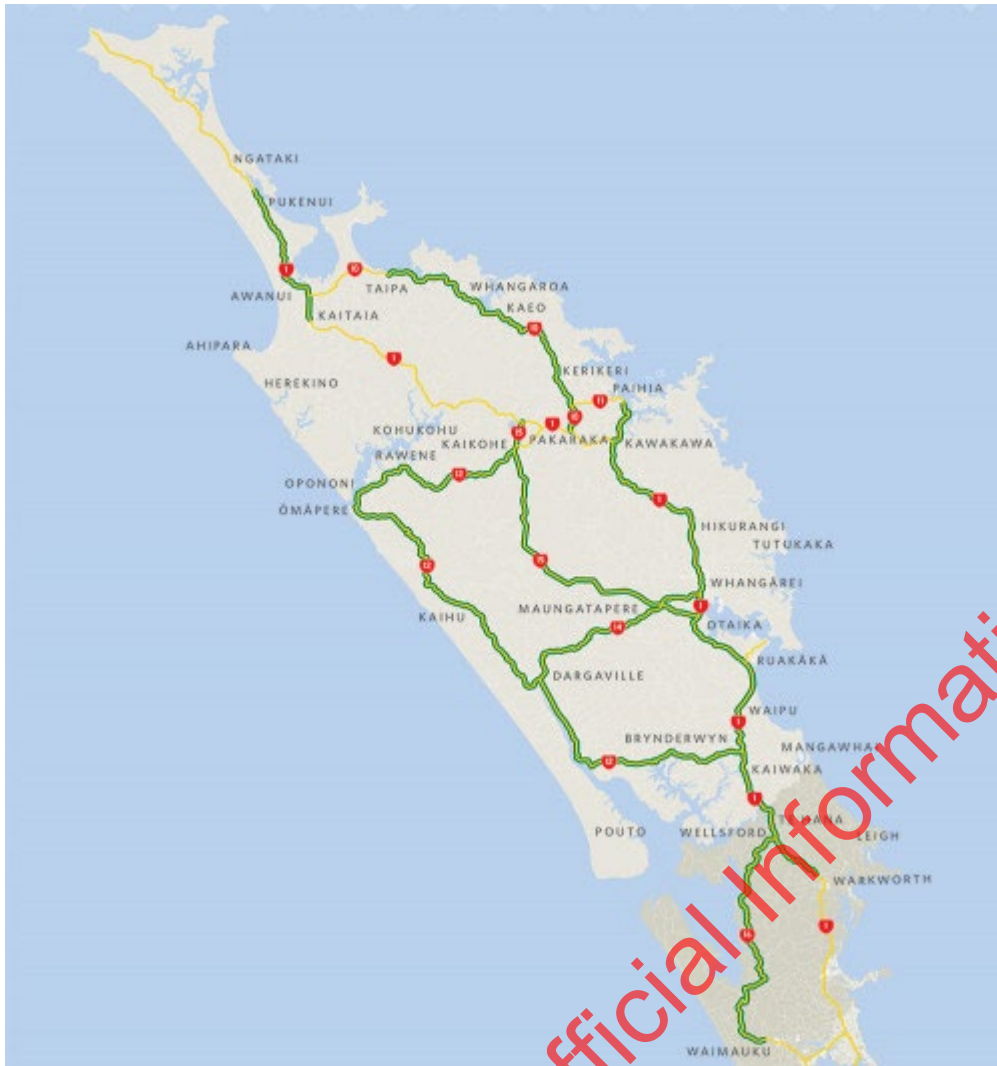
Project Team – speedmanagement@nzta.govt.nz

<new tab> **Approved speed limit changes for Northland and Auckland**

NZTA is planning to implement changes to speed limits on short sections of state highways as part of the Northland and north Auckland speed review project. Speed limits on approved sections of the following state highways will be changing:

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<insert main map (below) showing affected state highways>



[View larger map \[JPG, 341 KB\]](#)

The following maps and tables show the approved speed limit changes.

<[Insert links to maps](#)>

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NZTA will start to implement changes to the approved sections of state highway. In total, this includes 54 new permanent speed limit changes and new electronic (variable speed limit) signs across 34 schools. Changes also affect speed limits alongside 7 marae.

There are other sections under consideration on some state highways that were consulted on as part of the *Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan*. We expect to provide implementation details in due course.

We will use a phased approach to implement the approved speed limit changes, starting in Northland with sections of SH1 Pukenui to Kaitaia, **effective from 4 March 2024**. We intend to deliver the changes on the remaining sections of state highway by the end of 2024.

We also update our register of speed limits, the National Speed Limit Register, with the new speed changes.

<insert link to National Speed Limit Register [webpage](#)>

Safe speeds around schools

As part of these changes, we plan to implement variable speed limits at 34 schools in Northland and north Auckland by the end of 2024. Variable speed limits (VSL) outside schools help to slow traffic down when people are travelling to and from school.

Electronic VSL signs can be activated during school travel periods to display a lower, enforceable speed limit. When the electronic sign is active the legal speed limit of 30 or 60 km/h will be displayed when children are going to and from school at the start and end of the school day. At all other times, the electronic sign is blank and the permanent speed limit applies.

<new tab> **Implementing the new speed limits**

The first changes will be on sections of State Highway 1 between Pukenui to Kaitaia as shown in the map and table below. **These new speed limits will apply from Monday 4 March 2024**. Changes include permanent speed limit changes to 5 sections of state highway and new electronic variable speed limit (VSL) signs at Waiharara School and Awanui School, operating during school peak times.

<insert and embed SH1 Pukenui to Kaitaia map and table here>

We intend to implement the speed limit changes on sections of the remaining state highways by the end of 2024 and will let people know once we have confirmed the implementation dates. Keep an eye on this webpage for updated information or subscribe to receive future project updates.

What's involved?

Construction activity includes work to install poles, signs, and technology along sections of the state highway network to clearly outline the new speed changes. NZTA will provide updates to local communities and motorists during construction and in advance of any changes. Sign up to future project updates [here](#).

<new tab> **Videos**

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/northland-auckland-speed-reviews/videos/>

<new tab> **Frequently asked questions**

(Insert link to [FAQs](#))

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<new tab> How speed reviews work

Changing speed limits is a legal process that involves a number of steps. Our 2022 consultation proposals were informed by the public engagement process carried out in 2021, and our technical reviews.

When making a technical assessment, we look at crash data, how the road is used, and its physical features.

Some of the factors we consider are:

- how many and what types of vehicles use the road, and how fast they typically travel
- whether it will be obvious to drivers why the speed limit is set at a certain level
- how straight or curvy the road is, how the surrounding land is used, and how many intersections and driveways there are
- how many crashes have occurred on the road in the past, and their severity.

Speed review process	
Speed review starts	A technical assessment of the road is carried out to find out about crash history, average vehicle speeds, volume of vehicles and development of surrounding areas. This helps to determine what safe and appropriate speeds should be.
Engagement	We talk to local communities and stakeholders to understand how the road is being used, find out any safety concerns and get feedback on current speeds.
Public consultation 17 May – 14 June 2022	Changing a speed limit is a legal process, so this stage involves sharing a detailed proposal with people and asking for any additional information that might have an impact on the final decision. We also talk with iwi, hapū and council partners during this phase of the process.
Approval of speed limit change	We consider feedback from engagement and consultation to help us finalise the proposed speed limit changes. We submit proposed speed limit changes to the Director of Land Transport for approval and publish the approval on our website.
New speed limit implemented	We let people know the date speed limits will change, we install the new speed limit signs on the road, then implement the new speed limits.

[Learn more about speed management and how we decide on speed limits](#)

<new tab> **Previous engagement**

Thank you to everyone who has shared their views during previous consultation on speed reviews.

2021

In 2021, we sought feedback and local knowledge on these 11 state highways. The public engagement process closed on Monday 14 June 2021 and allowed us to gain an understanding of how people use the roads and any concerns local road users have.

During the engagement period, we talked with iwi and hapū partners, local government, communities, industry groups, schools and marae, and received 1,162 individual submissions.

Through this process we learned about the spots (such as outside schools and marae) and stretches where speed is a concern for communities, places where development has occurred and speed limits are no longer appropriate, and areas where road use patterns have changed (for example, where there are more logging trucks on the roads).

A summary of engagement from 2021 is available below - this outlines the steps we took and what we heard.

[Summary of the engagement process and the feedback we received \[PDF, 2.2 MB\]](#)

2022

From 17 May to 14 June 2022, NZTA undertook formal legal consultation in Northland and Auckland, to seek feedback on any factors the public thought we should consider before making a final decision.

The public were asked to include the corridor and relevant section number/s to help pinpoint where the factors and suggested changes refer to in their feedback.

We received a total of 653 unique submissions on these proposals from the public and a range of key stakeholder groups

Feedback and findings from the 2022 consultation process is outlined in our [Consultation Summary](#)