We’re about to start work on making State Highway 1 (SH1) safer for everyone.

There’s been too many crashes on Dunedin’s Southern Motorway. In the last 10 years* two people have died and 34 people have been seriously injured. Something has to change, so we’re improving the road to make it safer.

We have had conversations with people in your community and are ready to upgrade the road to prevent more crashes like these from happening.

This project is part of the Safe Roads programme that is underway to help prevent people from dying or being seriously injured on our roads.

*between 2006 and 2015

Major safety improvements for SH1 to start

In July the $5.4 million safety improvement work will get underway on the Dunedin Southern Motorway from Lookout Point to Mosgiel.

How are we making it safer?

To make this stretch of road safer we are going to:

- install additional side barriers to stop drivers running off the road
- extend the median barrier at the Mosgiel end to separate traffic and reduce the risk of head-on crashes
- install high performance road markings to improve visibility at night and in wet conditions

When will work start and how long will it take?

The team will be on the ground from July 2017, installing the new side barriers first.

All going to plan, the safety improvements should be finished by Christmas.

Road markings

High performance road markings improve visibility at night and in wet conditions.

Safety barriers

Roadside safety barriers stop your vehicle before you hit something less forgiving - like a ditch, embankment or a power pole.
Keeping traffic flowing

We appreciate the Southern Motorway is busy. We want to reassure drivers that there will be a real focus on minimising disruptions for road users.

While work is underway we will do our best to make sure two lanes of traffic are maintained in each direction. When lane closures are necessary work will be scheduled outside of peak travel times.

These safety improvements will make this busy motorway safer for freight and commercial drivers, residents, tourists and all road users.

Stay informed

For project information and further progress updates visit www.nzta.govt.nz/sh1-dunedin-to-mosgiel

To keep up-to-date on any traffic impacts go to www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic/regions/13

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