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**Wainui Road to Opotiki  
safety improvements**



We are looking at ways to make Wainui Road and State Highway 2, from the outskirts of Ohope to Opotiki, safer for everyone. This project is part of the Safe Roads and Roadsides programme that is underway to prevent people from dying or being seriously injured on our rural roads.

**Help us to  
make your  
road safer.**



**Eight people have died and 38 people have been seriously injured**

SH2 Wainui Road to Opotiki is classified as a high risk rural road for a reason. The corridor has a high rate of death and serious injury crashes - there have been 46 in the past 10 years. Seven people died and 31 have been seriously injured along State Highway 2. One person has died and seven have been seriously injured along Wainui Road. Ordinary Kiwis whose lives have been torn apart. Most of these crashes were caused by drivers losing control and hitting roadside hazards such as trees, poles or banks.

**Something has to change**

There are proven ways we can upgrade the road to prevent more crashes like these from happening again, but to get it right, we need your help. After all, it's locals who know their 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 or have to take evasive action
- » install safety barriers to stop drivers running off the road





- » install rumble strips to give distracted drivers a wake-up call
- » improve intersections that have known problems

Regardless of what causes a crash, speed always plays a part so we will be looking at whether the speed limit accurately reflects how risky the road is for the people who use it every day.

### Safety barriers

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



### Wider shoulders

A wider sealed shoulder provides room to recover if you lose control or need to take evasive action. This can reduce crashes by up to 35 per cent.\*



\* High Risk Rural Guide, published September 2011, NZ Transport Agency, First Edition.

## What's happening, and when?

We are looking at early 2018 to start work on installing safety treatments. We will be talking to people in the community, to help us create solutions that will work for everyone.

## We welcome your feedback



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Provide feedback online at [nzta.govt.nz/sh2-wainui-road-to-opotiki-feedback](http://nzta.govt.nz/sh2-wainui-road-to-opotiki-feedback) before  
16 March 2017

Join us in making this stretch of road safer as soon as possible so that everyone in the Bay of Plenty can enjoy safer journeys.



## COME ALONG TO OUR OPEN DAY

**Wednesday 8 March 2017**

Waiotaha Settlers Hall  
Waiotaha Valley Road,  
Waiotaha  
3-7pm

