

# MIN-3921 State Highway 35 update

3 August 2022

Following the recent weather event causing significant closures in two locations on State Highway 35 (SH35) (MIN-3912 refers), provide an update on the emergency works ongoing on SH35.

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## Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

### Motu River underslip

- 24/7 access to all traffic was restored to this part of the corridor on 27 July 2022. However, the road is currently down to one lane with stop/go traffic management and a 30kph temporary speed limit in place.
- Rock protection is being installed along the river edge to prevent further damage. Once the team is confident the embankment is stable, work will begin on the reinstatement of the road.
- Due to the nature of the work required, it is unclear when a permanent solution will be reached at this site.

### Kopuaroa hill slump

- All traffic is able to move through the Kopuaroa site, however heavy vehicles with trailers are only permitted between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM.
- The site is under stop/go traffic lights management and continues to be monitored so quick action can be taken if issues arise again.
- The restriction on heavy vehicles through this site has created a significant impact for operators, however safety of all users is the number one priority. Work is being completed to bring the road to a standard to enable restrictions to be lifted as soon as possible.
- A permanent solution is going through the design phase and is being completed as a high priority. The site is part of the resilience programme works, with funding through the Provincial Growth Fund (Kānoa). Construction is planned to begin in the spring.

### Tokomaru Bay, Huia Hill and north of Hicks Bay

- Slips at Tokomaru Bay, Huia Hill and north of Hicks Bay have been cleared and drop-outs repaired, reinstating SH35 to two lanes.
- Repairs on a second drop-out north of Hicks Bay and to the hillside at Busby's Hill were set back by the weather over the weekend of 29-31 July. Crews are working at both sites, with repairs to the Hick's Bay drop-out to be completed by spring.
- Improvements are being made to drainage north of Tokomaru Bay and scour protection from Busby's Hill down to Tokomaru Bay over the next month.