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Blenheim to Nelson safety improvements



We're looking at ways to make State Highway 6 from Blenheim to Nelson safer for everyone. This project is part of the Safe Roads and Roadsides Programme to prevent people from dying or being seriously injured on our state highways.

Help us make your road safer



20 people have died and 93 have been seriously injured

Something needs to change on this section of SH6. Between 2006 and 2016, 20 people have lost their lives and a further 93 have been seriously injured in crashes.

Many of these crashes involved loss of control with drivers running off the road and hitting roadside objects such as trees and power poles. There have also been head-on crashes on this highway, and some at intersections.

Something has to change

There are ways we can upgrade the road to prevent more crashes like these, but to get it right, we need your help. After all, it's locals who know their roads best.

What safety measures are we considering?

People will always make mistakes, but there are things that we can do to make this stretch of road safer. For example, we could:

- » install side barriers to stop drivers hitting something harder like a tree, power pole or drainage ditch
- » install median barriers to stop drivers crossing the centreline and hitting an oncoming vehicle
- » improve signs at high-risk locations

- » widen centrelines to steer drivers away from each other and give tired or distracted drivers time to take action before crossing over into the opposite lane
- » install rumble strips to give distracted drivers a wake-up call if they stray across the line
- » widen the sealed shoulder at the side of the road to give recovery room for drivers who drift out of their lane or lose control
- » improve intersections where there have been crashes.

Regardless of what causes a crash, speed generally plays a part. We want to ensure that drivers have the necessary cues so they can choose the safe and appropriate speed for the road conditions.

Side barriers

Barriers stop your vehicle before you hit something harder - like a tree or a power pole.



Wide centrelines

Widening the centreline is a simple and effective way to steer drivers away from each other.



What's happening, and when?

We want to start work on safety improvements in 2018. We will be talking to people in the community about solutions that will work for everyone.

We welcome your input and ideas



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Provide feedback online at
nzta.govt.nz/b2n/have-your-say
before Monday 28 August

Help us make this stretch of road safer so everyone can enjoy safer journeys.



COME ALONG TO OUR OPEN DAYS

Monday 7 August

Founders Heritage Park
The Granary Room
87 Atawhai Drive, Nelson
2pm - 7pm

Tuesday 8 August

Founders Heritage Park
The Granary Room
87 Atawhai Drive, Nelson
9am - 2pm

Wednesday 9 August

Marlborough Convention Centre
Pre-Function Area
42a Alfred Street, Blenheim
2pm - 7pm

Thursday 10 August

Havelock Town Hall
Main Road, Havelock
9am - 12pm

Thursday 10 August

Mount Richmond Estate
Meeting Room
7090 State Highway 6, Rai Valley
3pm - 7pm