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## Ngauranga to Featherston speed review and safety improvements



**We want everyone who uses our roads to get home safely. To prevent people from being killed or seriously injured on our roads, we can set speed limits that are safe and appropriate to the level of risk on the road.**

Speed increases both the likelihood of crashes and the severity of crashes when they happen. A small reduction in speed can make a big difference, especially when cyclists or pedestrians are involved. Most crashes are caused by a number of factors, but even when speed is not the cause of a crash, it will most likely determine whether you survive a crash or walk away unharmed.

We're reviewing speeds between Ngauranga and Featherston and **we want to hear from you**. These changes could save the life of someone you know.

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## Safety is a system

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. It also sets us on a path to achieve Vision Zero, where no one is killed or seriously injured on our roads. 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. Reaching that target would mean reducing the number of people killed on our roads each year to 227, and seriously injured to 1,680 by 2030.

There are five key focus areas under Road to Zero: Infrastructure improvements and speed management, vehicle safety, work-related road safety, road user choices and system management.

The Safe System approach seeks to create a safe and forgiving road system that makes the safety of people a priority. It does this through four guiding principles:

- We promote good choices but plan for mistakes.
- We design for human vulnerability.
- We strengthen all parts of the road transport system.
- We have a shared responsibility.

## Online drop-in sessions

We're hosting online zoom sessions with our safety experts.

Please join us on:

- Thursday 14 October, 12 – 1pm or 6 – 7pm
- Saturday 16 October, 12 – 1pm
- Wednesday 27 October, 6 – 7pm

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## Physical safety improvements

### Ngauranga to Upper Hutt

This busy 25km stretch of road on SH2 between Petone and Topaz Street has 14 sites which carry a higher risk of people being killed or seriously injured in crashes. This is often due to high speeds and people travelling in many directions.

The improvements we're looking at here include intersection speed zones (ISZ), raised safety platforms and new signalised intersections, along with speed limit changes. Median barriers and closures to some access points are also being considered.

### Upper Hutt to Featherston (Remutaka Hill)

This 22km stretch of road over the Remutaka Hill between Twin Lakes Road and Renall Street (Featherston) is a much-loved but high-risk route for motorcyclists who enjoy the challenge of the road's winding curves and hilly contours. The improvements we're looking at here include widening centrelines to help prevent head-on crashes, adding motorcyclist protection barriers and reviewing road signs and markings.

We're still working through the details and possible options, and we'll come back to you when we have more to share.

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## Have your say on speed

Make sure you have your say via the interactive online map. Feedback is open until **Monday 1 November 2021**.

Head to [nzta.govt.nz/sh2n2f](https://nzta.govt.nz/sh2n2f) or email [SH2HuttValley@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:SH2HuttValley@nzta.govt.nz)



## Making SH2 between Ngauranga and Featherston safer

State Highway 2 is an important, busy road that carries large volumes of people and products every day, connecting Wellington and the Hutt Valley to Wairarapa and beyond.

In the last 10 years (2011-2020 - Crash Analysis System data), there have been 2313 crashes along this corridor. These crashes killed 15 people and left 149 people seriously injured. In 2020 alone, there were four people killed, the highest number in the past 10 years.

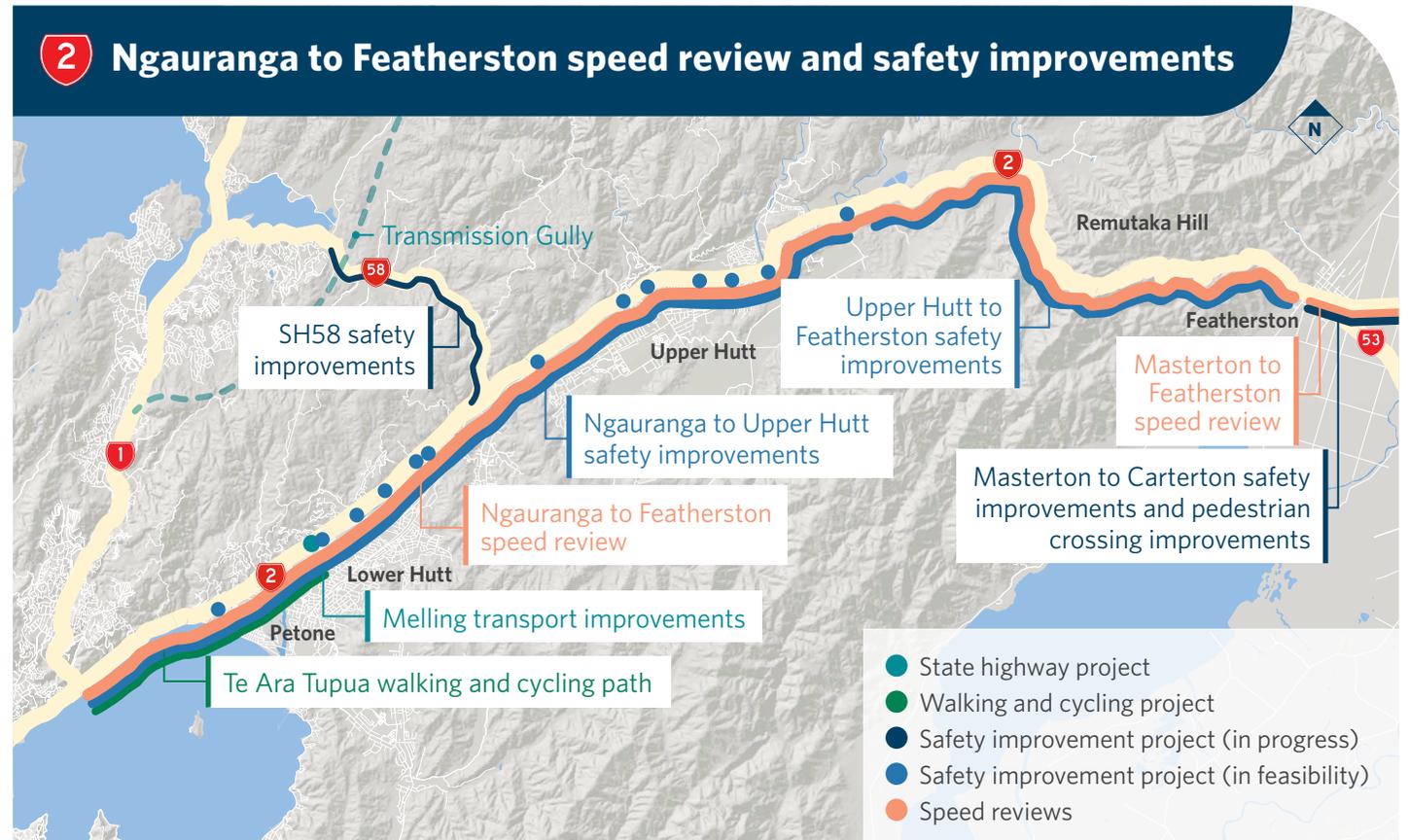
We need to make changes so that everyone can get around our region safely. Because of this, we're reviewing speeds and investigating physical safety improvements on SH2 between Ngauranga and Featherston.

We're at the feasibility design stage for proposed safety improvements to 14 sites between Ngauranga and Upper Hutt, and further sites between Twin Lakes Road at the Upper Hutt side of the Remutaka Hill road and Renall Street in Featherston. We're still working through the details and possible options, and we'll come back to you when we have more to share.

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## Long term vision

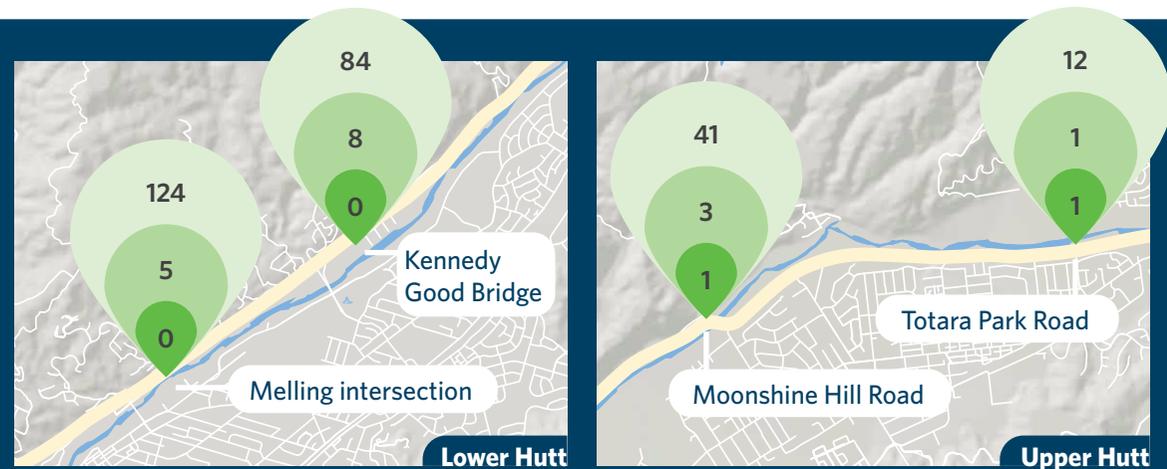
Our long-term plan for State Highway 2 is to improve safety for everyone and provide greater travel choice so people and freight can get around the region easily. We are doing this by providing a separated walking and cycling route away from general traffic (Te Ara Tupua), improving safety at key intersections and over the Remutaka Hill, and providing improved public transport facilities that better connect with Hutt City centre (Melling/RiverLink). Together with major projects like Transmission Gully and State Highway 58 Safety improvements, moving around the Greater Wellington region will be safer and easier for everyone.



## Crash hotspots

Deaths and serious injuries 2011-2020

- Crashes
- Serious crashes
- Lives lost



The section of SH2 between Ngauranga to Featherston is a busy and often congested section of highway. There are several notable hotspots that have a higher proportion of crashes that are serious or lead to deaths.