

SPEED MANAGEMENT

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT SPEED MANAGEMENT

We want to know what you think about road speed limits across the District as part of the Council's 2024 – 2034 Speed Management Plan.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

Waka Kotahi/NZ Transport Agency requires councils, as road controlling authorities, to develop 10-year speed management plans every three years. Speed management is about achieving safe and appropriate speeds on roads that reflect the road's function, design, safety and use.

As a Road Controlling Authority we want everyone to be able to get home safely every time and to feel comfortable choosing from a range of travel options, be it driving, walking, biking or scootering.

WHAT'S IN THE PLAN?

Speed Management Plan 2024 - 2027

Over the last 12 months we reduced speed limits outside our schools. Over the next three years we'd like to focus on delivering safe and appropriate speed limits around marae, the Hāwera CBD, beach communities and on some of our 70km per hour roads.

Speed Management Plan 2027 - 2034

Because the Plan has a 10-year horizon, the Council is also required to consider reducing speed limits beyond 2027.

While our Speed Management Plan will be reviewed before 2027, we are still required to consider reducing speeds limits on our rural roads and townships over the 10-year period. So, to start the conversation we are also asking people what they think of speeds on some of our rural roads and in our townships post 2027 too.

Key Proposals 2027 - 2034

- Should we keep speeds in our towns at 50km/h or reduce them to 40km/h?
- Should we reduce limits from 100km/h to 80km/h on selected rural roads?

The proposals to lower some speed limits across the District will have an impact on everybody, from our residents to our organisations and businesses. It's vital that we get the balance right between safety and road user convenience, so it's important that we hear from as many people as possible in South Taranaki.

KEY PROPOSALS 2024 - 2027

- 60km/h outside all marae
- 30km/h in Hāwera CBD
- 30km/h in beach communities like Ōhawe/Waiiinu

DID YOU KNOW?

Deaths and serious injuries in South Taranaki are more likely to occur on our higher-speed rural roads.

Speeding (exceeding the legal limit) contributes to about 60% of fatal crashes in New Zealand.

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

The easiest way to have your say is to complete the online form on the Council's website www.southtaranaki.com/consultations or drop into any of the Council's seven LibraryPlus centres or the Hāwera Administration Building to complete a hard copy.

CONSULTATION RUNS UNTIL 29 OCTOBER 2023

