

Manawatu- Whanganui Intersection Speed Zones

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi speed limit review

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To help us analyse the feedback we receive through this consultation, we may use artificial intelligence (AI) tools. These tools can assist us in identifying common themes and summarising responses more efficiently. Any use of AI will follow our privacy and data protection standards, and your feedback will always be reviewed by our team to ensure fair and accurate reporting.

Please tell us some information about you:

Your name Required

Your email Required

Would you like to receive email updates on speed reviews and their outcomes (including these reviews)?

- Yes
- No

How did you hear about this speed review?

- Radio advert
- Flyer was delivered to my mailbox
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- Other (please specify)

Website

Which of the following state highway sections would you like to comment on? Required We will then ask you to provide feedback on all of the sections you selected.

- SH1/Himatangi Beach Road ISZ - north of Foxton**
- SH1/Kakariki Road ISZ - south of Marton
- SH57 (Makerua Road)/SH56 (Opiki Road) ISZ - northeast of Shannon
- SH54 (Milson Line) /Newbury Line ISZ - northwest of Palmerston North**

ISZs slow traffic to 60km/h when vehicles approach an intersection. Approaching traffic is detected, and the electronic signage shows the temporarily lowered legal speed limit for the state highway, changing the normal speed limit of 100km/h (or 80km/h) to a temporary speed limit of 60km/h while the ISZ is operating (i.e. when traffic is approaching or at the intersection). ISZs make it safer for people to pull into or out of a side road onto a busy state highway, or turn from the busy highway onto a side road.

Your input will help inform the decision on whether to proceed with the ISZs at these intersections.

SH1/Himatangi Beach Road ISZ

SH1, either side of the intersection with Himatangi Beach Road

Approximate length: 0.32km

Current speed limit: 100km/h (70km/h existing ISZ)

Proposed new speed limit: 60km/h when ISZ is activated

What is your connection to this road? Required

- I use this road to travel through, but I don't live locally
- I use this road mostly for local travel and I live, work or go to school in the area
- I am a professional driver using this road to transport passengers, goods or freight
- I'm authorised to represent an iwi, rū nanga, hapū , stakeholder organisation, council
- I use this road to access sites I have a whakapapa connection to (maunga, awa, marae, urupā or wā hi tapu)
- Other (please specify)

Local government

Where do you live? Required

- Himatangi Beach
- Foxton
- Sanson
- Horowhenua District
- Other (please specify)

What do you think of the proposed intersection speed zone? Select one or both options Required

- I can see benefits in the proposal
- I have concerns about the proposal

Why do you think this? Please click all the options you think apply Required

- People won't comply with the ISZ
- Will mean longer travel time
- Will give more time to make decisions
- Improved safety for everyone using the road
- Safer and easier to turn at the intersection
- Will result in fewer crashes with reduced injury severity and near misses

Do you have any other comments about the proposal? Please tell us in your own words

MDC raises no objection to the reduced speed limit and notes road users would not require a lot of adapting to these changes.

SH54 (Milson Line) / Newbury Line ISZ

SH54, either side of the intersection with Newbury Line

Approximate length: 0.36km

Current speed limit: 100km/h

Proposed new speed limit: 60km/h when ISZ is activated

What is your connection to this road? Required

- I use this road to travel through, but I don't live locally
- I use this road mostly for local travel and I live, work or go to school in the area
- I am a professional driver using this road to transport passengers, goods or freight
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- Other (please specify)

Territorial Authority

Where do you live? Required

- Palmerston North
- Newbury
- Bunnythorpe
- Manawatū District**
- Other (please specify)

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Manawatū District Council (MDC) does not object to the proposal in principle. MDC notes that ISZs are already present at other intersections in the area, and the technology is therefore not an unfamiliar road safety intervention for users of this network. The activated speed reduction can reasonably be expected to be understood and observed by road users once the ISZ is operational.

MDC also observes that the SH54 / Newbury Line intersection does not lend itself to easy circumvention by road users seeking to avoid reduced travel speeds; suitable alternative routes are not readily available. Accordingly, MDC considers the risk of displacement traffic generating an unintended increase in crash frequency on the surrounding local or state highway road network to be low.

MDC wishes to draw Waka Kotahi's attention to a question of network consistency that it considers warrants further consideration. The proposed ISZ on SH54 / Newbury Line is set at an activated speed of 60 km/h. However, the existing ISZ at the nearby SH54 / SH3 / Kairanga Bunnythorpe Road intersection currently operates at 70 km/h. Both ISZs are

located on the same state highway corridor and serve the same functional purpose of managing conflict risk at rural intersections. Road users travelling along SH54 would therefore encounter two ISZs on the same route activating at materially different speed thresholds, with no apparent operational or safety rationale articulated in the consultation documentation to justify the differential. MDC submits that consistency in activated speed limits across proximate ISZs on the same corridor is an important principle, both for driver comprehension and for the credibility of the speed management regime. Inconsistency between activated speeds without clear and documented justification, risks undermining road user confidence in the system and may reduce voluntary compliance.

MDC respectfully requests that Waka Kotahi review whether the activated speed limit of the existing SH54 / SH3 / Kairanga Bunnythorpe Road ISZ should be aligned with the proposed 60 km/h, or alternatively, that the rationale for maintaining a differential be clearly documented and communicated. MDC's preference is that the chosen activated speed limit across both ISZs on this corridor be made consistent.

Do you have any other comments about the proposal? Please tell us in your own words

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