

NZTA proposals and responses

Old SH1 Peka Peka to Ōtaki speed review

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi speed limit review

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Please tell us some information about you:

Your name Required

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Would you like to receive email updates on this proposal including the speed review outcome?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

What is your connection to this road? Required

- ☐ I use the road to travel through, but I don't live locally
☐ I use the road for local travel and I live, work or go to school in the area
☒ I'm authorised to represent an iwi, runanga, hapū, stakeholder organisation, council

Please specify your role and the name of your group/organisation: Required

Where do you live? Required

- ☐ Hautere
☐ Ōtaki
☐ Ōtaki Beach
☐ Peka Peka
☐ Te Horo
☐ Te Horo Beach
☒ Other (please specify)

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Which of the following State Highway sections would you like to comment on? Required
We will then ask you to provide feedback on all of the sections you selected.

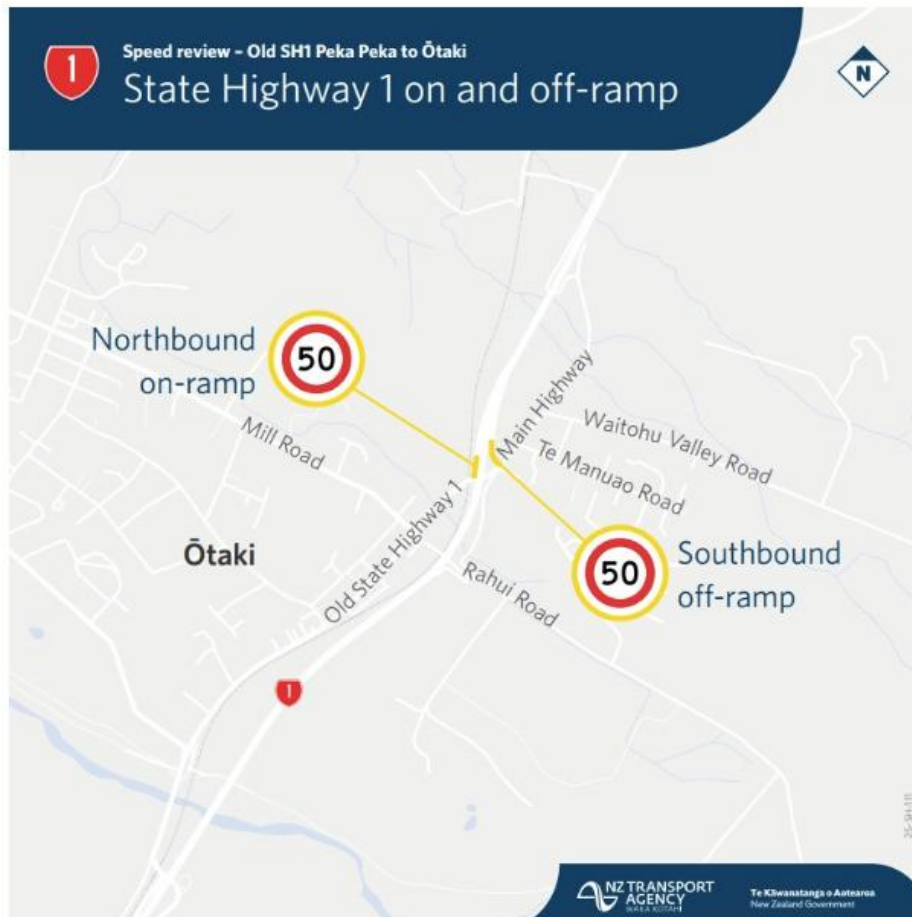
Ōtaki southbound off-ramp (north end of Otaki)

Ōtaki northern interchange southbound expressway off-ramp onto old SH1

Approximate length: 100m

Current speed limit: N/A

Proposed speed limit: 50km/h



What do you think about the proposed speed limit? (proposed speed limit: 50km/h) Required

- I can see benefits in the proposal – **Yes**
- I have concerns about the proposal
- Other (please specify)

What benefits do you see? Required

Implementing a 50km/h speed limit, 100m from Old SH1 will encourage motorists to slow before they enter the left hand bend, and lower speeds will reduce the risk of a nose-to-tail collision with motorists who have stopped at the end of the off ramp.

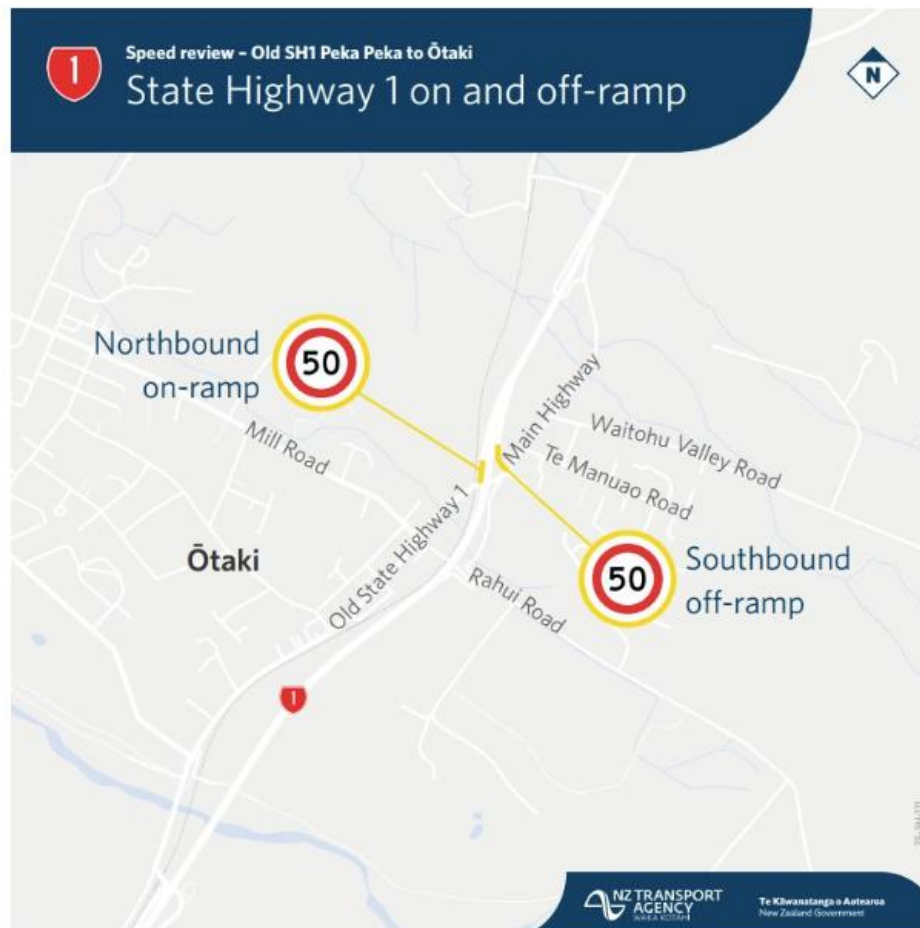
Ōtaki northbound on-ramp (north end of Otaki)

Ōtaki northern interchange northbound expressway on-ramp off old SH1

Approximate length: 35km

Current speed limit: N/A

Proposed speed limit: 50km/h



What do you think about the proposed speed limit? (proposed speed limit: 50km/h) Required

- I can see benefits in the proposal – **Yes**
- I have concerns about the proposal
- Other (please specify)

What benefits do you see? Required

Implementing a 50km/h speed limit on the first 35m of the on ramp will enable motorists turning from Old SH1 to complete their turning manoeuvre before seeing the 100km/h speed limit sign and accelerating.

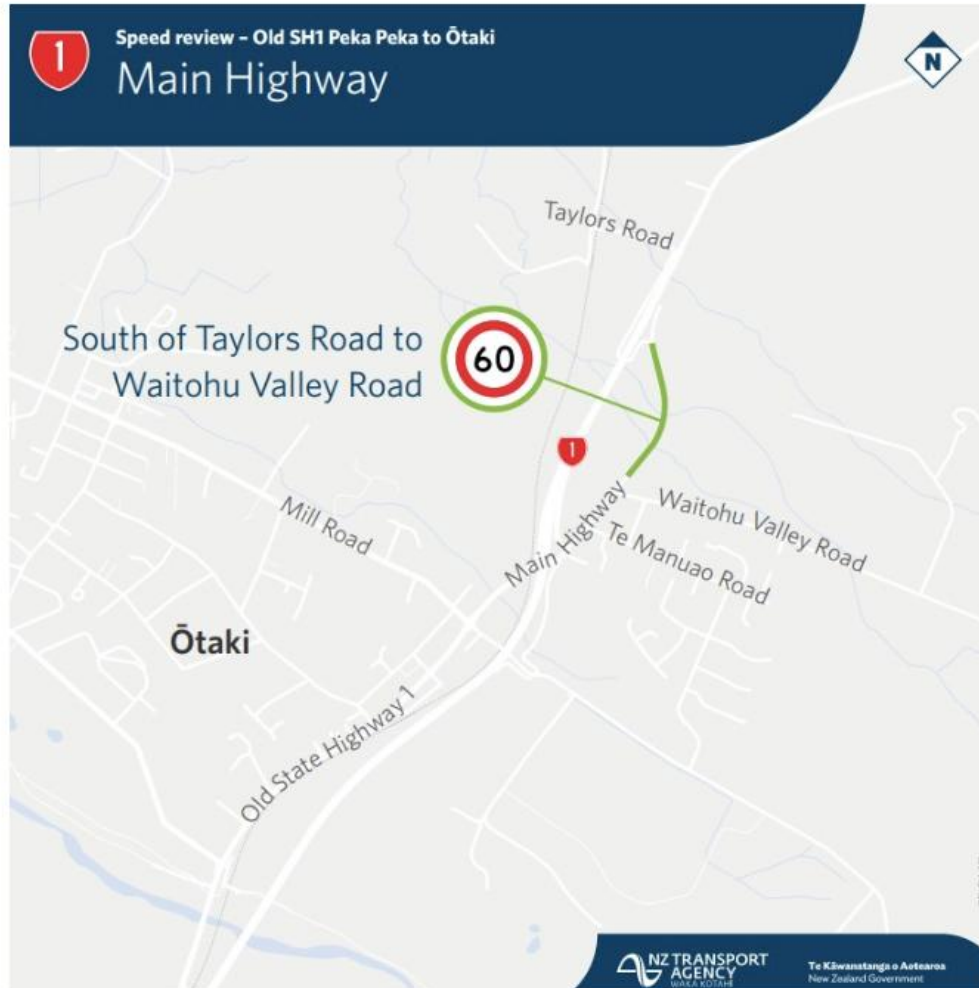
Taylor's Road to north of Waitohu Valley Road

From Taylor's Road along old SH1 north of Ōtaki

Approximate length: 700m

Current speed limit: 100km/h

Proposed speed limit: 60km/h



What do you think about the proposed speed limit? (Current speed limit: 100km/h, proposed speed limit: 60km/h) Required

- I can see benefits in the proposal – **Yes**
- I have concerns about the proposal
- Other (please specify)

What benefits do you see? Required

- Reduced number and severity of crashes -
- Easier to turn into and out of intersections and/ or driveways – **Yes**
- Improved safety for pedestrians and people biking – **Yes**
- Other (please specify)
 - *The length of the 100km/h section of road is less than the allowable minimum as specified in Schedule 1 of Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.*

- *Reducing the speed limit to 60km/h along this section of road will tie into Taylors Road which is posted with a 60km/h speed limit and has similar charecteristics to this section of road.*

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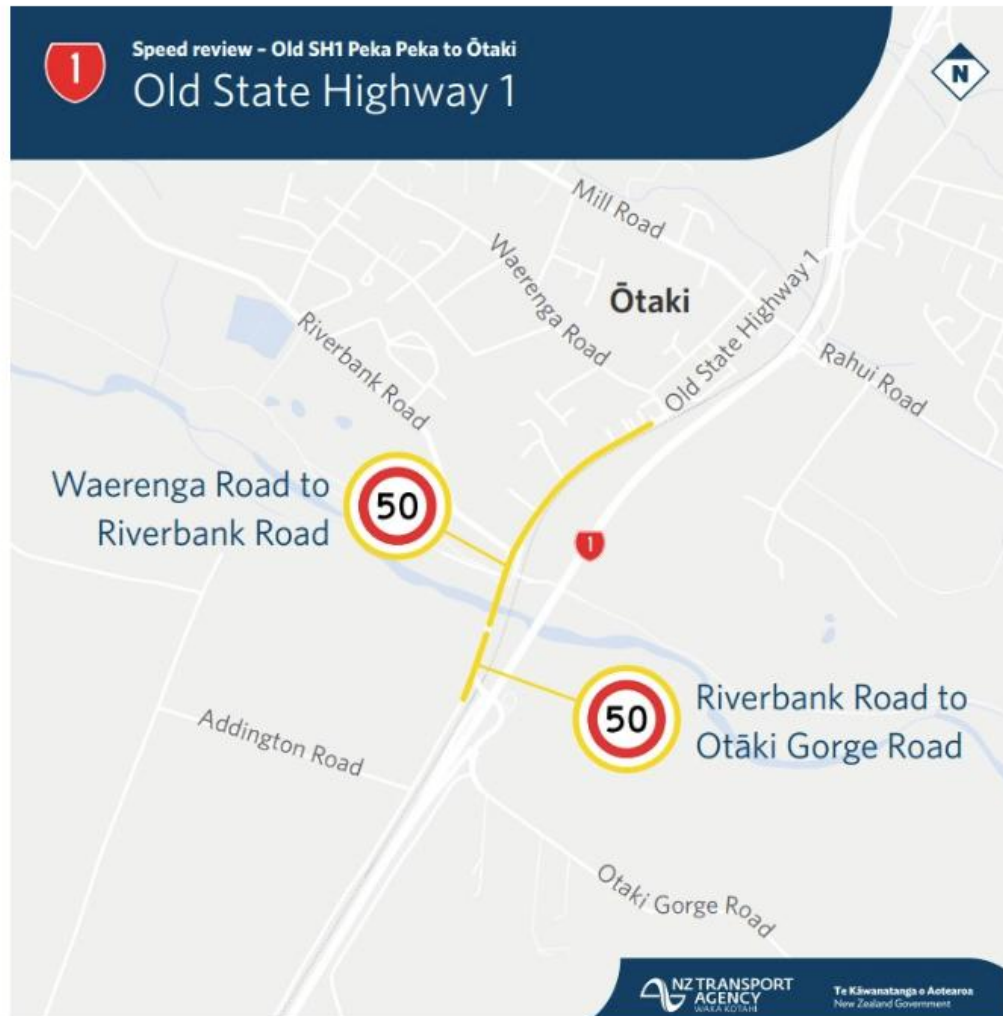
Waerenga Road to Riverbank Road

Ōtaki Township along old SH1

Approximate length: 1km

Current speed limit: 70km/h

Proposed speed limit: 50km/h



What do you think about the proposed speed limit? (Current speed limit: 70km/h, proposed speed limit: 50km/h) Required

- I can see benefits in the proposal – **Yes**
- I have concerns about the proposal

What benefits do you see? Required

- Reduced number and severity of crashes -
- Easier to turn into and out of intersections and/ or driveways – **Yes**
- Improved safety for pedestrians and people biking – **Yes**
- Other (please specify) – **Yes**
 - Reducing the speed limit to 50km/h will:
 - reduce the risk to cyclists/ pedestrians using the shared path and crossing Old SH1.

- *provide a continuous 50km/h route on Old SH1 between Waitohu Valley Road and Ōtaki Gorge Road.*
- *complement other infrastructure that reflects the urban environment, e.g. shared path, traffic signals, flush median, pedestrian refuges (islands).*

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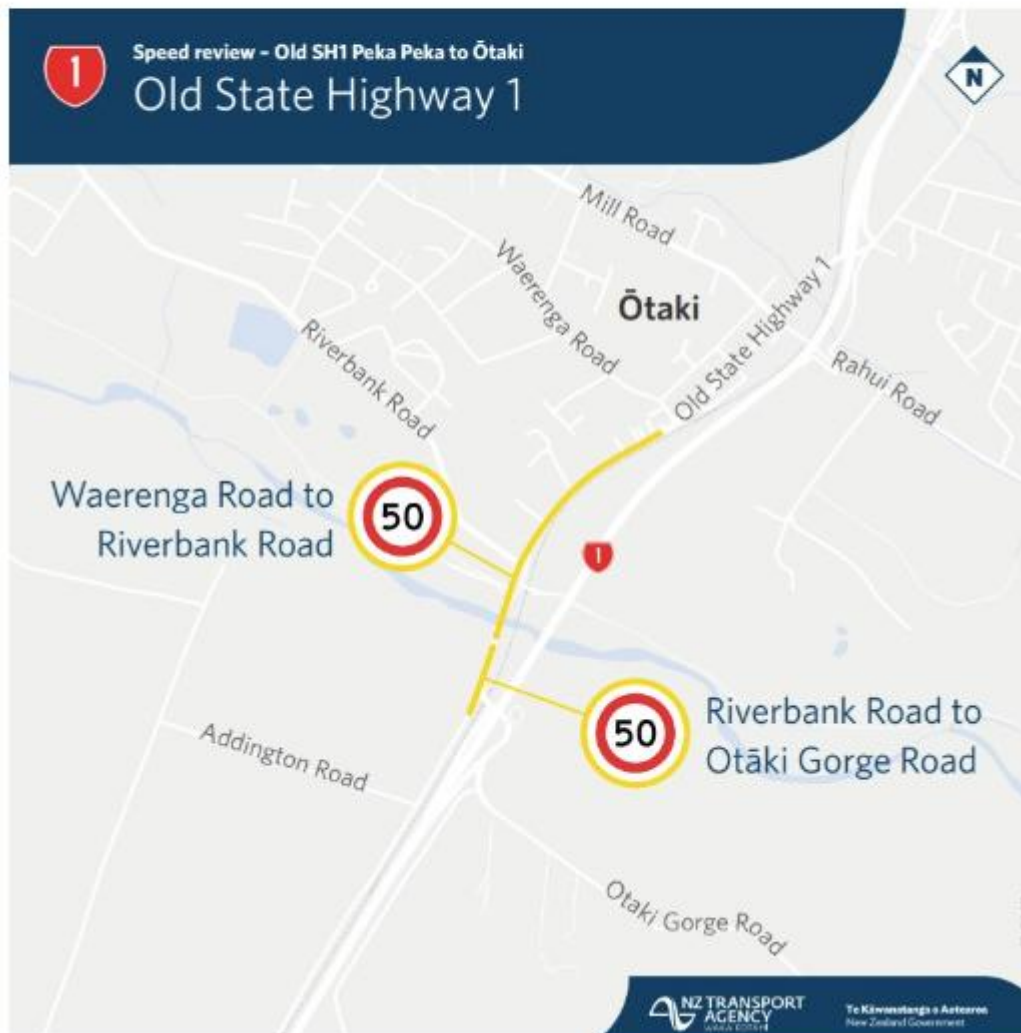
South end of Ōtāki River Bridge to south of Ōtāki Gorge Road

From Ōtāki River to intersection with Ōtāki Gorge Road and old SH1 to Te Horo

Approximate length: 280m

Current speed limit: 100km/h

Proposed speed limit: 50km/h



What do you think about the proposed speed limit? (Current speed limit: 100km/h, proposed speed limit: 50km/h) Required

- I can see benefits in the proposal – **Yes**
- I have concerns about the proposal

What benefits do you see? Required

- Reduced number and severity of crashes -
- Easier to turn into and out of intersections and/ or driveways – **Yes**
- Improved safety for pedestrians and people biking – **Yes**
- Other (please specify) – **Yes**

- *The length of the 100km/h section of road is less than the allowable minimum as specified in Schedule 1 of Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.*
- *It therefore makes sense for this section to be reduced to 50km/h as it will provide a continuous 50km/h route between Waitohu Valley Road and Ōtaki Gorge Road.*

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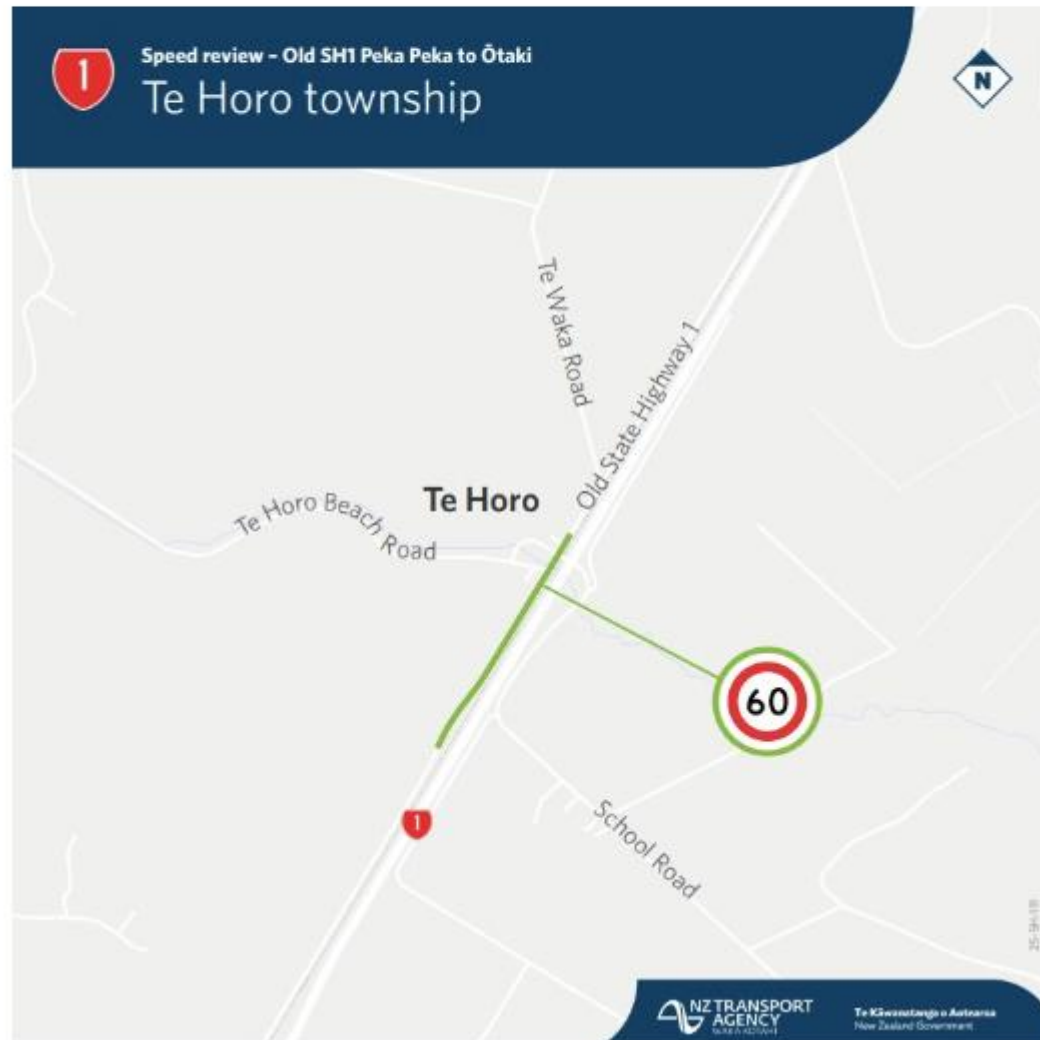
Te Horo township/Ōtaki south

Old SH1 through Te Horo Township and Te Horo Beach Road intersection

Approximate length: 1km

Current speed limit: 100km/h

Proposed speed limit: 60km/h



What do you think about the proposed speed limit? (Current speed limit: 100km/h, proposed speed limit: 60km/h) Required

- I can see benefits in the proposal
- I have concerns about the proposal – **Yes**

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What concerns do you have? Required

- Longer travel time – **Yes**
- Increased congestion
- Drivers may ignore the new speed limit – **Yes**
- Other (please specify) – **Yes**

Do you have any other comments about the proposal?

- *Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 states that the objective of the Rule is to contribute to an effective, efficient and safe land transport system by providing for an approach to speed management that considers speed limits alongside safety infrastructure and safety camera enforcement.*
- *In practice this translates to:*
 - *Setting a speed limit that is adhered to by motorists.*
 - *Implementing associated infrastructure that reflects the speed limit, minimising the risk for other road users crossing Old SH1 or entering/ exiting Old SH1.*
- *KCDC does not have sufficient information to form a view whether the proposed 60km/h speed limit will achieve the objective of the Rule. Information that would have assisted in forming a view would include knowing and understanding the level of compliance to reduced speeds when the permanent and temporary speed limits were in place over recent years.*
- *Without this information it is unclear as to the benefits of the reduction to 60km/h.*
- *As a former state highway, this section of road was designed and built for 100km/h. An 80km/h limit would therefore seem suitable.*
- *With respect to actual usage and travel times, we note that a speed limit reduction to 60km/h will put additional pressure on travel times for scheduled bus services between Ōtaki and Waikanae and their interconnection with trains services at Waikanae.*
- *We also note an inconsistency with NZTA's wider speed limit management through its recent revocation of lower speed limits north of Ōtaki, on sections of road that are widely recognised as dangerous.*