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# Making travel safer on State Highway 58 and connecting roads

The NZ Transport Agency and local Councils are working together to make State Highway 58 and connecting roads safer for everyone who uses them.

As you probably know, this area has seen too many serious injuries and fatalities over the years. There have been 156 crashes between Haywards Hill and the Pauatahanui Roundabout since 2009. Four of these were fatal—including two between October 2013 and February 2014.

For several years, the NZTA and its partners have been considering how to make travel in the Haywards Hill area safer. We now believe we've come up with some good solutions to address the existing problems. Before we make any final decisions, we want to hear from the people who use these roads regularly. Your input will help us refine our proposals.

**→ Help us with our proposals**

This brochure lays out our plans to improve safety on State Highway 58 and connecting local roads. Our three key proposals, which are outlined further in this brochure, are:

1. Straightening out curves on the western side of the Haywards Hill.
2. Safer speeds.
3. Separating traffic by installing wire rope safety barrier.

You can have your say about these proposals a number of ways. See the **'How to have your say'** section on the back page of this brochure for more information.



View northbound from Harris Road



View southbound from Harris Road

## 1 Straightening out the Haywards Hill westside curve

Our first step to improve safety in this area is to realign the road at the site of a tight curve between Harris and Mt Cecil Roads. This curve has been the site of two recent fatal accidents: one in October 2013 and another in February 2014 (the February accident also left two other people seriously injured).

At this site, we're cutting 8m into the south-side hill, rebuilding a straighter road and putting in a wire rope safety barrier between the two lanes of traffic.

We're doing this work as soon as we can, so we can make this risky bit of road safer. Work is due to begin later this year and once it's underway, is expected to take 20 weeks to complete.

To keep up to date with progress on this work, sign up to receive the project e-newsletter. Details can be found at the end of this brochure.

## 2 Safer speeds

Once the road has been realigned between Harris and Mt Cecil Roads, the next step is to look at the speed limits, both on State Highway 58 and on the local roads that connect with it. Travelling at safer speeds in this area will mean fewer crashes and therefore, fewer deaths and serious injuries.

Our proposals:

### THE TRANSPORT AGENCY - LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON STATE HIGHWAY 58

The current speed limit from State Highway 2 to the Pauatahanui roundabout is 100km/h (except for the temporary speed reduction near the Haywards Hill curve). This section of the road has a number of tight curves and poor sight distances. The section that runs along the Pauatahanui Inlet also has tight curves with limited sight distances and an 80km/h speed limit.

We believe the section between State Highway 2 and the Pauatahanui Roundabout should be 80km/h, and the remainder of State Highway 58 to Postgate Drive should be 70km/h.

Lowering the speed limit will mean an extra 60-90 seconds on an end-to-end trip from State Highway 1 at Paremata to State Highway 2. It won't make much difference to your trip, but it will make this road safer for you and for everyone else using it.

### PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL - LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON LOCAL ROADS

Alongside the Transport Agency's changes, Porirua City Council is also looking at reducing the speed limit on the rural, local roads that connect with State Highway 58, including:

- Harris Road
- Moonshine Road
- Flightys Road
- Murphys Road
- Mulhern Road
- Bradey Road and
- Belmont Road.

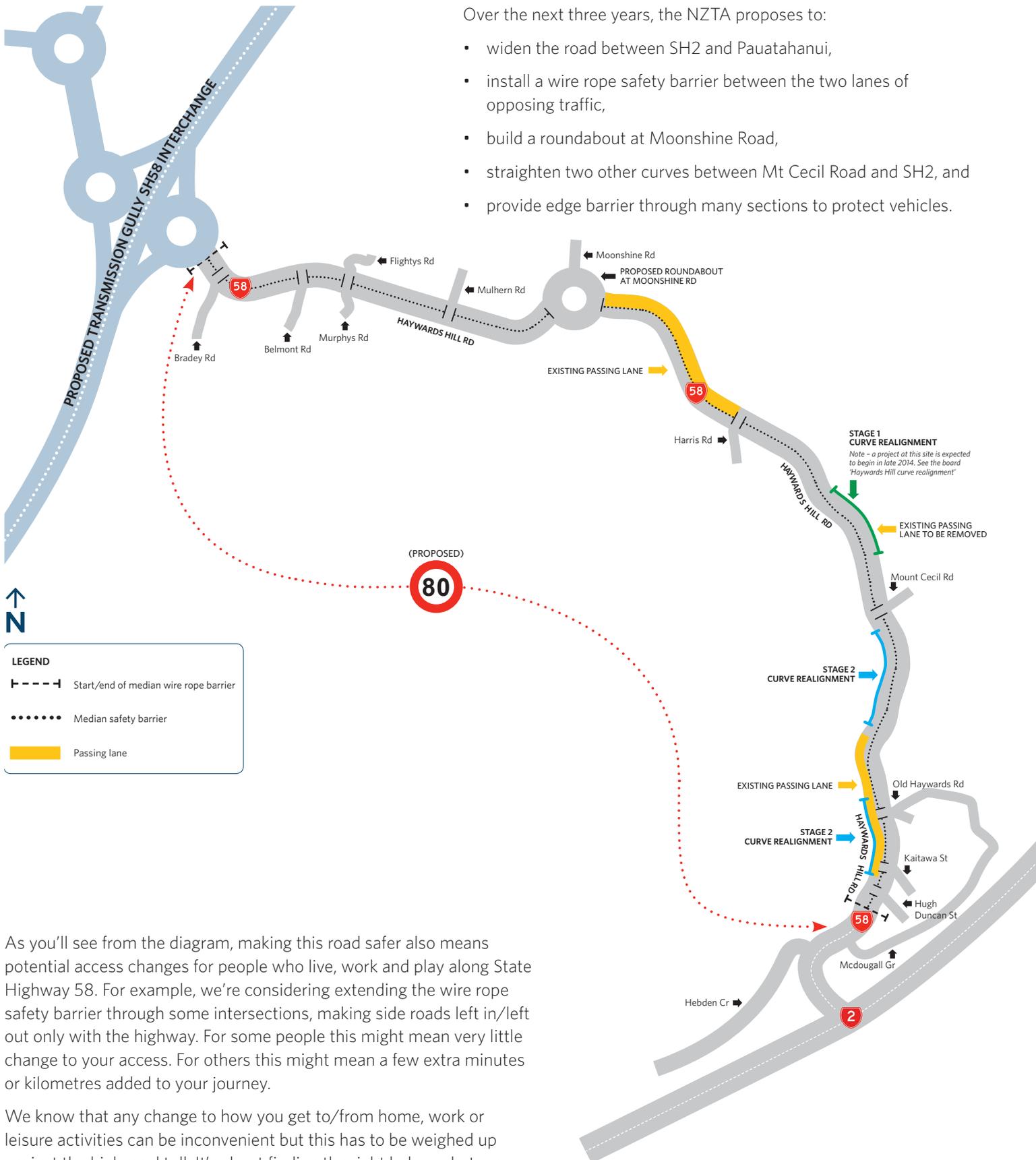
The plan is to make these roads a 70km/h speed limit, which is expected to result in fewer crashes and fewer serious injuries or deaths.



## 3 Separate traffic

Over the next three years, the NZTA proposes to:

- widen the road between SH2 and Pauatahanui,
- install a wire rope safety barrier between the two lanes of opposing traffic,
- build a roundabout at Moonshine Road,
- straighten two other curves between Mt Cecil Road and SH2, and
- provide edge barrier through many sections to protect vehicles.



As you'll see from the diagram, making this road safer also means potential access changes for people who live, work and play along State Highway 58. For example, we're considering extending the wire rope safety barrier through some intersections, making side roads left in/left out only with the highway. For some people this might mean very little change to your access. For others this might mean a few extra minutes or kilometres added to your journey.

We know that any change to how you get to/from home, work or leisure activities can be inconvenient but this has to be weighed up against the high road toll. It's about finding the right balance between safety and convenience. Your feedback will be crucial in helping us to do that and to understand the impacts these changes could have on you.

## → State Highway 58 and Petone to Grenada

### IT'S NOT ONE OR THE OTHER; OUR REGION NEEDS BOTH

Transport through the Hutt Valley, Ngauranga Gorge and the Haywards plays an important role for the region. These corridors support our residents and ratepayers to make their daily commute for work and make Wellington accessible for business or pleasure.

One of the key issues to a thriving Wellington is the need to upgrade the transport links along State Highway 2, State Highway 58 and State Highway 1 through Ngauranga Gorge. These routes suffer from regular congestion, unreliable journey times, poor safety records and a lack of resilience when there are natural disasters (earthquakes or severe weather events).

To ensure we provide good east-west links across the region, we know we need to create a new Petone to Grenada Link Road to address the issues on State Highway 1 and State Highway 2 as well as improving safety on State Highway 58.

## → Why both?

**PETONE TO GRENADA LINK ROAD:** Provides a southern east/west connection that addresses issues where two state highways meet and provides a much needed alternative route.

**STATE HIGHWAY 58:** Provides a northern east/west connection that has enough capacity to cope with current and future traffic volumes but needs significant safety improvements.

## → How to have your say

Submissions on our proposals are open until 5pm, Friday 5 December. There are a number of ways you can give us your feedback:

- You can fill out a feedback form and leave it at the open day, or post it to us at the address below
- You can complete an online feedback form at: [www.nzta.govt.nz/sh58-improvements](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/sh58-improvements) or
- You can email us at: [sh58safety@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:sh58safety@nzta.govt.nz)

We welcome your feedback and look forward to hearing what you have to say about the proposals for State Highway 58 and connecting local roads. We'll come back to you with the results of your feedback and more detailed designs in early 2015.

## → For more information

If you'd like more information about what's happening on State Highway 58 and the surrounding local roads, please visit [www.nzta.govt.nz/sh58-improvements](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/sh58-improvements) or [www.pcc.govt.nz](http://www.pcc.govt.nz)

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