

1 Rakaia Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre



What is this project?

Formally known as weigh stations CVSCs are sites where enforcement officers from the police and other agencies do checks on heavy vehicles and drivers including weight, brakes, certificate of fitness, logbooks and alcohol and drug testing. As a truck passes over the scales software identifies if it is overloaded, and those drivers are directed into the centre.

The Rakaia CVSC is split with a site on both sides of State Highway 1 so trucks only need to turn left in and left out.

Right now Waka Kotahi are installing the northbound in-road scales and cameras in Rakaia township, the southbound in-road scales and cameras north of Weavers Road and the southbound commercial vehicle safety centre (CVSC) on State Highway 1. This also includes the north bound and south bound variable message signs (VMS) that will be used as pull in signage.



Rakaia township work

On the night of Tuesday 18 July contractors will be setting up traffic management on Bridge Street again for night works, this will allow them to safely install the in-road scales in the asphalt.

This traffic management will be in place after 7pm each night and be removed by 6am each morning. This work is expected to be completed by Friday 21 July. This work will be taking place in the red area marked in the image below.

While this traffic management is in place there will be a 30 km/h speed limit. Parking along this section of Bridge Street will be made available during the day.

This night works may result in some noise, but where possible noise buffer fencing will be used to minimise this.

From January to March of this year, work was done to prepare the road for the in-road scales.



Southbound in-ground scales site north of Weavers Road

- There is currently a 100 km/h speed limit here while we install the off-road variable message signage (VMS) board.
- The southbound in-ground scales and plate recognition camera installation works will start from Monday 24 July, and should be finished by Friday 28 July. While the in-road scales are installed traffic management will be needed and the speed limit will be temporarily reduced to 30 km/h.

Southbound Commercial Vehicle Centre

- Construction is progressing well and the bulk of the earthworks are finished.
- Most of this work is taking place off the road (SH1).
- We may need some short-term traffic management to keep

our work crews safe when they are applying the chip seal surface or installing power and communication cables close to the state highway.

- Currently there is a shoulder closure on SH1 between the bridges with a daytime 50km/hr speed limit
- North Rakaia Road will be closed to traffic at the end of August to rebuild the road surface, this work is expected to take 4-6 weeks to complete and a signed detour will be in place.

Northbound Commercial Vehicle Centre

- Work on the Northbound Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre is not expected to start until the Southbound Centre is finished.

Both CVSC sites are expected to be operational by the end of 2024. All work is subject to weather conditions as adverse weather may cause delays to the current program of work. We will continue to provide updates as this project progresses.

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