



Cromwell roundabout



Only minor work remains to be completed on this \$4 million project to make the busy SH6/SH8B intersection near Cromwell safer for everyone.

A big thank you to the local community for their patience with the roadworks and detours associated with this project over the last 18 months. The construction team have appreciated this, and the opportunity to be part of a project to improve road safety for both locals and others using this intersection.

Funding for the project came from government's NZ Upgrade Programme established to improve safety, resilience and accessibility on our regional highways. The SH6/SH8B intersection was chosen because of the increasing number of severe injury crashes at this site - there's been 23 crashes in the last 10 years, with one resulting in two fatalities.

A roundabout was the best option to help reduce crashes at this intersection, with the work part of the investment of Waka Kotahi in safer infrastructure to support the Road to Zero strategy. This sets us on a path to achieve Vision Zero - an Aotearoa New Zealand where no one is killed or seriously injured on our roads.

What's next

Final landscaping is underway at the SH6/SH8B roundabout and the nearby developer-funded roundabout at SH8B and Barry Avenue. In spring, we'll complete the second coat seal at both roundabouts. By then we should have the warmer temperatures needed for this sealing work. Look out for stop/go traffic management and traffic lane shifts while crews are working on site. More traffic management details will be provided closer to the time.

Getting groovy

Another spring job involves grooving the road at the two roundabouts. This involves making small cuts in the asphalt to create a non-slip surface for motorists.

Because the SH8B and Barry Avenue roundabout has less traffic, this job will happen during the day, and at night at the busier SH6/8B roundabout when there are fewer vehicles about. To keep everyone safe, we'll be using traffic management while this work is carried out.

