



## SH2 Masterton to Featherston



### HAVE YOUR SAY ON SAFER SPEEDS

#### WE'RE MAKING YOUR ROAD SAFER

We want to make your roads safer for everyone who uses them. There's been a high number of crashes on SH2. Between January 2010 and December 2019, there were 488 crashes on this stretch of road. Four people were killed and 28 people were seriously injured. We want to make sure that speeds are safe and right for this road, so we're reviewing the current speed limits.

Speed increases both the likelihood of crashes and their severity when they happen. A small reduction in speed can make a big difference, especially when cyclists or pedestrians are involved. Most crashes are caused by a number of factors, but even when speed isn't the cause of a crash, it is most likely to determine whether anyone is killed, injured, or walks away unharmed.

*Statistics are correct at the time they were produced.*

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## WHAT WE KNOW

In previous engagements about this stretch of road the community, council and others told us that:

- there's a lot of traffic on this road
- some intersections don't feel safe
- it can be difficult to turn into or out of some of the homes and businesses along this road
- people feel unsafe crossing the state highway on foot or on a bicycle in some areas
- the road surface needed improvement and maintenance
- they'd like to see the lower speeds in Masterton and Carterton extended.
- speed limits around busy areas such as the entrance to Clareville A&P Showgrounds on Chester Road could be lowered to make access both safer and easier.

Based on what you told us, as well as our own research and analysis, we've identified some improvements we think would make this road safer. We've also extended the scope of the speed review to Featherston.

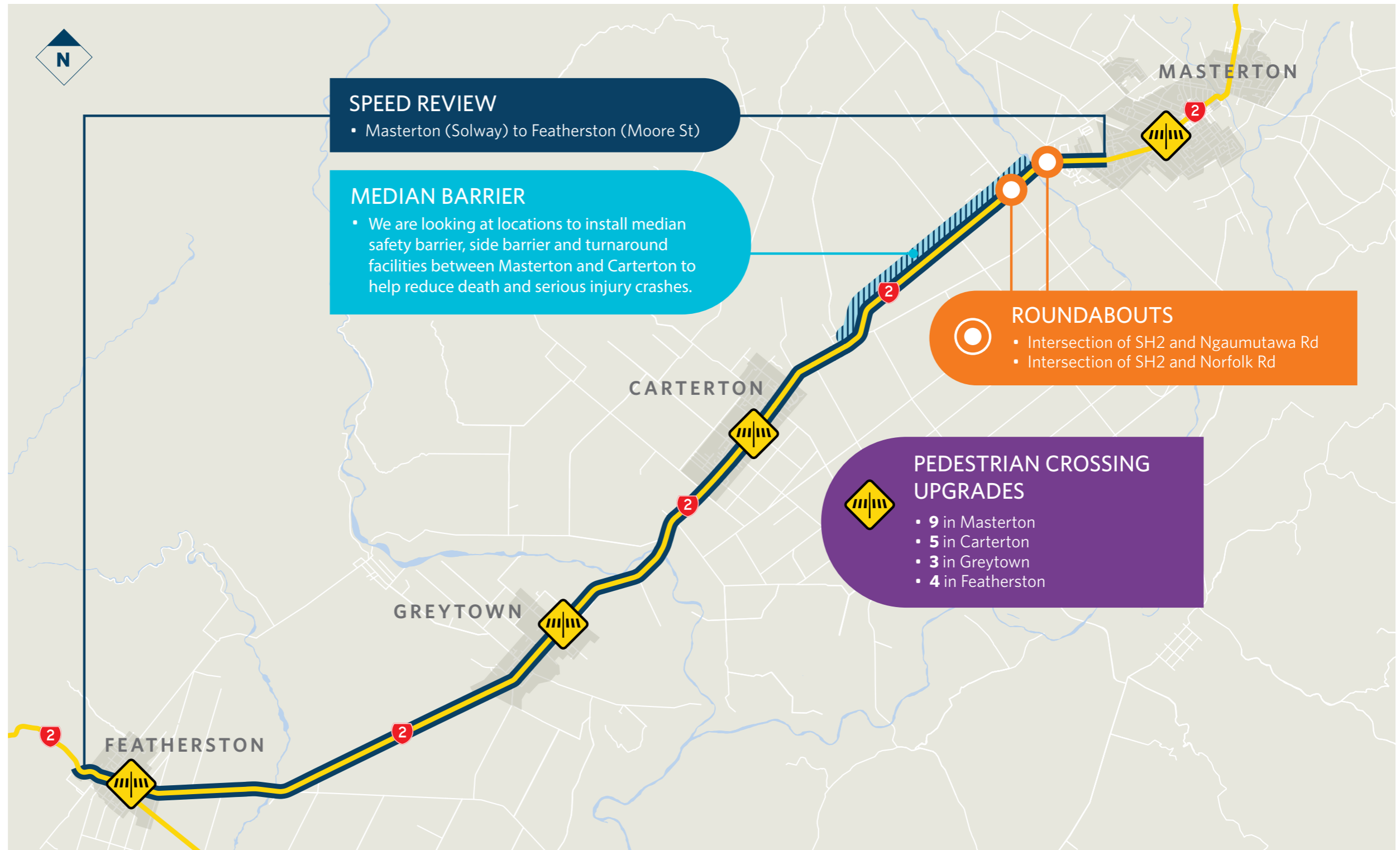
There are many different people using this stretch of state highway, especially during holiday periods when there are more people in the area including tourists, cyclists, pedestrians, people with campervans and holiday makers heading to the East Coast beaches. There has also been a steady increase in traffic from surrounding suburbs which includes people who occasionally need to drive tractors or heavy vehicles on the highway. The substantial traffic volumes and dramatically different ways people use the highway can create safety issues for everyone.



## WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING

Currently, there are three significant infrastructure improvements in design phase, as well as the speed review. We plan to apply for construction funding for these improvements in the next **National Land Transport Plan (NLTP) 2021-2024**. These improvements include installing:

- Flexible road safety barriers down the middle of the road on a high-risk stretch of the highway at the intersection of Wiltons Road and East Taratahi Road. These will help prevent head on crashes, and will restrict turning to left in, left out only.
- Single-lane roundabouts at two busy intersections (Ngaumutawa, Cornwall/Norfolk) to take the pressure off these intersections, making it safer to turn into or off the highway.



## SPEED REVIEW PROCESS

Waka Kotahi is currently identifying roads where lower speed limits could make a big difference in preventing deaths and serious injuries, and where communities are calling for change. Speed limits need to reflect the risk on a road and often, this is basic physics – speed increases both the likelihood of crashes and the severity of crash outcomes.

Most crashes are caused by a number of contributing factors, but even when speed doesn't cause the crash, it is most likely to determine whether anyone is killed, injured, or walks away unharmed.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has already made New Zealand's state highways safer by installing 37km of median barriers, 169km of side barriers, and 3,162km of rumble strips as part of the Safe Network Programme. The programme has also made 11 high risk state highway intersections safer and has changed the speed limit on 190km of state highway as another mechanism to reduce deaths and serious injuries (DSIs).

Find out more about the Safe Network Programme [www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/our-vision-of-a-safe-road-system/safe-network-programme](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/our-vision-of-a-safe-road-system/safe-network-programme)

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Locals know their roads, so we want to hear what you think about current speed limits and the proposed changes to speed limits. You can provide feedback by visiting:

<https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh2-wairarapa-highway-improvements>

Have your say at one of our community drop-in sessions:

- **Thursday 5 November**  
**Featherston:** Memorial RSA  
3:00pm – 6:00pm
- **Friday 6 November**  
**Greytown:** Greytown Library  
12pm – 4:00pm
- **Saturday 7 November**  
**Carterton:** Carterton Events Centre  
11:00am – 3:00pm
- **Sunday 8 November**  
**Masterton:** Solway Primary School  
11:00am – 4:00pm

Email [SH2Wairarapa@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:SH2Wairarapa@nzta.govt.nz)

## Speed review process

We'll use the feedback we get during engagement to recommend what speed limits are best for these roads and then formally consult with you. The stages of the speed review process are:

### SPEED REVIEW STARTS

Technical assessment of the road is carried out to find out about crash history, average vehicle speeds, volume of vehicles and development of surrounding areas. This helps to determine what safe and appropriate speeds should be.

### → ENGAGEMENT

We talk to local communities and stakeholders to understand how the road is being used, any safety concerns and get feedback on speed limits.

### FORMAL CONSULTATION

Changing a speed limit is a legal process, so this stage involves sharing a detailed proposal with people and asking for any additional information that might have an impact on the final decision.

### NOTIFICATION OF SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

Final decision is published on our website and the public is notified.

### NEW SPEED LIMIT ON THE ROAD

New speed limit signs installed on the road.



## CONTACT DETAILS

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