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## Masterton to Carterton improvements



We're looking at ways to make SH2 between Masterton and Carterton safer and keep traffic moving as the Wairarapa region continues to grow.

This stretch of road is part of a key route between the Wellington region and the north. It's important for locals, economic development and tourism.

# Help us make your road better

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**What you have told us and what we know**

- » This stretch of road is getting busier and will need to support future development.
- » Traffic feels too fast through some areas.
- » It's difficult and feels unsafe to turn on and off the highway.
- » People are being seriously injured in crashes caused by drivers running off the road and hitting objects such as ditches, fences and poles.
- » Head-on crashes and crashes at intersections are a problem.
- » There is a lot of freight on the road.
- » Roadside parking reduces visibility in some areas.

**Speed**  
Speed can be the difference between a correctable mistake and a fatal error.

**Wide centrelines**  
Widening the centreline is a simple and effective way to steer drivers away from each other.

**Flexible road safety barriers**  
These barriers catch vehicles that leave their lane before they hit something harder like trees, poles, ditches or other vehicles.

**Between 2007 and 2016, 17 people were seriously injured in crashes on the road between Masterton and Carterton**

The majority of these injuries were caused by head-on crashes and by drivers running off the road and hitting objects such as ditches, fences and poles. More recently there have also been crashes at intersections.

**Something has to change**

We understand this is an important link for regional development, for people driving to work, local businesses and freight. But the volume of traffic, some intersections, speed and roadside hazards like poles or ditches mean it's unsafe. There are proven ways we can make this high-risk road better to help prevent crashes and support growth, but to get it right, we need your help.

**What we are looking at doing**

People will always make mistakes, but there are changes we can make to the road so simple mistakes don't cost lives. The types of improvements we could make are:

- » Putting in roadside safety barriers to stop drivers running off the road into steep gullies and ditches.

- » Widening the centreline or putting a barrier along the middle of the road in busy areas to help stop head-on crashes.
- » Improving road markings so they're easier to see in wet weather and at night.
- » Widening the road shoulder in some areas to give drivers more room to recover if they lose control.
- » Making some intersections safer.
- » Putting in rumble strips to give drivers a wake-up call if they stray across the line.
- » Reviewing speeds so they're safe and appropriate for the road.
- » Improving signs to warn drivers that they are approaching local communities along the route.

We'll also be looking at ways to make the road more resilient to keep things moving.

Whether there is high traffic volumes, a crash or a natural disaster, we want to make sure this region's transport network can cope, now and into the future.




### Join the conversation and help us make your road better

We have some great ideas but we need the community's help to make sure we get it right. After all, it's locals who know the road best.

As this project moves forward we will be visiting people in their communities to share our ideas and get feedback. Keep an eye out for updates and advertised events in the coming months. You can also go online and leave feedback on our easy-to-use interactive map.

### Want to know more?

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Give your feedback online using our interactive map [nzta.govt.nz/m2c/have-your-say](https://nzta.govt.nz/m2c/have-your-say) by Friday 31 August



#### Making rural roads safer

This project is part of the Safe Roads and Roadsides Programme underway to make New Zealand rural roads safer. The programme aims to prevent deaths and serious injuries through relatively simple measures such as rumble strips, shoulder widening, safety barriers, better signs and changes to speed limits.

### COME AND SEE US

**Wednesday 8 August**  
Solway Primary School  
318 Ngaumutawa Road  
Masterton  
2.30pm to 4.30pm

**Saturday 11 August**  
Carterton Events Centre  
50 Holloway Street  
Carterton  
10am to 2pm