



Levin to Shannon speed review

consultation information

Speed limits are one way of keeping people safe on the roads. Construction is currently underway on physical safety improvements on State Highway 57, including a roundabout at the SH57/Queen St intersection, painted wide centrelines and stretches of side barrier protection.

Waka Kotahi sought feedback from the community on these safety improvements and the current speed limits in mid-2020. We are now sharing a recommended change in speed limits for the section of SH57 between the SH1 intersection and Shannon.



What we know

Between 2015 and December 2020 there was 23 serious crashes on SH57 resulting in seven people killed and 24 people left seriously injured. The Queen St, Tararua Rd and Buckley Rd intersections were the sites of four serious and three fatal crashes in that time period.

Most crashes are caused by several factors, which is why Waka Kotahi is also constructing physical safety improvements on SH57 over the next year. However, even when it's not the primary cause of a crash, speed is the factor most likely to determine whether anyone is killed, injured or walks away unharmed.

As well as talking to the community and stakeholders about the current speeds on SH57 last year, we have also completed a technical assessment of the corridor.

Most of the community we spoke to (83%) supported speed reduction on some level or for parts of SH57. Some people told us the increased development along this corridor means there are more people walking and cycling on this road, and there was concern for their safety.

Based on the feedback, the crash history on SH57 and changes in the area, we now feel that the current speed limits are no longer safe and appropriate for the road.

Traffic volumes

Count Location	Count Year	Annual average daily traffic
Kimberley Road	2018	4944
Tavistock Road	2018	9317
Shannon	2018	8797

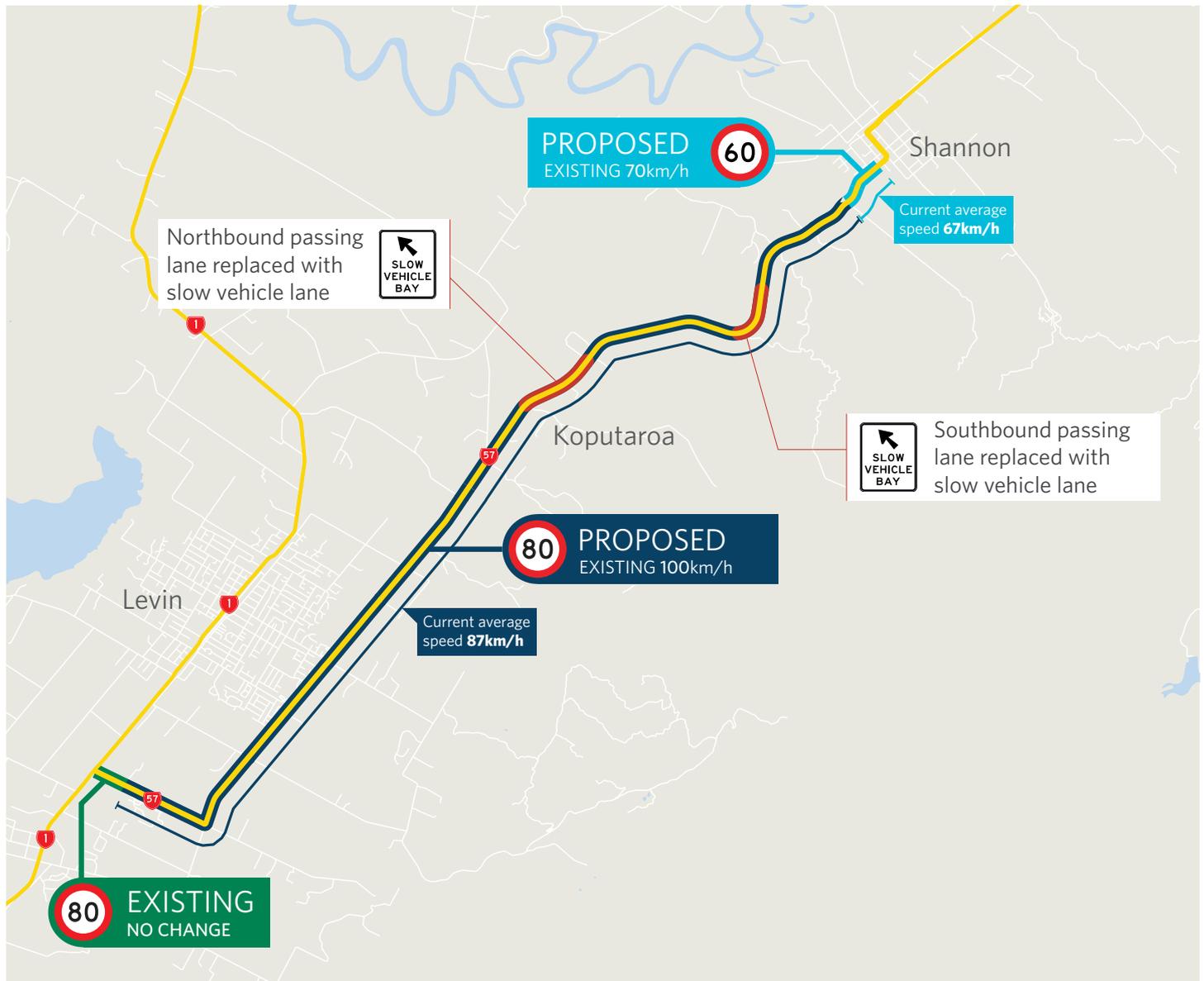
As the region grows and the surrounding areas are developed, traffic volumes on SH57 between the SH1 intersection and Shannon are expected to change.

Passing lanes

North of Heatherlea East Road there are currently two passing lanes, one for northbound and one for southbound traffic. If the speed on the road is changed to the proposed 80km/h, these passing lanes will be converted to slow vehicle lanes. These lanes will give slow vehicles the opportunity to pull to the left-hand side of the road and allow traffic travelling at the speed limit to pass safely.

What we are proposing

Location	Current Speed limit	Proposed Speed Limit	Current mean operating speeds
310m east of SH1 intersection to 360m south of Graham Street, Shannon	100km/h	80km/h	87km/h
From 360m south of Graham Street, Shannon to 20m north of Vance Street	70km/h	60km/h	67km/h



Have your say

Formal consultation on new speed limit proposals is required under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limit (2017).

This is your opportunity to have your say before decisions on the speed limits for this road are made by Waka Kotahi.

If you wish to make a submission on the proposed changes you can use our online form, or download a printable consultation form and send it to us via the following options.

Submissions open on 30 August and close at 5pm on 27 September 2021



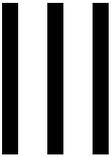
Lined area for providing feedback.

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