

Have your say on safer speeds

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

3 November to 3 December, 2021

Safe speed review - Christchurch to Akaroa, and Lyttelton (SH73/75, SH74) and some local side roads

We're working towards a future where no-one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes in Aotearoa New Zealand. Lots of change is needed to get us there – but there is one thing we can do that will make a huge difference immediately – ensure speed limits are safe and appropriate for the road.

Waka Kotahi is reviewing speeds along State Highway 73/75 between Christchurch and Akaroa. This route is in the top 10 per cent nationwide where we can make the greatest difference in preventing people from being killed or seriously injured in a crash.

Following public engagement, we are now formally consulting on proposed new speed limits along this 84km route. The proposed speed limits would be safer for everyone using the road and closer to average driving speeds than current speed limits.

We want to know if there is anything else we should consider before we make a decision.

We are also asking for more feedback from the community about Takamatua Straight, to help us with our final decision. Our technical evidence could support two different speed limits safely. So before we make a decision we are asking for more information on how the community feels about highway speed and safety in Takamatua, including at the crossroads.

Alongside the proposed safer speeds, we are considering several locations where minor safety improvements (such as signs and line markings) will help people to feel safer.

In addition, we want to hear your thoughts about State Highway 74 at Norwich Quay/Gladstone Quay. This section of highway has been included in consultation to align with the safer speeds recently approved for Lyttelton township by Christchurch City Council.

The Council is proposing speed reductions on some local side roads adjoining the highway in townships including Motukarua through to Takamatua. The proposed speeds align with local road speed reductions introduced earlier this year on Banks Peninsula and with the proposed safer highway speeds. Feedback on these local roads can be made on our online map. Please visit the website for details or telephone us for assistance.

How to have your say Ka pāheia pe kōrero mai

We want to hear your thoughts on proposed new speeds for SH73/75 and SH74 and if there is anything we should consider before making a decision.

Formal consultation on new speed limit proposals is required under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits (2017).

You can give feedback until 11pm on 3 December 2021, by:

- Emailing us at chchtoakaroaspeeds@nzta.govt.nz
- Mailing this FreePost self-addressed form
- Scanning this form and emailing it to chchtoakaroaspeeds@nzta.govt.nz
- Visiting www.nzta.govt.nz/chchtoakaroa to post feedback on the online map.



What we are proposing on State Highways 73/75 and 74

See insert for a breakdown of locations, current and proposed speed limits as well as average speeds.



Why change speeds?

In the last decade there have been 739 crashes (that we know of) on this road*. Nine people were killed and 72 people suffered serious injuries in these crashes, leaving families and communities grieving and many people with life-long injuries.

Speed increases both the likelihood of crashes and the severity of crashes when they happen. A small reduction in speed can make a big difference, especially when cyclists or pedestrians are involved.

During engagement, people commented and asked us about the causes of crashes. Our CAS (Crash Analysis System) data is complex, so experienced and qualified Waka Kotahi staff have carried out a detailed analysis which is available on our website.

A key trend worth noting is that inappropriate speed is the fourth highest contributing factor in crashes on SH73/75. The most

common contributing factor and type of crash on SH73/75 is loss of control (both on straights and bends), which is often attributed to excessive speed. Most crashes, particularly serious injury and fatal crashes, are happening where the speed limit is higher.

Even when it's not the cause of a crash, speed is most likely to determine whether anyone is killed, injured, or walks away unharmed. Lowering speed limits on these roads could save the life of someone you know.

On SH73/75 over the period 2011- 2020, data extracted March 2021 from CAS. Crash data on SH74 is available on our website.

What you need to know

See next page for a breakdown of locations, current and proposed speed limits as well as average speeds.

LOCATION	PROPOSED NEW SPEED LIMIT (KM/H)
Variable Speed Limit (VSL) at schools	<p>Our tamariki are vulnerable at busy school drop-off and pick-up times so we're proposing to lower the existing Variable Speed Limit* (VSL) outside Halswell School from 40 to 30km/h, and to introduce a new 30km/h VSL outside Tai Tapu School.</p> <p>*Changes in speed legislation affecting school zones are expected in 2022. We're consulting on the lower VSLs now to save consulting with you again next year. This may mean a delay in the 30km/h VSL being ready when new speed limits on SH73 and SH75 are passed by law and introduced in 2022.</p>
Little River	<p>We're proposing a 50km/h limit through Little River. This is because the township is often busy with parked cars, turning and through traffic, and people cycling and walking on both sides of the road. Also, average travel speeds through Little River are slower than the current speed limit.</p> <p>Minor safety improvements, such as improved signage and line markings until just past Wairewa Marae, are being considered.</p>
Wairewa Marae	<p>We're proposing the 50km/h speed limit for Little River township is extended out to include Wairewa Marae entrance to improve safety for people at this location. We will install new signs and trim surrounding trees so marae buildings are more visible. Then drivers will be more aware they are nearing a marae and there could be people about.</p>
Takamatua Straight	<p>Our technical evidence could support both a 60km/h or an 80km/h limit here. A 60km/h limit meets people's requests for consistent speeds and would reduce the risk of near-misses people are telling us are happening at the intersection of Takamatua Valley Road (40km/h proposed by the Council). However, 80km/h recognises this is an open section of road with good visibility and our technical assessment, along with public feedback, supports a higher limit. We'd appreciate more specific feedback from the community before making a decision.</p> <p>What is your experience of speed and safety through Takamatua and using the intersection with Takamatua Valley Road?</p>
Little River, Duvauchelle and Cooptown	<p>These townships will receive minor entrance upgrades such as improved signage, which is shown to encourage drivers to slow down in urban areas.</p>
Norwich Quay/Gladstone Quay	<p>We're proposing 40km/h on this short section of SH74 to align with recent speed reductions to Lyttelton's urban streets approved by the Council recently. This is a busy thoroughfare with lots of people about - pedestrians, along with cars and buses as well as heavy vehicles moving to and from Lyttelton Port.</p>
Local side roads adjoining SH75	<p>The Council is proposing speed reductions on some local side roads adjoining SH75 in Motukarara, Kaituna Valley, Little River, Cooptown, Duvauchelle, Ngaio Point/Robinsons Bay and Takamatua. The proposed speeds align with local road speed reductions consulted on earlier this year and with proposed safer speed limits on SH75. Provide your feedback on the online map. Please visit the website for details or telephone us for assistance.</p>

Got a question?

Check the frequently asked questions tab at www.nzta.govt.nz/chchtoakaroa

What we are proposing on State Highways 73/75 and 74

LOCATION	STATE HIGHWAY	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT SPEED LIMIT (KM/H)	PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT (KM/H)	AVERAGE SPEED (KM/H) Source: TomTom 2019
Curletts Road from Blenheim Road to Lunns Road	73	Approximately 90m south of Blenheim Road to approximately 100m southeast of Lunns Road	70	60	43-55
Curletts Road from Lunns Road to Halswell Road	73 75	Approximately 100m southeast of Lunns Road to approximately 80m northwest of Halswell Road	100	60	60 - 72
Halswell Road from Curletts Road to Augustine Drive	75	Approximately 80m northwest of Halswell Road to approximately 90m southwest of Augustine Drive	50	50	45 - 54
Halswell Road from Augustine Drive to Dunbars Road	75	Approximately 90m southwest of Augustine Drive to approximately 230m northeast of Dunbars Road	80	60	60 - 67
Halswell Township	75	Approximately 230m northeast of Dunbars Road to approximately 260m south of Candys Road	60	50	39 - 59
Halswell School	75	Approximately 370m south of Sparks Road to approximately 90m southwest of O'Halloran Drive	40 VSL	30VSL OR 40 VSL ¹	39 ⁷
Halswell to Tai Tapu	75	Approximately 260m south of Candys Road to approximately 210m northeast of Lincoln Tai Tapu Road	100	80	75 - 92
Tai Tapu Township	75	Approximately 210m northeast of Lincoln Tai Tapu Road to approximately 360m south of Michaels Road	50	50	48 - 55
Tai Tapu School	75	Approximately 70m south of Lincoln Tai Tapu Road to approximately 80m northwest of Michaels Road	50	30VSL OR 40 VSL ¹	45 ⁷
Tai Tapu to Little River	75	Approximately 360m south of Michaels Road to approximately 200m southwest of Morrisons Road	100	80	70 - 93
Little River Township	75	Approximately 200m southwest of Morrisons Road to approximately 260m northeast of Western Valley Road	60	50 ^{2,3}	55
Little River to Wairewa Marae (including marae)	75	Approximately 260m northeast of Western Valley Road to approximately 440m west of Church Road	100	50 ⁴	70 - 78
Wairewa Marae to Cooptown	75	Approximately 440m west of Church Road to approximately 680m northeast of Church Road	100	80	80
Cooptown Township	75	Approximately 680m northeast of Church Road to approximately 180m northeast of Mersey Street	70	60 ³	67 - 71
Cooptown to Duvauchelle	75	Approximately 180m northeast of Mersey Street to approximately 650m west of Pawsons Valley Road	100	60	40 - 56
Duvauchelle Township	75	Approximately 650m west of Pawsons Valley Road to approximately 160m southeast of Pipers Valley Road	70	60 ³	55-65
Duvauchelle to Takamatua Straight	75	Approximately 160m southeast of Pipers Valley Road to approximately 980m north of Takamatua Bay Road	100	60	52 - 69
Takamatua Straight	75	Approximately 980m north of Takamatua Bay Road to approximately 570m north of Long Bay Road	100	60 OR 80 ⁵	67 - 79
Takamatua Straight to Akaroa Threshold	75	Approximately 570m north of Long Bay Road to approximately 310m west of Rue Jolie	100	60	50 - 58
Akaroa Threshold to end of State Highway 75	75	Approximately 310m west of Rue Jolie to the end of State Highway 75	50	40	46
Norwich Quay / Gladstone Quay - Lyttelton	74	Approximately 40m west of Dublin Street to the end of State Highway 74	50	40 ⁶	30-41

See next page for notes

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Notes

¹Changes in speed legislation affecting school zones are expected in 2022. We are consulting on the lower VSLs now to prevent the need to repeat consultation next year. This may mean a delay in the 30km/h VSL being ready when new speed limits on SH73 and SH75 are passed by law and introduced in 2022.

²In addition to the proposed new speed, we are looking at minor safety improvements such as improved signage and line markings until just past Wairewa Marae.

³Little River, Duvauchelle and Cooptown will receive minor entrance upgrades such as improved signage, which is shown to encourage drivers to slow down in urban areas.

⁴We will install new signs and trim surrounding trees to ensure marae buildings are more visible. Then drivers will be more aware they are nearing a marae and there could be people about.

⁵We are consulting on two speeds at Takamatua Straight as there is technical evidence to support both. A 60km/h limit meets

people's requests for consistent speeds and would reduce the risk of near-misses people are telling us are happening at the intersection of Takamatua Valley Road (40km/h proposed by the Christchurch City Council). However, 80km/h recognises this is an open section of road with good visibility and our technical assessment, along with public feedback, supports a higher limit. We'd appreciate more specific feedback from the community, on speed and safety through Takamatua and using the intersection, before making a decision.

⁶We're proposing 40km/h on this short section of SH74 to align with recent speed reductions to Lyttelton's urban streets introduced by the Council recently. This is a busy thoroughfare with lots of people about - pedestrians, along with cars and buses as well as heavy vehicles moving to and from Lyttelton Port.

⁷The operating speed taken from TomTom data using school pick up and drop of times on school days only during the year (2019).



The scenic winding sections of SH75 have steep drop offs and reduced visibility. This is where increasing numbers of motorcyclists are being killed and injured. By reducing speeds, we have a better chance of walking away from a crash if it happens.



OUR VISION IS AN AOTEAROA WHERE NO ONE IS KILLED OR SERIOUSLY INJURED ON OUR ROADS.

Everyone should get where they're going safely whether they're walking, cycling, driving, motorcycling or using public transport.

We need to create a safe transport system, one that recognises humans make mistakes and is designed so that these mistakes do not need to cost us our lives.

This requires a fundamental shift in how we think about, design, build and use our transport system – and every person using our transport system will have a part to play in this.

The initial action plan includes further investment in roading improvements like median and side safety barriers, improving vehicle safety, a greater focus on road policing and a new approach to speed management, which will see us reviewing speeds around New Zealand.

More than 3,200 people have died in road crashes in New Zealand, and an estimated 23,000 have been seriously injured over the past 10 years.

These are staggering figures. They should horrify us. But people dying on our roads is not inevitable. We have the opportunity to collectively make New Zealand's road safer.

Find out more about New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy here: www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/what-waka-kotahi-isdoing/nz-road-safety-strategy

Speed review process for state highways (for local roads visit www.ccc.govt.nz)

SPEED REVIEW STARTS

Technical assessment of the road is carried out to find out about crash history, average vehicle speeds, volume of vehicles and development of surrounding areas. This helps to determine what safe and appropriate speeds should be.

ENGAGEMENT

We talk to local communities and stakeholders to understand how the road is being used, any safety concerns and get feedback on speed limits.

→ FORMAL CONSULTATION

Changing a speed limit is a legal process, so this stage involves sharing a detailed proposal with people and asking for any additional information that might have an impact on the final decision.

NOTIFICATION OF SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

Final decision is published on our website and the public is notified.

NEW SPEED LIMIT ON THE ROAD

New speed limit signs installed on the road.

To find out more about this project visit:

www.nzta.govt.nz/chctoakaroa
or email chctoakaroaspeeds@nzta.govt.nz

If you have limited computer access and want to provide feedback, please phone:

Local side roads: Sam Sharland, Christchurch City Council, **03 941 8793**
State highways: Fiona McLeod, Waka Kotahi, **03 741 7665**



Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

SH73/75 Christchurch to Akaroa and SH74 Lyttelton and Norwich Quay/ Gladstone Quay speed limit consultation submission form

Use this form to tell us what you think:

How to respond

Feedback is due by 11pm on Friday
3 December 2021. You can:

- Mail this prepaid form for free
- Email chchtoakaroaspeeds@nzta.govt.nz
- Provide feedback online at www.nzta.govt.nz/chchtoakaroa

Ngā korero mun

Important privacy information:

All personal information that you provide via this feedback form will be held and protected by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Christchurch City Council in accordance with privacy statements (check websites) and with the Privacy Act 2020.

For feedback
on local side roads

Visit the website or
phone the Council on
03 941 8793.

Contact details

Full name:

Phone:

Email:

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Address:

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Are you giving feedback on behalf of a group or organisation?

No (These are my own personal views)

Yes (I am the official spokesperson) – If yes, name of group or organisation:

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State Highway 73/75 Christchurch to Akaroa

Q1. Are there are any other factors we should consider when making a decision on the speed limit changes proposed?

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Q2. What is your experience of speed and safety through Takamatua Straight and using the intersection?

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State Highway 74 Norwich Quay/Gladstone Quay

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Thank you very much for providing your feedback. After the public consultation period closes we will review the community feedback alongside technical findings and will announce a decision on speed limits in the new year. Subscribe to updates at our website: www.nzta.govt.nz/chctoakaroa

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The information requested in this consultation is being collected by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and the Christchurch City Council, for the purpose of seeking feedback on the proposed changes to speed limits on State Highway 73/75 Christchurch to Akaroa and SH74 Lyttelton, in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017. Any personal information you submit as part of this process will be stored and processed by Waka Kotahi and the Council (who will use the information for analysis and reporting purposes), in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020. Please note that any feedback you provide is public information, and Waka Kotahi and the Council may identify you as the submitter should it publish your feedback or provide it to a third party if requested under the Official Information Act 1982. Please clearly indicate, therefore, if your feedback is commercially sensitive, or if for some other reason your feedback should not be disclosed and/or you should not be identified as the submitter. Any other personal information that you provide, however, will not be made public. Under the Privacy Act 2020 you have the right to request access to and correction of any personal information you supply as part of this process. If you wish to do so, please email chctoakaroaspeeds@nzta.govt.nz or phone Waka Kotahi 03 741 7665 or 0800 HIGHWAYS or the Council 03 941 8793 or 03 941 8999.

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