

A photograph of a highway scene. On the left, a white police car with 'POLICE' and 'NOH167' on its rear is parked. Three police officers in blue uniforms and high-visibility vests stand nearby. In the center, a large white semi-truck is stopped. Orange traffic cones are placed on the road. The background shows rolling green hills under a blue sky with light clouds.

Compliance and Roading Update with CVST & NZTA

6 August 2026

Inspector Scott Richardson, Police Commercial Vehicle Safety Team

- Roadside oral drug testing update



Roadside drug testing: Where drivers can expect to see us

- CVST first implemented drug testing in the lower North Island in February 2026.
- Most Road Policing and CVST staff have been trained to undertake OFT across all regions.

**Drivers can now expect to be drug tested
anywhere in New Zealand.**

Live Nationwide





Roadside drug testing: What we're seeing at roadside

- Over 4566 tests have been conducted nationwide since 1 July 2026. Over 13% of these through CVST staff.
- Drivers can refuse or fail to undergo testing at any point in the process. Majority of those processed by CVST are refusing/failing before the first drug screening test.
- Generally, cannabis (THC) and methamphetamine are the two most common drugs found in drug testing.
- Patient drivers will get back on the road more quickly. Eating, drinking and smoking will delay the process.

**As of 2 August 2026.*



Roadside drug testing: How this impacts you

- Any driver could be stopped for roadside drug testing. This could be while they are working or outside of work.
- If a driver tests positive (twice) at the roadside or refuses/fails to undergo testing, they are forbidden to drive for 12 hours.

This could impact their next shift, or means a vehicle is parked up mid-shift.

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Have you had the conversation?



Roadside drug testing: What happens when a driver is forbidden to drive

- Operators will be informed a driver is unable to drive so they can make the appropriate arrangements for the vehicle and load.
- The reason for why the driver has been forbidden will not be disclosed to the operator in accordance with privacy requirements.
- Police will not share test results from roadside drug testing with an operator.

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**Any questions
or points for
discussion?**



police.govt.nz/drugdriving

Senior Sgt Bryan Anderson, Police Commercial Vehicle Safety Team

- 50MAX proforma enforcement



50Max

6 August 2026

- Expect longer delays during a Police stop of a 50Max combination. Expect 15 mins extra delay, even if compliant.
- Without permits it will take longer to determine compliance. Police need to identify what the combination is and check if it matches the 50Max Proforma.
- Produce the correct 50Max Proforma.

- Expect substantially longer delays if non-compliant, if there is difficulty in identifying the vehicle designs or if incorrect or no 50Max Proforma produced.
- Police advise operators to carry 50Max permits, even after they expire, but only if they relate to the vehicles used, **AND** they match current 50Max Proformas. This may help reduce time at Police stops.

- If at any stage of a journey, you are operating as a 50Max combination, then you need to comply with 50Max rules, carry the correct 50Max Proforma document and produce that if stopped by Police.
- You are a 50Max vehicle wherever you go, unless operating on HPMV permit.

- With a 50Max vehicle, if you breach any weight or dimension limit, then you commit 50Max offences and will be subject to those penalties – no matter where you are and even below 46 tonnes.
- Aside from Failing to Produce a Proforma, all breaches of 50Max face an infringement for \$2000.
- If empty or below 46 tonnes, then the Proforma is still required to cover dimension (over-length).

- If operating on HPMV permit when stopped, then produce those permits, weight and dimension.
- Transition period – ends the date your 50Max permit expires or 6 November 2026 – whichever is sooner.

- If you are currently operating on an old (discontinued) 50Max Proforma design, then you are advised to work with NZTA to move to a new 50Max Proforma or if required move to an HPMV permit.

- Page 4 of the 50Max Proforma is not required by law to be filled out. It is for operators to use as an aid.
- “H” plates are not required for 50Max. They are still required for HPMV.

- Contact NZTA for further info regarding 50Max

Mark Owen, NZTA Regional Manager Maintenance & Operations

- Wellington roading projects update:
 - Mackays Crossing CVSC
 - SH2 Melling improvements
 - SH58 safety improvements
 - Otaki to north of Levin



Transporting NZ presentation

NZ Transport Agency Update

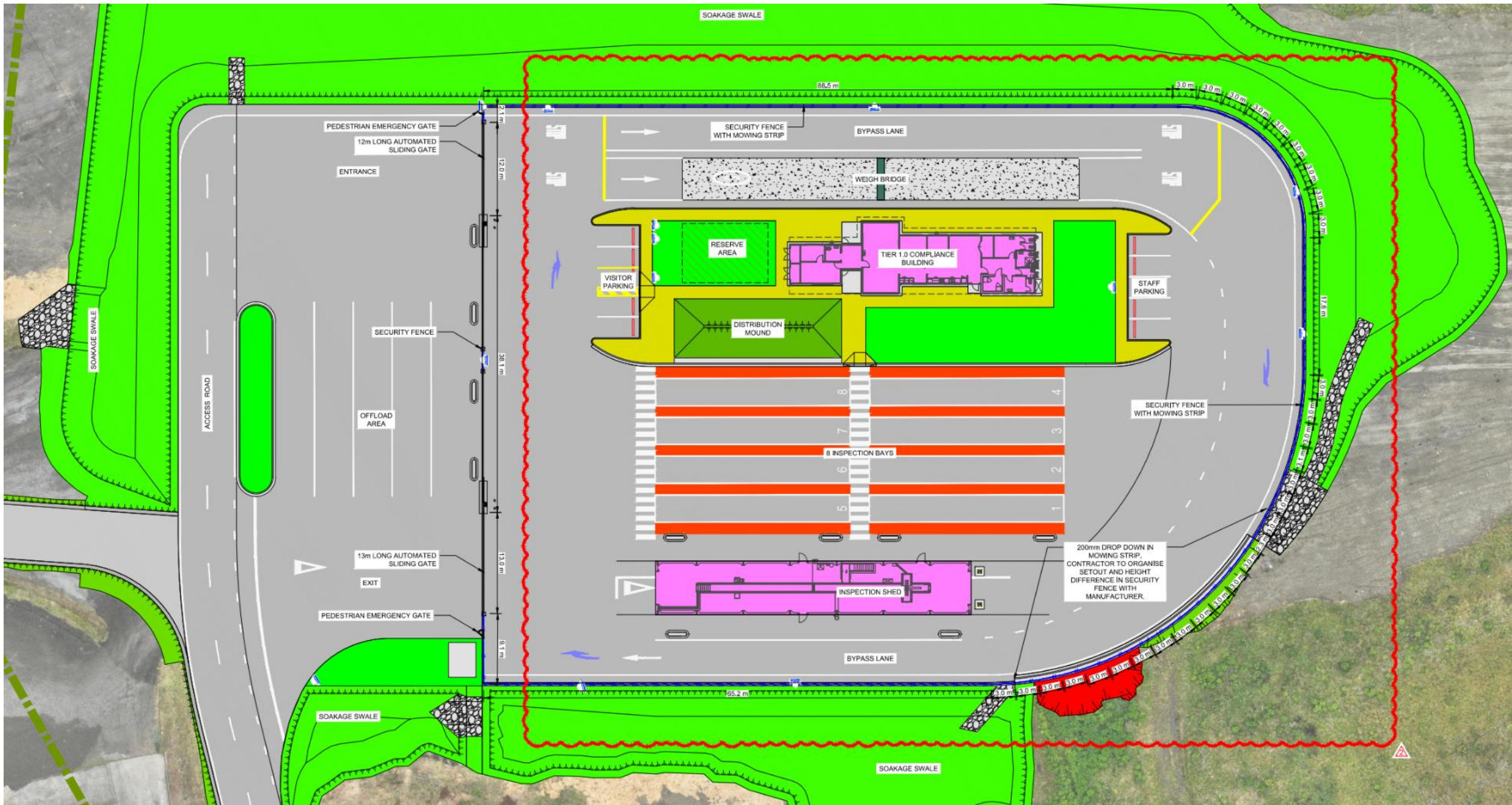
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Mackays Crossing commercial vehicle safety centre (CVSC)

Mackays Crossing CVSC

- Physical works are complete.
- Remaining works include final commissioning and testing.
- Weigh-in-motion scales and static vehicle recognition cameras have been installed on State Highways 1 and 59 leading to the centre.
- The centre is set to open in late August 2026.





Mackays Crossing CVSC

- The centre is on State Highway 59 between the Mackays Crossing and Paekākāriki interchanges.
- To keep everyone safe, drivers will be asked to use specific sign posted routes to access and leave the CVSC.
- This will limit the possibility of heavy vehicles crossing paths with pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.
- For more info, Google “NZTA Mackays CVSC” or see the following links:
[Mackays Crossing commercial vehicle safety centre \(CVSC\) | NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi](#)
[Mackays Crossing Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre - WeighRight - updated routes](#)



Regional update

SH2 Melling Transport Improvements

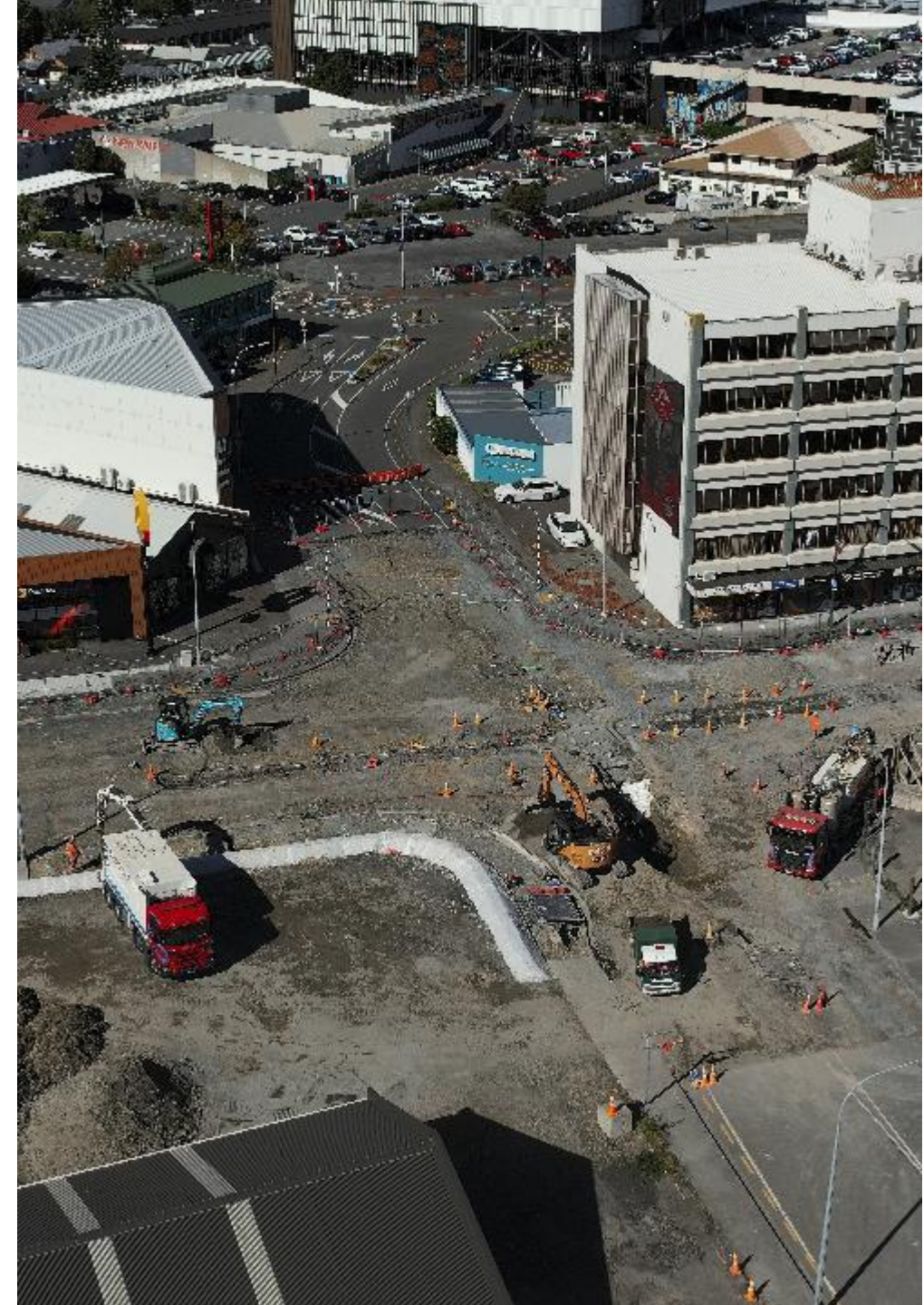
Road of Regional Significance (RoNS)

- NZTA deliverables are the new interchange, bridge over the river, relocation of the Melling train station (incl. park and ride facilities), and walking and cycling links
- Part of the wider Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi programme, which includes flood protection work and city centre upgrades
- Working in partnership with GWRC, HCC, and iwi mana whenua Taranaki Whānui and Ngāti Toa.
- Hutt Valley Transportation Coordination group established to monitor travel impacts



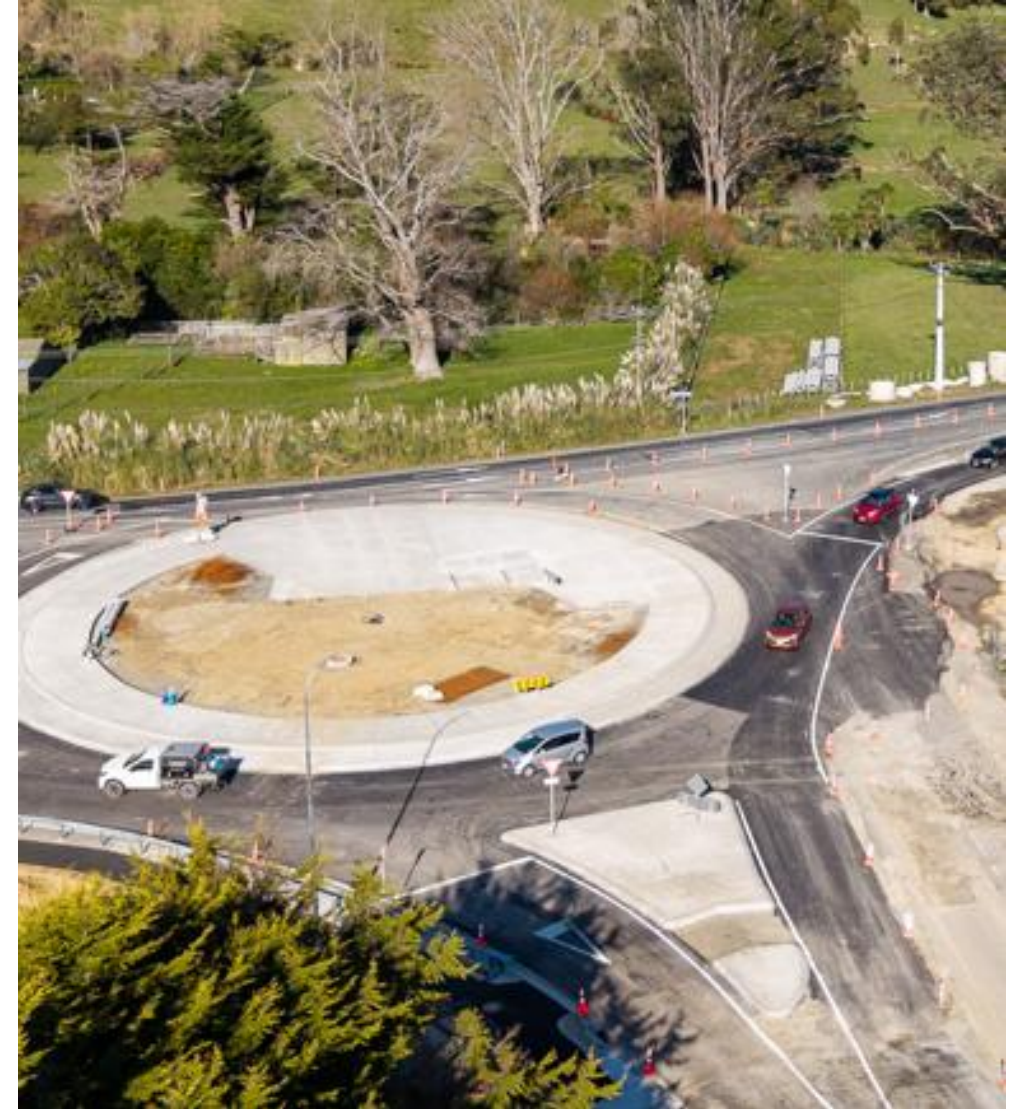
SH2 Melling Transport Improvements

- Main construction increased from January 2026 with:
 - Ground quality improvements (project wide)
 - Removal of rail line and reconfiguring the corridor (highway side of project site)
 - Upgrading intersections (CBD)
 - Relocating services including power, fibre, gas, three waters (project wide)
 - Extensive hazardous materials identification & removal: brownfields site



SH58 Safety Improvement Project

- Current phase focuses on Moonshine Road to Flightys / Murphys Roads. Features include:
 - Two roundabouts
 - bridge widening
 - road widening (various sections 2km total)
 - wire-rope median and side barriers
 - improved culvert and drainage system.
- Completion mid 2027



Ōtaki to north of Levin: Te Pae o Tararua

Main construction began October 2025. To date:

- ~18km of the alignment being worked on
- ~1.5 million m³ of earthworks moved, of ~4.5 million total
- 58 sediment retention ponds & ~20 construction water ponds completed
- 20 culverts completed, of ~70 total
- Manakau & Waiauti stream diversions completed, ~11,000 fish relocated
- 27 lizards relocated to the predator proof area
- Progress being made on key structures,
- Due to open 2029



Ōhau River Bridge temporary staging



North Manakau Road bridge

Highway renewals across Wellington region 2026/27

An extensive programme of road renewals is planned. The below schedule is subject to change.

Townships	Dates	Lane kms to be resurfaced	Approx timeframes
SH2 Carterton – two sites	Andersons Line - 31 August 2026 Brooklyn Road - 21 September 2026	1.53 lane km	6 weeks
SH2 Greytown	December 2026	0.27 lane km	1 week
SH2 Solway	April 2027	1.89 lane km	6 weeks
SH1 Newlands onramp	January 2027	0.27 lane km	1 week
SH1 Cobham Dr	January – February 2027	0.57 lane km	1.5 weeks
SH1 Churton Park offramp	July – August 2026	0.27 lane km	1 week
SH1 Manakau	December 2026 – January 2027	0.2 lane km	1 week



Road rebuild works on SH2 Clareville, May 2026

Hei konā mai Thank you



Questions?

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