

1 Levin to Foxton safety improvements



Preparing State Highway 1 between Levin and Foxton for Ō2NL

We're improving the safety of State Highway 1 (SH1) from Levin to Foxton while we work to deliver the new highway from Ōtaki to north of Levin (Ō2NL).

Once the new highway is complete, these safety improvements will keep people safe while they transition to a different driving environment.

To help prevent deaths and serious injuries on this road, we're installing a roundabout at the intersection with Waitārere Beach Road (subject to funding approval), stretches of painted wide centreline, roadside and median barrier, and new turnaround facilities.

Construction underway on next stage of improvements

We recently completed the installation of flexible median barrier and the construction of two turnaround facilities between Foxton and the intersection of SH1 and Oturoa Road.

With this work complete, we've now started work on the next stage of the project which involves installing median barrier on SH1 between Oturoa Road and the northern intersection of SH1 and Koputaroa Road.

We're also constructing a turnaround at the Koputaroa Road intersection. This work is expected to be completed in early 2025.

In 2025, work is expected to start on the brand-new roundabout at the intersection of SH1 and Waitārere Beach Road (subject to consents and funding approval).

The roundabout will improve safety for people accessing SH1 from Waitārere Beach Road by slowing down traffic at the intersection and requiring people traveling south on SH1 to give way. It's currently difficult for people to safely exit onto the highway at this intersection.

Change to planned safety improvements

We're committed to increasing value for money of the public funds invested into our work.

We previously proposed installing a wide centreline and some side barrier south of the southern intersection of SH1 and Koputaroa Road through to the entry to Levin. We're now planning to make improvements to the north of this intersection only.

This decision was made as the Ōtaki to North of Levin highway (Ō2NL) will connect on to the existing state highway just south of the SH1/Koputaroa Road intersection, with a roundabout being constructed to safely connect the new highway with the existing road.

Making the safety improvements up to this intersection will ensure the existing state highway in this area is ready to safely take traffic from Ō2NL once it is open, while ensuring the project delivers good value for money.

We're also looking to reduce costs, such as with temporary traffic management, without compromising road worker or user safety.

Waitārere Beach Road roundabout

The new roundabout at the intersection of SH1 and Waitārere Beach Road will safely connect the growing Waitārere Beach community to the wider road network.

Roundabouts reduce speed of all vehicles, making it easier for you to choose the right time to enter flowing traffic.

They also help protect people on our road by lowering the risk of a high impact crash. Roundabouts reduce the number of points where you could potentially collide with another vehicle, and if you do, the angle and impact speed are more forgiving than in some other intersection layouts.

The roundabout will include concrete lane separation on all approaches and space for people to cycle around the intersection away from vehicles.

Construction of the roundabout is subject to funding approval.



Site of the new Waitārere Beach Road roundabout

What the improvements will look like



Completed safety improvements



Foxton turnaround facility

Flexible median barrier south of Foxton



Have questions? Get in touch.

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