

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Week ending 9 February 2024

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2. KEY UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
Implementation of speed limit changes in north Auckland and Northland	<p>Following approval from the Director of Land Transport, NZTA will publish the approved speed limit changes for Northland and north Auckland on Tuesday 20 February 2024, and notify partners, stakeholders and communities of the outcome. Speed limits on sections of the following state highways will be changing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Highway 1 Pukenui to Kaitaia• State Highway 15 from State Highway 1 (north of Kaikohe) to Otaika• State Highway 14 Dargaville to Whangārei• State Highway 1 Kawakawa to Whangārei• State Highway 11 Kawakawa to Paihia• State Highway 1 Whangārei to Te Hana• State Highway 12 Ōmāpere to Kaikohe• State Highway 12 Brynderwyn to Ōmāpere• State Highway 16 Wellsford to Waimauku• State Highway 1 Te Hana to Warkworth• State Highway 10 Pakaraka to Taipa <p>Speed limit changes will target short sections; through townships and close to schools and marae, and do not affect the entire stretch of state highway. In total, the approved changes include 54 new permanent speed limit changes and new electronic (variable speed limit) signs across 34 schools.</p> <p>Implementation will start with select locations on State Highway 1 Pukenui to Kaitaia in Northland, effective from 4 March 2024 with the remaining state highways rolled out gradually over the course of the year.</p> <p>These state highways were selected as priority sections for consideration following strong support and genuine safety concerns from the community and local stakeholders.</p> <p>Communications will begin to be rolled out from 20 February 2024 and include notification letters to partners, stakeholders and schools, website updates, media release and e-newsletter updates to subscribers and submitters. Closer to the 4 March 2024 'go-live' date, the local community in Northland will be notified of the enforceable speed limit changes via targeted print, radio and digital advertising, and social media updates.</p> <p>This suite of communications collateral is available to send to the Minister's office upon request.</p>