

Separating traffic with wire rope safety barriers

Safety
improvements

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We propose to install 8km of wire rope safety barrier along State Highway 58 to stop head-on crashes.

Separating traffic with a barrier is proven to reduce deaths and serious injuries. Median barriers are usually constructed from concrete, wire ropes or a steel 'W' beam system.

A wire rope safety barrier has been selected for State Highway 58 because:

- it uses less space on the road than concrete barriers
- drivers can see through the barrier, thereby maintain their site sight lines on a windy and hilly road
- in the event of a crash, a wire rope safety barrier absorbs more energy than a concrete barrier which better protects vehicle occupants.

Adding a barrier over a long length of road changes the way people access properties. Some properties and roads will become left in/left out only. On State Highway 58, some people may have to travel for up to three minutes longer to turn around to access properties.



Questions

Do you support our proposal to install a median barrier along SH58/Haywards Hill Road?

If not, why not?

What particular areas, if any, do you think we should reconsider our plan to install a median barrier?