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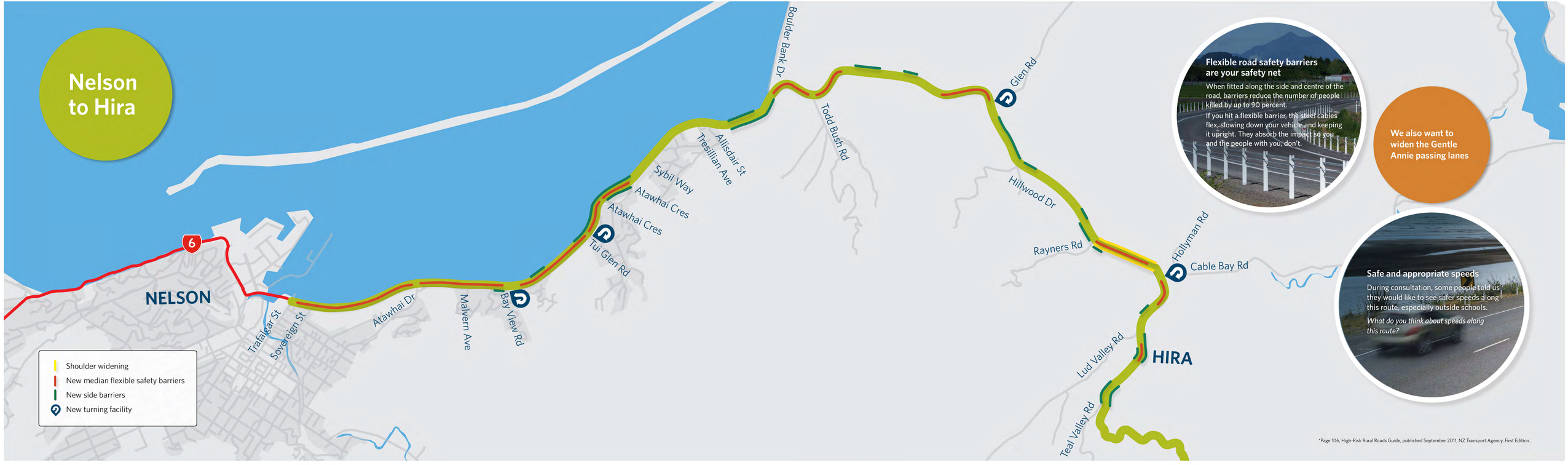

Flexible road safety barriers are your safety net

When fitted along the side and centre of the road, barriers reduce the number of people killed by up to 90 percent.

If you hit a flexible barrier, the steel cables flex, slowing down your vehicle and keeping it upright. They absorb the impact so you and the people with you, don't.

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Making it safer for motorcyclists

We want to add motorcycle underlay rails to both new and existing side barriers along the route between Rai Valley and Hira.

The rails redirect the rider along the barrier and away from the guardrail posts if they fall off their bike, reducing the chance of motorcyclists being seriously injured or killed if they crash.

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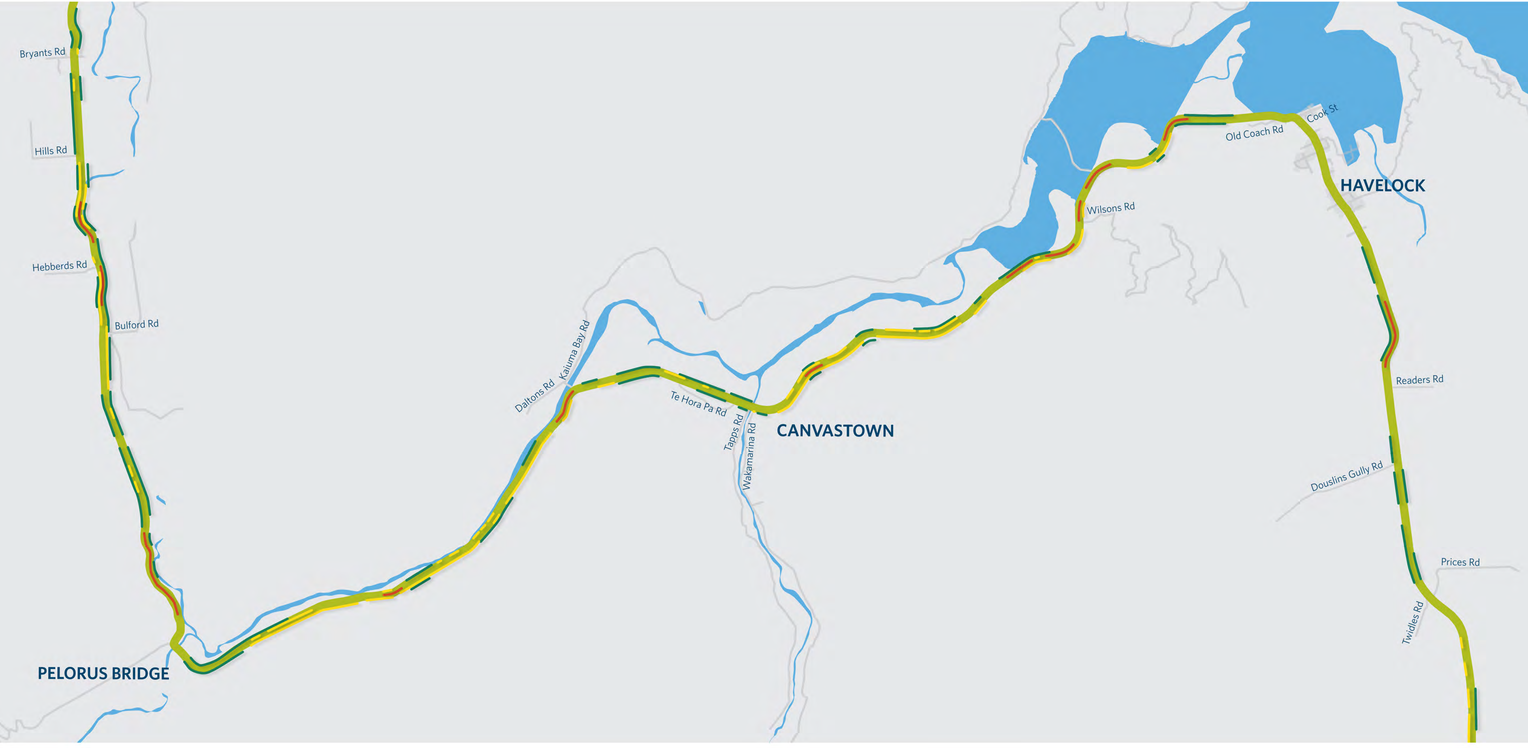
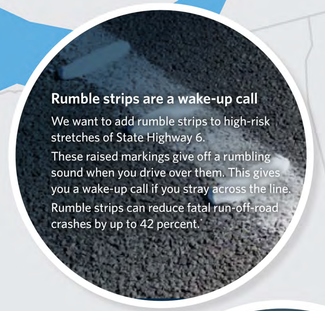


- Shoulder widening
- New median flexible safety barriers
- New side barriers



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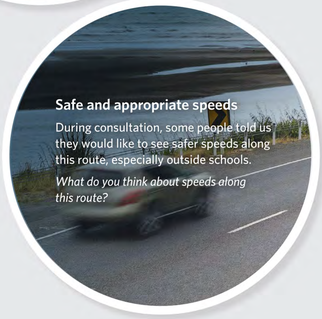

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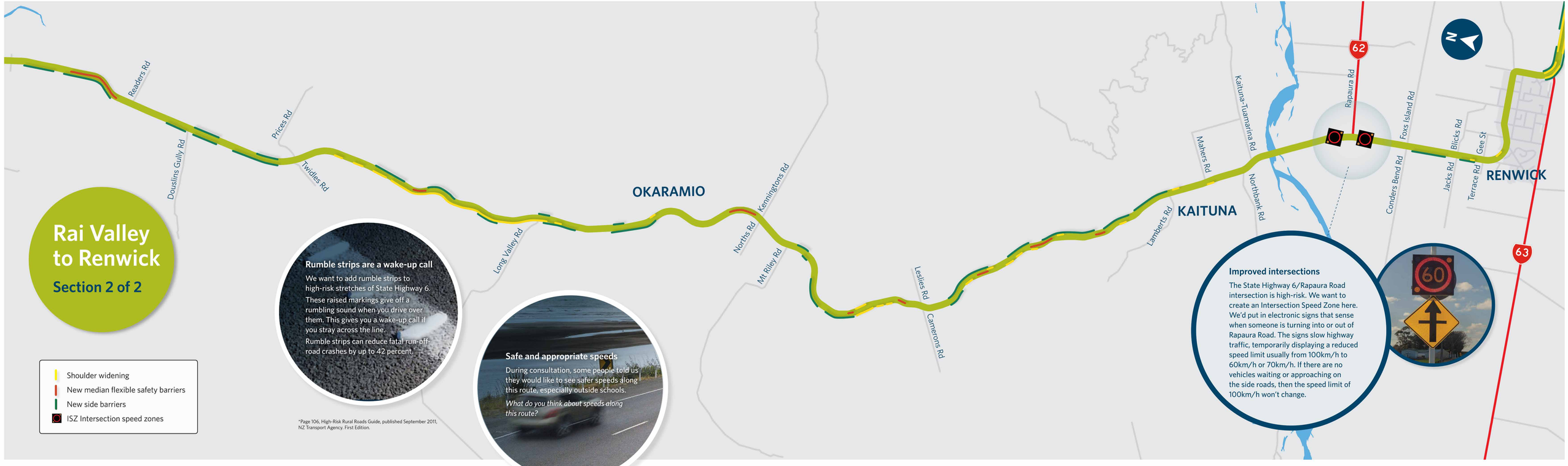

Rai Valley to Renwick

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- Shoulder widening
- New median flexible safety barriers
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- ISZ Intersection speed zones

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Improved intersections

The State Highway 6/Rapaura Road intersection is high-risk. We want to create an Intersection Speed Zone here. We'd put in electronic signs that sense when someone is turning into or out of Rapaura Road. The signs slow highway traffic, temporarily displaying a reduced speed limit usually from 100km/h to 60km/h or 70km/h. If there are no vehicles waiting or approaching on the side roads, then the speed limit of 100km/h won't change.

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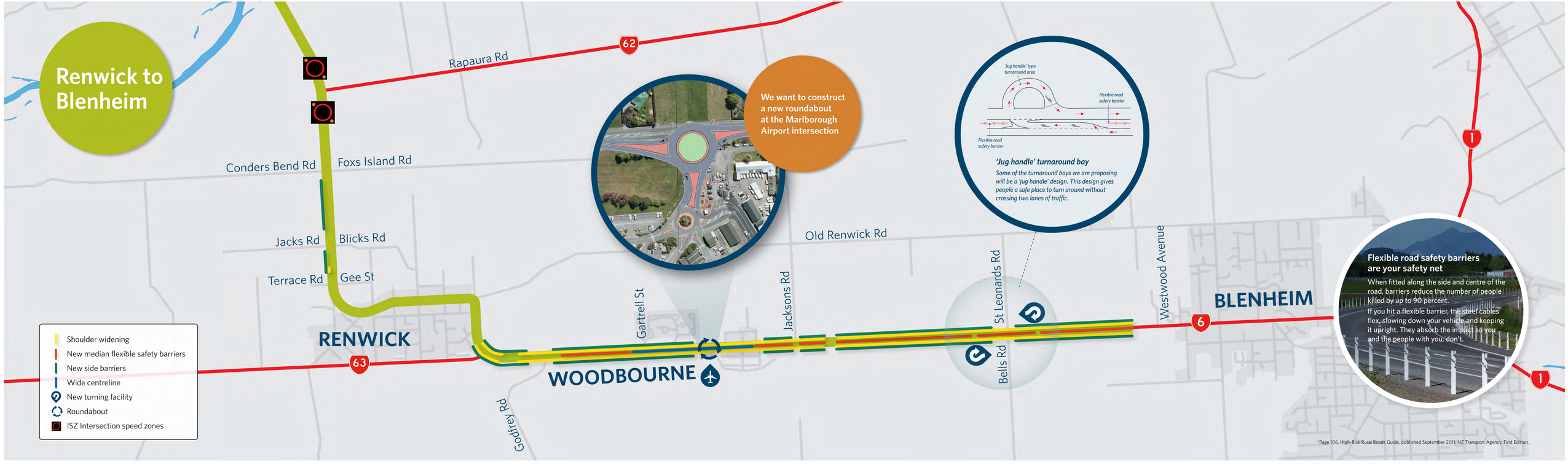

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