

MINO-449 - Motueka High Street Safety Project

19 August 2022

Provide an update on the changes being made to the State Highway 60 (SH60) High Street Safety Project in Motueka.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's update:

- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is making changes to the recently completed roundabout on SH60 in Motueka. The changes will make the roundabout safer for pedestrians.
- Waka Kotahi will be updating the Community Board and key stakeholders of these changes on 22 August 2022.
- In August 2020, Waka Kotahi received \$6.8 million as part of the Government's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund to deliver safety upgrades to Motueka High Street on SH60. One of the improvements is a new roundabout at the intersection of SH60, Old Wharf Road and King Edwards Street. Construction of the roundabout was completed in December 2021.
- The roundabout design includes four pedestrian zebra crossings on each approach to allow people to safely cross the road. The roundabout was designed to be raised so vehicles would slow down prior to crossing the pedestrian crossing.
- Following the post construction audit, performance monitoring of the roundabout and community feedback, it has become evident there are two issues that need to be remedied:
 1. The raised platform element of the roundabout has not been achieved through construction and steeper ramp grades need to be built in.
 2. The location of the pedestrian crossings need to be shifted to improve safety for pedestrians.
- Waka Kotahi has been monitoring the performance of the roundabout since it has been built. It has been identified that relocating the pedestrian crossings to 12 metres away from the roundabout on the side roads, and 20 metres away on the state highway, would ensure the roundabout can function safely for all users. This will ensure pedestrians using the crossings are more visible to people in vehicles, particularly trucks.
- Shifting the crossings also provides an opportunity to raise the four pedestrian crossings on platforms to ensure approaching vehicles slow down to a safe speed and people using the crossings are more visible. Raised pedestrian crossings are a standard safety intervention that is being delivered throughout New Zealand.
- Waka Kotahi will be informing the public of the changes in early September 2022 and starting construction in mid-September 2022. Construction is intended to be completed before the end of November 2022.