



Taranaki

Safer speed review

Engagement

November 2021



He aha ōu whakāro? Have your say on safer speeds from Monday 15 November to Monday 13 December 2021

We're working toward a future where no-one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes in Aotearoa.

We know that speed is the single biggest factor determining if you or someone you love, dies or survives a crash.

That's why we're reviewing speeds on a number of state highways in Taranaki where the current speed limits may not be safe and appropriate.

These roads are:

- State Highway 45 New Plymouth to Hāwera (Surf Highway)
- State Highway 44, State Highway 45 and State Highway 3 in New Plymouth
- State Highway 3 between New Plymouth and Hāwera
- State Highway 3A Sentry Hill to Inglewood.

We want to hear your views

Local people know their roads. So, before we look at making any changes, we want to know what you think about the speeds on your roads.

- Do the current speed limits feel safe, or not?
- What parts of the roads do you think are dangerous and why?
- Is there anything you think we need to consider while we look at the speed limits?

Depending on the feedback we get from you and others who use or live along these roads, we'll look at whether speed limits should change.

We'll use your feedback to recommend what limits would be best for these roads and then formally consult with you before making any changes.

Safety is a system

Improving safety on our roads is a priority for Waka Kotahi. New Zealand's road safety strategy, Road to Zero 2020-2030, tells us what the country needs to do to make our roads safer.

It also sets us on a path to achieve Vision Zero, where no-one is killed or seriously injured on our roads. Road to Zero's initial target is to reduce deaths and serious injuries on roads, streets, cycleways and footpaths in Aotearoa by 40 percent by 2030.

Reaching that target would mean reducing the number of people killed on our roads each year to 227, and seriously injured to 1,680 by 2030.

There are five key focus areas under Road to Zero: infrastructure improvements and speed management, vehicle safety, work-related road safety, road user choices and system management.

The Safe System approach seeks to create a safe and forgiving road system that makes the safety of people a priority. It does this through four guiding principles:

- We promote good choices but plan for mistakes.
- We design for human vulnerability.
- We strengthen all parts of the road transport system.
- We have a shared responsibility.

Physical safety improvements

We know there are other changes people want to see on these roads and others in the region. Reviewing speed limits doesn't mean we can't make other changes, but it is one of the best things we can do to prevent deaths and serious injuries on these roads quickly. Safe and appropriate speed limits work together with physical improvements to help keep people safe.

Safety improvements

New Plymouth to Egmont Village

Waka Kotahi is also proposing safety improvements on SH3 between New Plymouth and Egmont Village.

Investigations into improving the safety of this 9.75km stretch of highway began in 2018. Since then, we've been exploring improvement opportunities and speaking with those who could be directly affected.

Improvements being proposed include 8.35km of median barrier, roundabouts at Mangorei and Kent Roads, two other safe turning opportunities and removing right turns out of Junction Street. Any changes to speed limits on this section of SH3 will be appropriate for the road after the infrastructure improvements have been made.

Find out more and have your say at

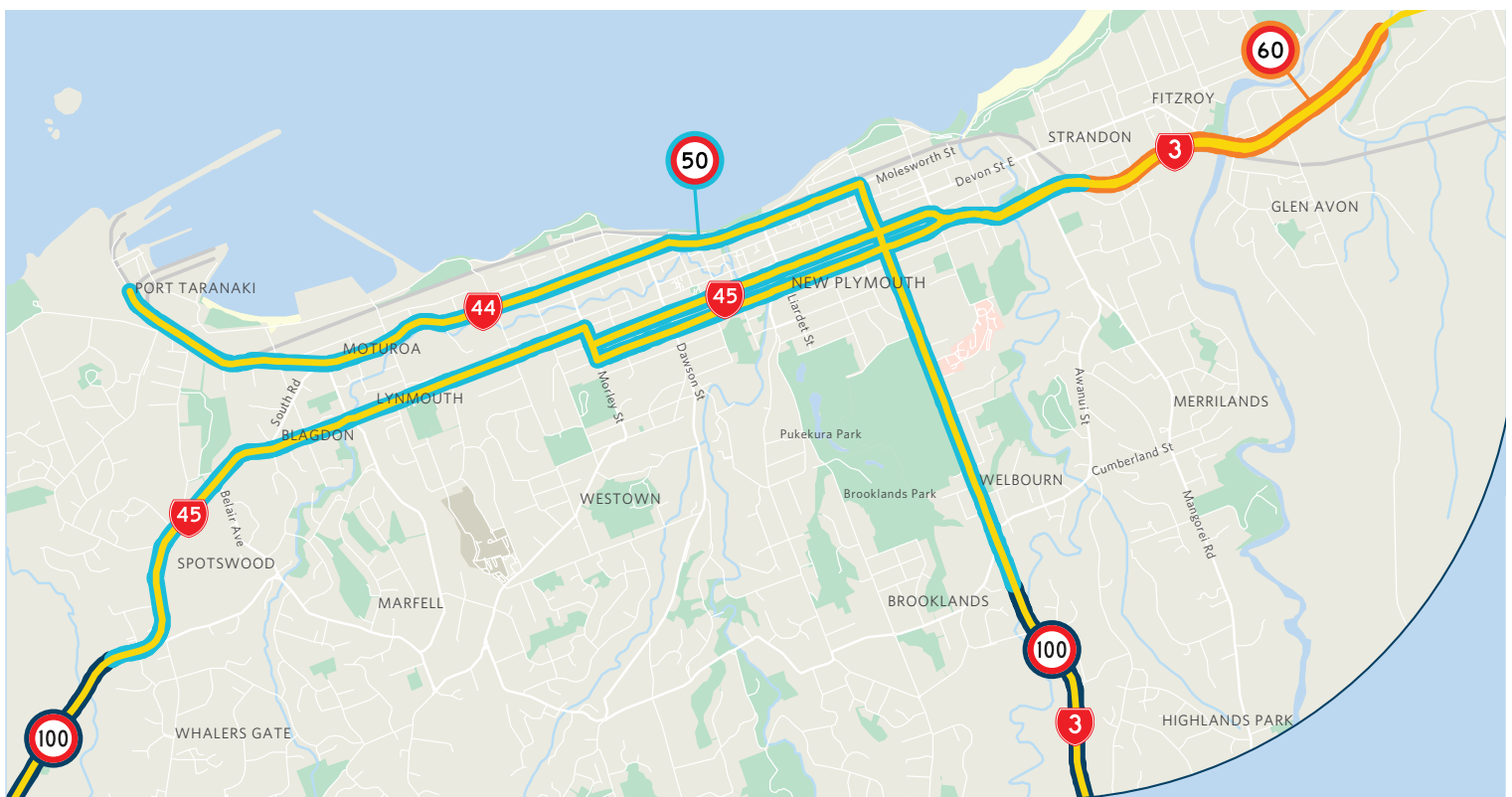
www.nzta.govt.nz/np2h or come and speak to the team at a drop-in session.

Safety improvements on SH3A (Mountain Road) and SH3 between Egmont Village and Hāwera

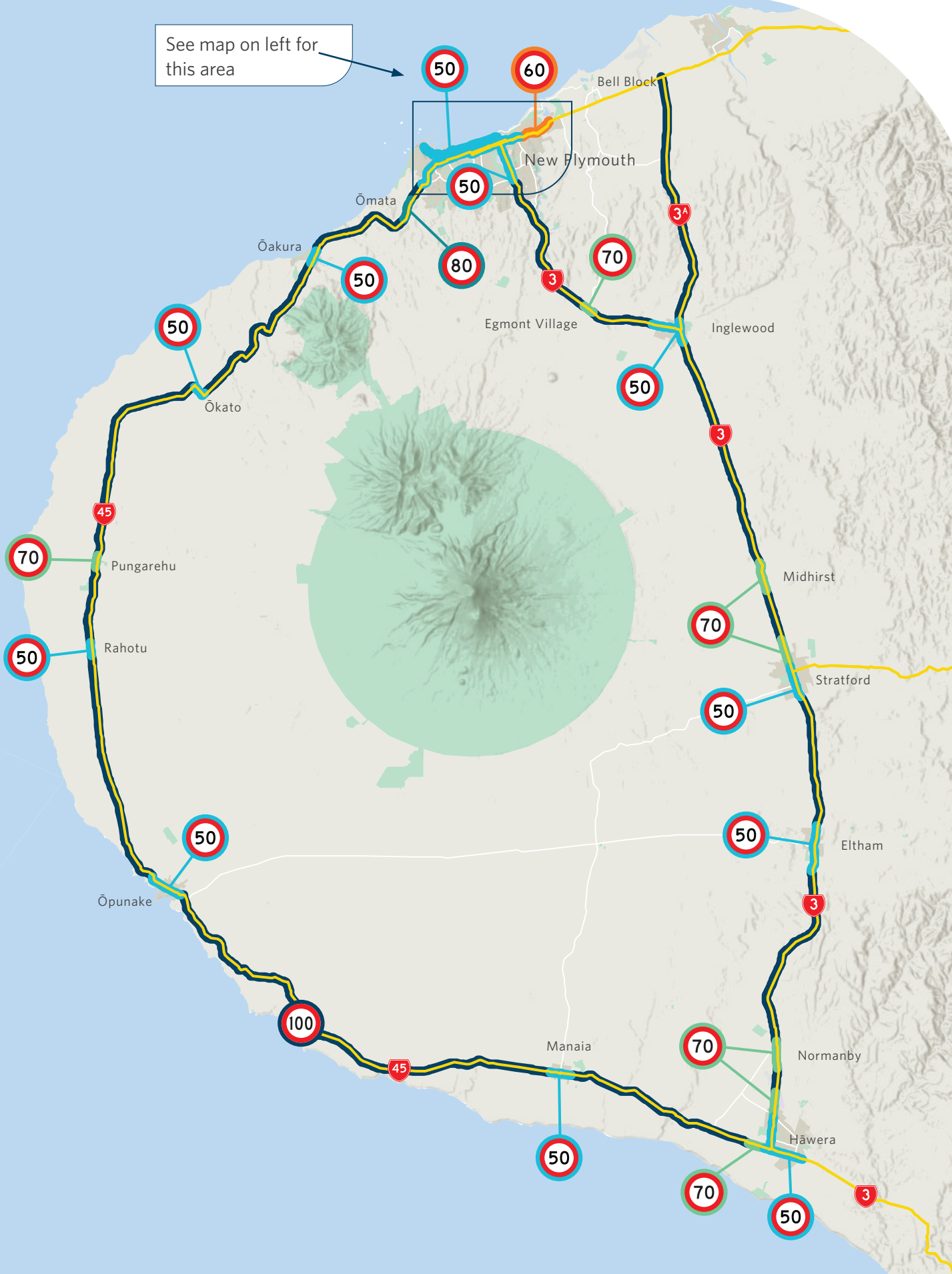
We're now undertaking a study to assess the scope, cost, risk and timeframes of physical safety improvements for Mountain Road and SH3 between Egmont Village and Hāwera.

This study will inform the decision of whether to progress the project to the next stages.

As part of this study we'll consider any potential changes to speed limits as a result of these speed reviews.



Speed review areas and existing speed limits





Tell us your views

You can provide feedback by:

- visiting our website www.nzta.govt.nz/taranaki-speed-reviews
- emailing us taranaki.speed.reviews@nzta.govt.nz
- coming along to one of our drop-in sessions at:



Scan me to view more information on the Taranaki speed reviews on our website.

Speed review drop-in sessions

Speed review and New Plymouth to Egmont Village infrastructure improvements drop-in sessions

Ōakura Four Square
1129 South Road, Ōakura

Saturday 27 November
1 pm – 3 pm

Puke Ariki Library
11 Ariki Street, New Plymouth

Wednesday 1 December
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Stratford District Library and Visitor Info Centre
Prospero Place, Stratford

Tuesday 30 November
3 pm – 5 pm

Mangorei School
502 Mangorei Road, Highlands Park, New Plymouth

Monday 6 December
3 pm – 7 pm

Hāwera Library Plus
46 High Street, Hāwera

Thursday 2 December
3 pm – 5 pm

Egmont Village Community Centre
1299 Egmont Road, Egmont Village

Tuesday 7 December
4 pm – 7 pm



- joining an online session via Zoom

Online Monday 29 November 6 pm – 7 pm
Tuesday 30 November 6 pm – 7 pm

To register, please email taranaki.speed.reviews@nzta.govt.nz

Speed review process

We'll use the feedback we get during engagement to recommend what speed limits are best for these roads and then formally consult with you. The stages of the speed review are:

Speed review starts	A 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.
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Engagement	We talk to local communities and stakeholders to understand how the road is being used, any safety concerns and get feedback on current speeds.
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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.
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Notification of speed limit change	Feedback is considered and final decision is published on our website and the public is notified.
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New speed limit on the road	New speed limit signs installed on the road.
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