

60 Takaka Hill repairs



The Takaka Hill recovery and rebuild programme, following ex-Cyclone Gita in February 2018 which fully closed Takaka Hill for some days, has been split into two work packages over the next two spring/summer construction periods (2018/19 and 2019/20).

Ten sites within the current temporary traffic signals will be stabilised with retaining wall structures and ground stabilisation. The design works for these sites are well underway. The team has now started work on the accessible sites (mid-September) and expects to be finished by March 2019.

Five significantly damaged sites within the one-lane area require more extensive repairs, and construction works will begin in the second half of 2019.

TRAVEL TO OR FROM GOLDEN BAY

The road will remain open 24/7 to all traffic, barring further slips or incidents.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ON THE ONE-WAY SECTIONS

Drivers can safely use the one-way sections of the Takaka Hill road with the aid of electronic traffic signals. Time delays are displayed beside the lights by electronic signboards. Your patience is appreciated during the phases of the lights.

Speed restrictions of 30km/h are in place through the one-lane areas.

WAITING AT THE LIGHTS

Keep the entrance to Riwaka Valley Road clear at all times.

Turn your lights off while waiting at either end of the queue point so that your vehicle battery does not go flat.

MOTORCYCLISTS ARE ASKED TO:

- stay in the queue
- don't jump the queue or go to the front. No stopping or overtaking
- expect patches of loose gravel and wet areas that will need extra attention and care.

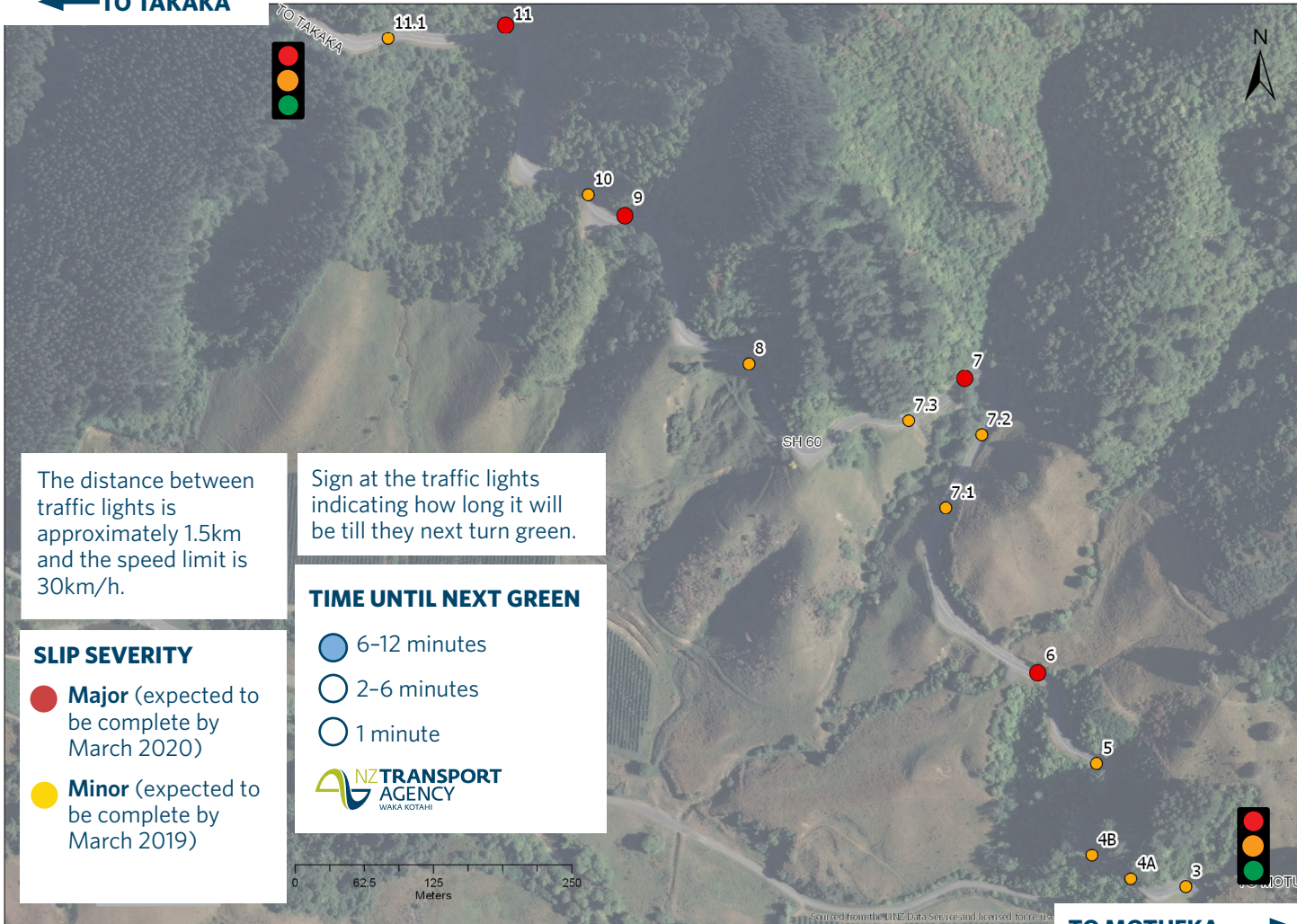
LOOK OUT FOR CYCLISTS

Cyclists are able to bike the hill, but we ask that they and all drivers take special care and be aware that people will need to wait if there is a cyclist ahead of them.

Safety messages

- No stopping between the traffic lights.
- No overtaking while travelling between the lights.
- Make sure your vehicle is roadworthy and you have sufficient fuel.
- Please don't wander out into the oncoming lane while you are waiting for a green light (particularly children). Vehicles are travelling over the hill in that lane.
- Plan ahead and be prepared.

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MORE INFORMATION

- 0800 4 HIGHWAYS
- www.facebook.com/nztasouthisland
- Transport Agency Twitter page Top of the South twitter.com/nztatots
- The key traffic and travel source which provides up-to-date information on weather and road conditions is www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic or www.nzta.govt.nz/takaka-hill