



Waihi to Ōmokoroa Safety improvements

Morton Road roundabout

We are making your road safer

We are making State Highway 2 (SH2) between Waihi and Ōmokoroa safer with the installation of flexible median barriers.

To enable safe turn around facilities (as part of this barrier installation) we are also constructing six additional intersection (roundabout) upgrades.

These will be installed between Tetley Road and Esdaile Road as part of our Road to Zero strategy. The inclusion of flexible median barrier was proposed early on as a safety enhancement to the current widening works and has undergone several stages of public consultation.

Flexible median barriers save lives. They are installed down the middle of a road to prevent head-on collisions, or along the edge of the road to stop run-off-road crashes.

We started the safety improvements project in 2018 and have completed five of 10 sections.

The safety improvements include shoulder widening, side barriers at high-risk locations, edgeline and centreline rumble strips.



Roundabouts reduce approach speeds and help allow traffic from side roads to access the highway. Roundabouts significantly reduce the head-on and side impact crashes, and the low impact angles reduce injury severity when mistakes are made.



Our vision is a New Zealand where no one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes. No death or serious injury while travelling on our roads is acceptable

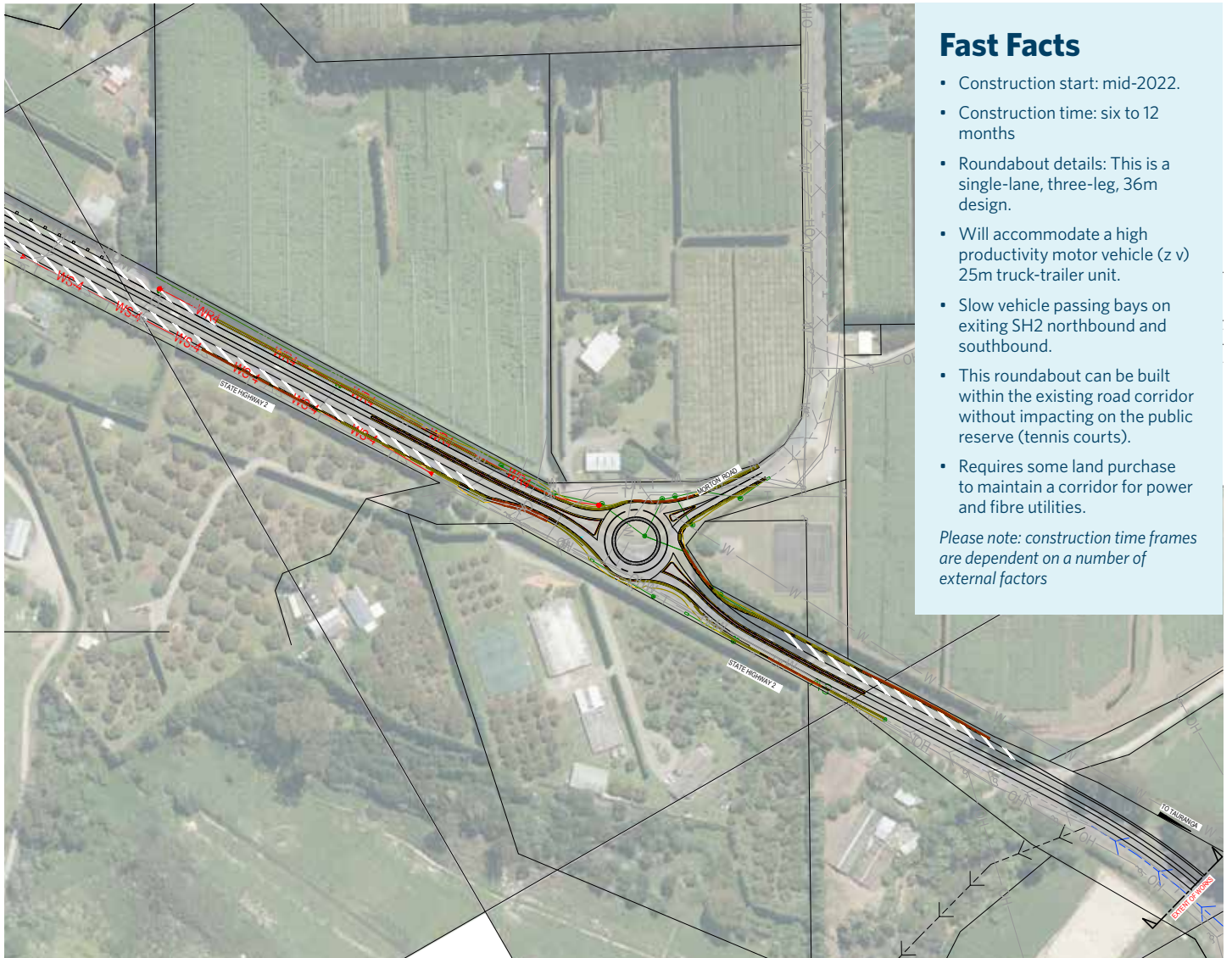
Morton Road proposed roundabout

The roundabout at Morton Road intersection is in the design stage with construction expected to begin mid-2022.

This intersection is located 2.9km from the next northern roundabout proposed for Lockington Road/Matahui Road, and

3.8km from the next southern roundabout proposed for Apata Station Road.

Prior to deciding on Morton Road, a roundabout was considered at Work Road, however this location presented multiple constraints. We will let you know more about when you can expect construction and detours closer to the time.



Fast Facts

- Construction start: mid-2022.
- Construction time: six to 12 months
- Roundabout details: This is a single-lane, three-leg, 36m design.
- Will accommodate a high productivity motor vehicle (z v) 25m truck-trailer unit.
- Slow vehicle passing bays on exiting SH2 northbound and southbound.
- This roundabout can be built within the existing road corridor without impacting on the public reserve (tennis courts).
- Requires some land purchase to maintain a corridor for power and fibre utilities.

Please note: construction time frames are dependent on a number of external factors

You can find out more about this project and about the wider Waihi and Ōmokoroa safety Improvements project at www.nzta.govt.nz/w2o.



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