



State Highway 35

Te Huanui 35

November 2019



HAVE YOUR SAY KŌRERO MAI

We're making improvements to the safety, resilience and accessibility of State Highway 35. We know locals know their roads well, so we want to know what you think.

E whakakahatia ana te haumaru, te pūioio, te māmā ki te whakamahi i te Huanui Matua 35. Te āhua nei, ko te haukāinga te hunga tino mōhio ki ōna huarahi ake, nō reira ka whakarongo ki ō koutou whakaaro.

We want to hear your thoughts and whakaaro on our current projects for State Highway 35

SAFE SPEEDS

1. **CONSULTATION** Make a submission on our lower speed limit proposals
2. **ENGAGEMENT** Share your thoughts about safe and appropriate speeds for the open road between Gisborne and Te Puia Springs.

PASSING OPPORTUNITIES

3. Have your say on the best locations to add safe and effective passing opportunities on both SH35 and SH2

RESILIENCE*

4. Share your thoughts on where SH35 most needs to be improved or reinforced as part of our Resilience project.

Come along to one of our community drop-in sessions, or have your say online before 6 December at www.nzta.govt.nz/SH35-have-your-say

* A resilient road can withstand adversities and remain open and functional through unforeseen events as well as day-to-day

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY | KA PĒHEA TE KŌRERO MAI

Come along to one of our community drop-in sessions to find out more about each project, share your feedback and make a submission on the proposed speeds.

Te Puia Springs

Monday 18 November | 5.15 - 7.15pm

Te Puia Springs Hospital
4 McKenzie Street

Tokomaru Bay

Tuesday 19 November | 5.15 - 7.15pm

Senior Citizens' Association (The Haven)
6 Tokomaru Street

Tolaga Bay

Wednesday 20 November | 5.15 - 7.15pm

Tolaga Bay Fire Station
41 Cook Street,

Wainui Beach

Thursday 21 November | 5.15 - 7.15pm

Wainui Beach School
56 Wairere Road

Te Araroa

Monday 25 November | 5.15 - 7.15pm

Te Araroa Fire Station
51 Pohutu Road

Ruatoria

Tuesday 26 November | 5.15 - 7.15pm

Ruatoria Fire Station
Waiomatatini Road

If you can't make it along to a session, you can:



Find out more about the speed review, passing opportunities or resilience projects and share your feedback/ make a submission by visiting www.nzta.govt.nz/sh35-have-your-say



You can return the FreePost self-addressed form included in this pack to make a submission on the proposed speeds for SH35

SPEED REVIEW PROCESS | TE HĀTEPE O TE AROTAKE I TE PAE TERE

SPEED REVIEW STARTS

A technical assessment of the road is carried out to find out about crash history, average vehicle speeds, volume of vehicles and development of surrounding areas. This helps to determine what safe and appropriate speeds should be.

ENGAGEMENT

We talk to local communities and stakeholders to understand how the road is being used, any safety concerns and get feedback on speed limits.

FORMAL CONSULTATION

Changing a speed limit is a legal process, so this stage involves sharing a detailed proposal with people and asking for any additional information that might have an impact on the final decision.

NOTIFICATION OF SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

Feedback is considered and final decision is published on our website and the public is notified.

NEW SPEED LIMIT ON THE ROAD

New speed limit signs installed on the road.

SAFE SPEEDS

STATE HIGHWAY 35 SPEED REVIEW | TE PAE TERE MŌ TE HUANUI MATUA 35: GISBORNE - TE PUIA SPRINGS

State Highway 35 (SH35) Gisborne - Ōpōtiki has been selected for a speed review as the corridor is in the country's top 10% for deaths and serious injuries that could be prevented through lower speeds. Technical assessments have also found parts of the corridor do not

have a safe and appropriate speed limit, and communities have been calling for change.

Because the highway is 335km long, we're reviewing it in two stages, starting with Gisborne - Te Puia Springs and then Te Puia Springs - Ōpōtiki.

Stage 1 includes:

Engagement: Gisborne - Te Puia Springs open road

Consultation: Gisborne - Te Puia Springs townships

GISBORNE - TE PUIA SPRINGS OPEN ROADS | NGĀ HUARAHİ TUWHERA O TURANGANUI-A-KIWA - TE PUIA

ENGAGEMENT (a time for kōrero)

4 November - 20 December 2019

Our immediate priority is to make SH35 a safer stretch of road as soon as possible so that everyone living on and using the road can get where they are going safely. One way we can do this is by reviewing the current speed limits on SH35.

We need your feedback, along with technical assessments, to make a proposal for consultation. Have your say about particular sections of open road, approaches into townships, or about open road speeds in general.

Have your say | Kōrero mai

To give your feedback on open road speeds or on any of our proposals under consultation, come along to one of our community drop-in sessions or give your feedback online at www.nzta.govt.nz/speedreviews or email Gisborne.speed.reviews@nzta.govt.nz



GISBORNE - TE PUIA SPRINGS TOWNSHIPS | NGĀ TĀONE O TURANGANUI-A-KIWA - TE PUIA

CONSULTATION (make a formal submission)

4 November - 6 December 2019

We are proposing reduced speed limits in Te Puia Springs, Pouawa, Makorori, Okitu and Tamarau - and are formally consulting with the public on these proposals.

Have your say by making a formal submission before we make our decision.

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

What we have heard | E ai ki ngā kōrero

The feedback we've had from communities, groups and organisations on SH35 between Te Puia Springs and Gisborne shows a good level of support for lower speed limits to help save lives and reduce deaths and serious injuries.

What we know | Ki tō mātou mōhio

We know there is an issue with the current speed limits on SH35, particularly in certain sections of the route. Technical safety assessments have found most parts of the corridor do not have a safe and appropriate speed limit.

There are tight and difficult corners along parts of the route, and the road is built on challenging, highly erodible geology that is constantly moving.

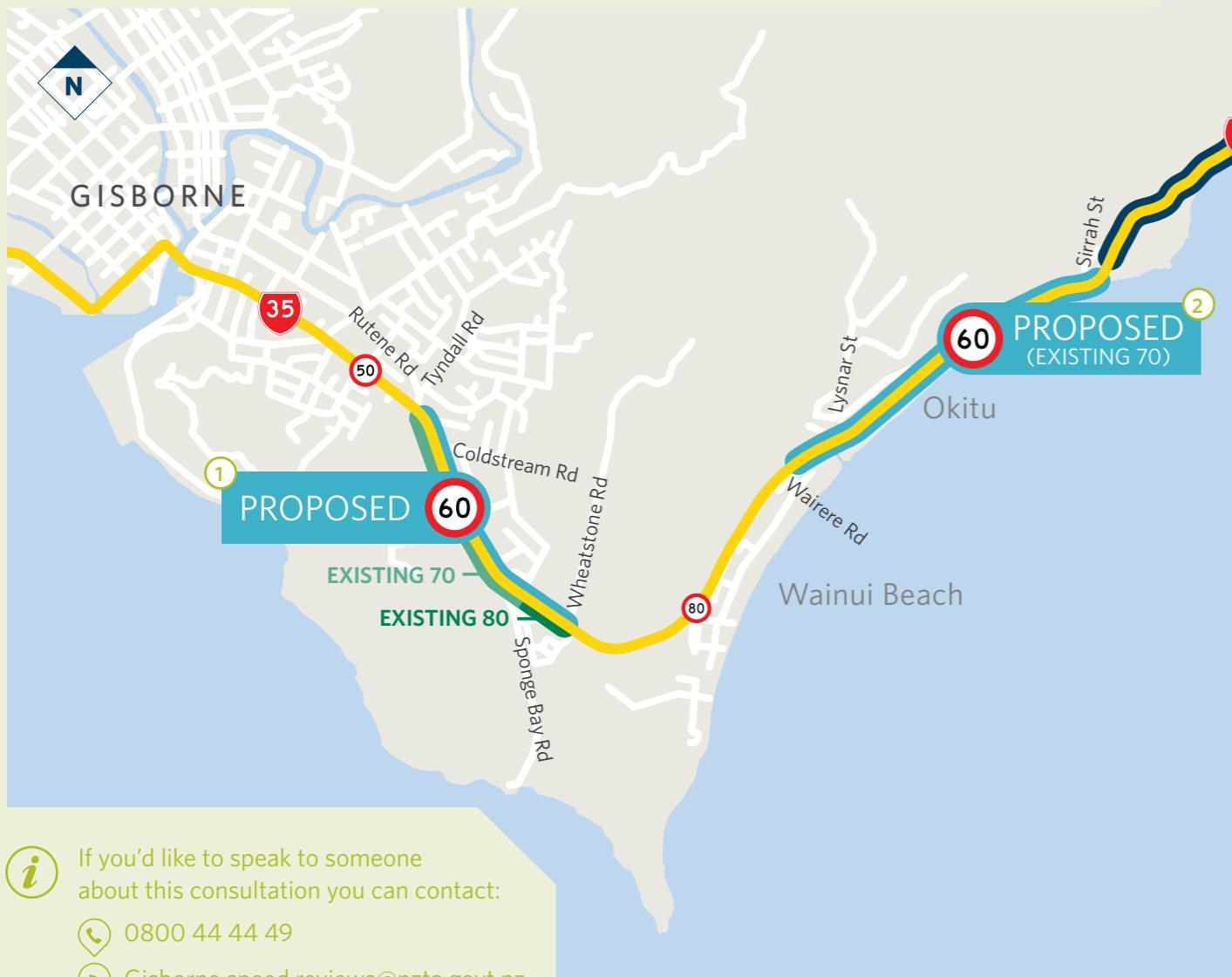
There are many different users on this stretch of SH35, including regular commuters, heavy vehicle operators, tourists wanting to take in the scenery and cyclists.

CONSULTATION

WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING | KO TĀ MĀTOU E MAROHI NEI

LOCATION	CURRENT SPEED LIMIT	PROPOSED NEW SPEED LIMIT
① Tamarau From 40m north-west of Coldstream road (existing speed change point) to 60m south-east of Wheatstone Road	70km/h - 80km/h	60km/h
② Okitu From 100m south-west of Wairere Road to 350m north of Sirrah Street (both existing speed limit change points)	70km/h	60km/h
③ Makorori - Pouawa From 350m north of Sirrah Street to 400m south of Pouawa Bridge (existing speed limit change point)	100km/h	80km/h
④ Turihaua and Pouawa Beaches (seasonal) From 600m south of Turihaua Bridge to 400m south of Pouawa Bridge (existing speed limit change points). This seasonal speed limit is from 20 December to 1 February (existing seasonal timeframe)	70km/h	60km/h
⑤ Te Puia Springs township From 20m south-west of Cemetery Road to 80m west of Waipiro Road (both existing speed limit changes)	70km/h	60km/h

There will be an extra **80-110 seconds** (depending on the time of year) added to the current travel time if the proposed speeds are put in place.



Are there any other factors that we should consider when making our decision regarding these proposed speed changes? **This is your opportunity to have your say before a decision is made.**



From 2009 to July 2019 there have been **777** crashes between Gisborne and Ōpōtiki. **20** people have died and **111** people have been seriously injured...

...**377** of these crashes have occurred between Gisborne and Te Puia Springs, with nine deaths and **46** serious injuries.



If you'd like to speak to someone about this consultation you can contact:

0800 44 44 49

Gisborne.speed.reviews@nzta.govt.nz

*Existing seasonal speed limit is 70, proposed seasonal speed limit is 60. The seasonal speed limit timeframes proposed to remain 20 December – 1 February

RESILIENCE

STATE HIGHWAY 35 RESILIENCE PACKAGE NGĀ MAHI WHAKAPŪIOIO I TE HUANUI 35

SH35 is a critical lifeline to many communities and businesses. However, the road is built on challenging geological terrain. Highly erodible soils make the road vulnerable to failure, especially during severe weather events. Closures and disruptions have serious impacts to people, whānau and businesses.

The Tairāwhiti roading package, funded by the National Land Transport Programme and the Provincial Growth Fund, has allocated up to \$13.5 million to repair, improve and stabilise 'resilience hot spots' between Gisborne and Potaka. The works will include traditional engineering techniques such as retaining walls and improved drainage, as well as native planting programmes to help stabilise some of the worst slip and subsidence sites on the highway.

We'd like your feedback on where you think the biggest problem areas are on the network, and on the impacts that network disruptions have to people, communities and businesses.



Tell us what you think | He aha ō whakaaro

Come along to one of our community drop-in sessions, or have your say online at www.nzta.govt.nz/sh35-resilience

PASSING OPPORTUNITIES

STATE HIGHWAY 35/2 PASSING OPPORTUNITIES TE HUANUI 35/E 2 NGĀ WĀHI E TIKA ANA KI TE HIPA MOTUKĀ

The highways in and out of Tairāwhiti are long and winding and travel through some unforgiving terrain. Communities have told us that more passing opportunities would help improve the experience of sharing the road.

The Tairāwhiti roading package has allocated up to \$33 million for a package of passing opportunities to be constructed on State Highways 2 and 35. A set of potential passing opportunities has been identified and mapped out, which you can see online at www.nzta.govt.nz/sh2-35-passing-opportunities

We'd like to know what you think about the potential sites we've identified, whether you think there are any other locations that would be suitable for passing opportunities, and if you have any feedback on existing passing opportunities.



Share your thoughts | He aha ō whakaaro

Come along to one of our community drop-in sessions, or have your say online at www.nzta.govt.nz/sh2-35-passing-opportunities