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SUBJECT: SH2 (Mt Bruce to Rimutaka Hill) and out of Initial Speed Management Assessment
(Wellington Region)

## 1. INTRODUCTION

NZ Transport Agency has asked Gray Matter to provide an initial speed management assessment for SH2 (Mt Bruce to Rimutaka Hill) and out of

State Highway 2 , Out Vairarapa (Wellington Region)


Figure 1: Extent of Assessment

## 2. INITIAL TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OUTPUT

### 2.1. Introduction

Our initial technical assessment is based on Google Streetview, output from MegaMaps and information from Mobileroad.org. We have not completed a drive over. The following tables summarises our assessment with more details, including our changes to the IRR variables at Appendix

### 2.2. Discussion

Many of the current speed limits are wrong in MegaMaps (generally by a few hundred metres) when compared to Streetview and the NZTA Speed Limit Bylaw. This has not affected our assessment but means that the RP described in this assessment may not match the existing physical thresholds.

We suggest that the speed limit change points are viewed on site to ensure they provide adequate forward visibility for drivers and are located at locations that do not impact on property access.

We understand there is a proposal to develop a retirement village on north of Masterton (Corridor ID 002_10109) which may result in pressure to extend the $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ limit further north past this
development. Currently access density is low and the road lacks features typically associated with $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ speed limits, e.g. kerb and channel and footpaths. Extending the $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ speed limit would require changes to the road environment to support slower travel speeds.

Within Featherstone, two small sections (Access_6564 and Access_8081) have been incorrectly coded as 'access' road but they are actually part of the state highway (ONRC = Regional Strategic). While this has not affected the SAAS in MegaMaps, the IRR calculation is incorrect. We have updated the IRR calculation in the attached spreadsheet. We recommend that the speed limit thresholds within Featherstone are located in positions different to that recommended in MegaMaps.


### 2.3. Summary

In summary, our assessment broadly matches the SAAS identified in MegaMaps, However, we recommend some changes including:
$=$ Retaining $100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ north of Masterton (Paierau Road);
$=$ Retaining $100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ for most of the length between Greytown to Featherston;
$=80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ west of Featherston where the alignment is curyed and 60 kmh where alignment is tortuous

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| Start Description | End Description | Length (km) | MegaMaps Segment ID |  |  |  | Outcome of Initial Technical Assessment (more details at Appendix 1) |  |
| North of Hiwitiru Road | Paierau Rd | 15.00 | 002_10109 | 100 | 80 | 100 | Change in land use results in lower IRR and SAAS = $100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | SAAS $=100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Paierau Rd | Cashmere Oaks Drive | 8.79 | 002_10109 | 100 | 80 | 80 | South of intersection with Paierau Rd land use changes to Rural Residential, with higher $\operatorname{RR}$ ) Future land use may change with retirement village, but lower limit would require changes to the road environment. | SAAS $=80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ from south of Paierau Rd or Opaki Kaiparoro Road due to change in land use |
| Cashmere Oaks Drive | Te Ore Ore Rd | 10.00 | 002_8431 | 50 | 50 | 50 | Masterton. No changes to IRR | SAAS $=50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Te Ore Ore Rd | Queen St RAB | 1.44 | 002_10104 | 50 | 50 | 50 | No changes to IRR | SAAS $=50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Queen St RAB | Waltons Ave | 1.05 | 002_8434 | 50 | 50 | 50 | Presence of flush median reduces shoulder width to $<1 \mathrm{~m}$. Buildings very close on both sides. Change to commercial strip shopping increases IRR to 2.85 , but no change in SAAS. | SAAS $=50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Waltons Ave | East of William Donald Drive | 2.19 | 002_8436 | 50 | 50 | $50$ | No changes to IRR. Shoulders accommodate on-street parking indicating the shoulders are 2 m wide, so IRR might be slightly lower but does no change IRR. | SAAS $=50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| East of William Donald Drive | Solstone Drive | 0.32 | 002_8433 | $70$ | $60$ | 60 | No changes to IRR. Flush median and wide shoulders | SAAS $=60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Solstone Drive | North of Waingawa River Bridge | 0.62 | 002_8432 | 70 | 60 | 60 | No changes to IRR. Flush median and wide shoulders | SAAS $=60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| North of Waingawa River Bridge | Chester Road | $7.02$ | $002 \_8441$ | 100 | 80 | 80 | Narrow shoulders on bridge. Roadside hazards mostly poles and trees. Few/no roll-over slopes $>1 \mathrm{~m}$ high with intermittent guardrail. If hazards reduced from high to moderate. Results in IRR $=1.18$ (just lower than 1.20 to support SAAS $=100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. Could be considered 'remote rural' land use | SAAS $=80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. Would be desirable to relocate threshold to southern side of the bridge due to lack of shoulders on the bridge. |


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| Chester Road | South of Somerset Rd | 1.23 | 002_8441 | 100 | 80 | 80 | Minor changes to access and intersection density do not change IRR band. | SAAS $=80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| South of Somerset Rd | North of Plimsoll St | 0.55 | 002_8440 | 70 | 60 | 60 | Rural residential better matches the land use. No change to SAAS | SAAS $=60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. Segment only just meets the minimum length ( 500 m ), consider relocating threshold(s) to increase length of speed limit. |
| North of Plimsoll St | Park St | 1.39 | 002_8438 | 50 | 50 | 50 | No changes to IRR Flush median and wide shoulders enable parking. Noting that IRR close to threshold (2.0) for SAAS $=60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. | SAAS $=50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Park St | Pembroke St | 0.34 | 002_10105 | 50 | 40 | 40 | Carterton. Has appearance of main street shopping. | SAAS $=40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$, noting that minimum length of 500 m not meet. Need to consider threshold location in more detail. |
| Pembroke St | Seddon St | 0.32 | 002_10105 | 50 | 40 | 50 | South of Pembroke St land use changes to big box, access density reduces. | SAAS $=50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. Need to consider threshold location in more detail. |
| Seddon St | Dalefield St | 2.58 | 002_8439 | 50 | 50 | 50 | Minor changes to IRR do no change IRR band | SAAS $=50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Dalefield St | South of Portland Rd | 0.29 | $002 \_8437$ |  | $60$ | 50 | Segment length does not match existing speed limit threshold ( 100 m south of Dalefield Road). South of Dalefield Rd/ Portland Rd land use better described as Rural Residential. With Rural Residential, IRR $=$ Medium and SAAS $=60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. | Retaining current $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ for this short section appears to provide a more consistent message for drivers travelling along SH2. Also provides for lower speeds at the staggered-T intersection. |
| South of Portland Rd | North of Hupenui Rd | 4.64 | $002 \_10110$ | 100 | 80 | 80 | Roadside drains and roll-over slopes along much of route. Section includes SB passing lane at Carterton. Increasing shoulder width to $1-2 \mathrm{~m}$ does not change IRR band. | SAAS $=80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |


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| North of Hupenui Rd | Hupenui Rd | 0.64 | 002_8448 | 70 | 80 | 80 | Flush median. Development density increased compared to section to north. Change to Rural Residential does not change SAAS. Current $50 / 70 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ threshold is located 40 m north of the intersection with North St | SAAS $=80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$, consider relocating threshold to approx. 200 m north of intersection with North St |
| Hupenui Rd | Jellicoe St | 0.81 | 002_8445 | 50 | 50 | 50 | No changes to IRR | SAAS $=50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Jellicoe St | Church St | 0.61 | 002_8443 | 50 | 40 | 40 | Greytown. No changes to IRR. Level of parking occupancy and active shopping frontage supports $40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ | SAAS $=40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Church St | Bidwell's Cutting Road | 1.10 | 002_8446 | 50 | 50 | 50 | Cross-section changes south of Papawai Road to include flush medina Shoulders remain wide enough for parking ( $>2 \mathrm{~m}$ ) se no change to IRR score. | SAAS $=50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Bidwell's Cutting Road | Greens Road | 9.27 | 002_8450 | 100 | 80 | $100$ | Reduced hazard rating as there are few poles close to the road. Includes short ( $500-600 \mathrm{~m}$ long) NB and SB passing lanes, likely to make $80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ challenging. Increasing shoulder to $1-2 \mathrm{~m}$ changes IRR and would support $100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. Current operating speed means achieving compliance with $80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ based on current road environment will be challenging. | SAAS $=100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ with minor engineering improvements. We recommend a more detailed review of the route to identify where localised safety improvements (e.g. signs, markings and barriers) would address hazards and better support $100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. |
| Greens Road | Boundary Road | 0.88 | 002_8449 | $100$ | 80 | 80 | Posted speed limit in MegaMaps incorrect. This section is still $100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ (not $70 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ ). No property access or intersections on this section. Land use not Rural Town | SAAS $=80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Boundary Road | Waite St | 0.44 | $002 \_8447$ | 70 | 50 | 50 | Posted speed limit in MegaMaps incorrect. This section is $70 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ (not $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ ). South side of road is urban residential with more rural residential on north. Similarly, wider shoulders on south side. | SAAS $=50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Waite St | Fox St (east) |  | $002 \_8442$ | 50 | 40 | 40 | Featherstone. This section is not strip shopping and potentially not self-explaining at $40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$. Consider threshold east of Hickson St intersection (approx. RP. 905/15.16) | SAAS $=40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ and $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. Recommend that $40 / 50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ threshold is located east of Hickson St (RP905/15.16) to better match change in land use. |
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| Fox St (east) | Fox St (west) | 0.03 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Access_65 } \\ 64 \end{gathered}$ | 50 | 40 | 40 | Small section incorrectly coded as 'Access' road, but forms part of the SH. IRR adjusted to match 002 10106 . | SAAS $=40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Fox St (west) | Revans St (SH53) | 0.64 | 002_10106 | 50 | 40 | 40 | On-street parking accommodated in wide shoulders. Lanes appear narrower than 3.5 m but has not been adjusted in IRR calculation. | SAAS $=40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$, noting that engineering measures may be required to support $40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. Consider locating the threshold slightly further north near Wakefield St or SH53 (Revans St) (approx. RP921/0) |
| Revans St (SH53) | Lodlam St | 0.29 | 002_10106 | 50 | 40 | 50 | Change in land use and reduce access and intersection density | SAAS $=50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Lodlam St | Moore St | 0.01 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Access_80 } \\ 81 \end{gathered}$ | 50 | 40 |  | Very short section. IRR adjust to match section to the north (002_10106) | SAAS $=50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$, does not self-explain at $40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. Threshold for $40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ better located near Wakefield St |
| Moore St | 400 m west of Moore St | 0.39 | 002_8451 | 70 |  | $60$ | Minor changes to IRR do no change IRR band. Segment length does not meet minimum length ( 500 m ). Short section of $60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ may cause driver confusion. Changing land use to urban residential or rural town does not change IRR band. | SAAS $=50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$, noting this may require an improved threshold and other works to change the road environment. |
| 400m south of Moore St | 2.5 km west of Moore St | 2.10 | 002_8452 | 100 | 60 | 80 | IRR score very close to threshold for $80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ (IRR $=1.60$ ). There are relatively long sections with guardrail which would reduce hazard rating. If land use considered remote rural, $\operatorname{IRR}=1.45$ and $S A A S=80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. | SAAS $=80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 2.5 km west of Moore St | 3.7 km west of Moore St | 1.20 | $002 \quad 10108$ | 100 | 60 | 80 | Recommend that $80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ speed limit extended to include existing passing lane as alignment becomes more tortuous west of the passing lane. | SAAS $=80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| 3.7 km west of Moore St | South east of Marchant Road |  | 002_10108 | 100 | 60 | 60 | IRR close to threshold for $80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}(2.0)$, but travel speeds and alignment support SAAS $=60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. Recommend additional speed data is collected to support public engagement. | SAAS $=60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ |

## Table 1: Summary of Technical Assessment - SH2 Mt Bruce to Rimutaka Hill





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