We're making State Highway 3 safer for everyone. We've nearly completed work between Ohaupo and Te Awamutu and we're now looking at how we can make the stretch between Hamilton and Ohaupo safer. This project is part of the Safe Roads and Roadsides programme underway to prevent people from dying or being seriously injured on our rural roads.

Help us to make your road safer.
Making Hamilton to Ohaupo safer for everyone.

Something has to change

There are proven ways we can upgrade the road to prevent more crashes like these from happening, but to get it right, we need your help. After all, it’s locals who know local roads best.

What safety measures are we considering?

People will always make mistakes, but there are things that we can do to make this stretch of road safer. For example, we could:

- widen the shoulders to give drivers more room to recover if they lose control
- install roadside safety barriers to stop drivers running off the road

Four people have died and 30 people have been seriously injured.

SH3 Hamilton to Ohaupo is classified as a high-risk rural road for a reason – four people died and 30 were seriously injured between 2006 and 2015. Most of these crashes were from drivers losing control and hitting trees and power poles or crashes at driveways and intersections.
Widening the centreline is a deceptively simple way to steer drivers away from each other.

When will the works get underway?

We are looking at starting the safety improvements early in 2018, so we will be talking to people in the community to help us create solutions that will work for everyone.

Road safety barriers

Barriers stop your vehicle before you hit something less forgiving – like a tree or a power pole.

Ohaupo Township

We’re also looking at how we can make it safer for people in the township to cross the road.

Wide centrelines

» add rumble strips to give distracted drivers a wake-up call before they cross the centreline or run off the road

» widen the centreline to reduce head-on collisions
We’d like to know what you think

We’ll be in your area soon so come and have a chat with us. We’re keen to hear what you think the issues with the road are and your views on how we can make it safer.

Can’t make it to these events?

You can tell us your views online or give us a call or email.

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Email Desiree.Wehrle@saferoads.co.nz and let us know your thoughts

Provide feedback online at www.nzta.govt.nz/sh3-hamilton-to-ohaupo

WHERE WE’LL BE AND WHEN

Saturday 1 July 2017
Ohaupo Rugby Club
17 Forkert Road, Ohaupo
10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm
Come and enjoy a sausage sizzle on us while we talk about road safety improvements and watch the games!

WHERE WE’LL BE AND WHEN

Tuesday 4 July 2017
Outside the Te Awamutu Library
Selwyn Lane, Te Awamutu
10.30am - 12.30pm
Let us shout you a flat white or a hot choccy while we chat about our plans!

Safety improvements between Te Awamutu and Otorohanga

We’re also looking at how we can make the road between Te Awamutu and Otorohanga safer. You can find out more about this project at www.nzta.govt.nz/sh3-TA-to-Otorohanga. We’ll also be outside the Otorohanga District Library on Saturday 8 July from 10.30am to 12.30pm.