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SH2 Ngāūranga to Featherston – safety improvements in your area

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Kia ora

We're writing to let you know about some changes happening to the intersections on **Hebden Crescent near Owen Street and near Liverton Road** on State Highway 2. Improving safety on New Zealand 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. Road to Zero's initial target is to reduce deaths and serious injuries on New Zealand's roads, streets, cycleways, and footpaths by 40 percent over the next 10 years.

Road to Zero is about improving all parts of the system – safer roads and roadsides, safer speed limits, safer vehicles, work-related road safety and safer drivers. Even the best drivers will make mistakes but making these types of changes will mean that when a mistake occurs, it is less likely to cost someone their life.

Infrastructure improvements

Last year we carried out studies on 14 intersections along SH2 between Ngāūranga and Upper Hutt to look at what could be done to improve safety. The improvements considered included physical alterations and reviewing the speeds.

What's happening now?

From studies undertaken we've developed a staged approach to making the safety improvements, with an initial four intersections in stage 1 to be completed in 2023, and the remaining intersections to be completed progressively in 2024 and 2025.

Hebden Crescent near Owen Street and near Liverton Road

The intersection at **Hebden Crescent near Owen Street** will be closed and road users will be diverted to use Hebden Crescent by Liverton Road for access.

The Hebden Crescent intersection by Liverton Road will be converted to **allow left-hand turns in and out, only**. The ability to turn right will be removed and the median barrier extended to make it continuous. Road users wanting to turn south will either turn left out and use the SH2/SH58 interchange to turn around or use the northern end of Hebden Crescent (Belmont Regional Park entrance) to exit directly onto the interchange. Road users from the north will also be able to use the Belmont Regional Park entrance onto Hebden Crescent at the SH2/SH58 interchange. This route is suitable for heavy vehicles.

We acknowledge that this access change will make some journeys longer and may be inconvenient for some people. Please contact us if you have any questions about this change on SH2HuttValley@nzta.govt.nz

When will this happen?

We're currently designing the details of the improvements, and work to make these changes is scheduled to begin in early 2023. We'll write to you again to keep you up to date on the construction timeframe.



Speed management

As part of the Road to Zero programme, we are consulting on new speed limits on SH2 as part of a nationwide Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan (ISMP). This plan is being developed under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022. Managing speeds through the ISMP is part of delivering Road to Zero.

The ISMP includes new targeted speed limit changes on SH2 in the Hutt Valley and Wairarapa and other state highways in the region.

You can find out more about these changes and the consultation process at www.nzta.govt.nz/ISMP.

Consultation closes **Monday 12 December 2022**.

If you have any questions about the safety improvements, please visit www.nzta.govt.nz/sh2n2f, or please contact us at SH2HuttValley@nzta.govt.nz

We look forward to helping make your neighbourhood safer.

Ngā mihi

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