



Selwyn River to Ashburton safety improvements

FEEDBACK SUMMARY

APRIL 2018



We've had great conversations with the community and commuters about making State Highway 1, between just north of the Selwyn River Bridge and Racecourse Road north of Ashburton, safer.

We held a series of community drop-in sessions in Ashburton, Rakaia and Dunsandel in December to share our ideas and find out more from people who use the road. We asked what makes this road feel unsafe and what worries them the most.

About 80 people came to talk to us at the events.

We also received 113 feedback forms, 14 emails or letters and a number of phone calls.

How your feedback is being used

Your feedback is really important to us. We use your local knowledge of the roads, alongside our research, to make sure we haven't missed anything important.

What happens next?

We will take this feedback and continue our investigations. We'll make final decisions on safety improvements and share them with the community later this year.

You said these things make you feel unsafe

- » Crossing the Rakaia Bridge.
- » The high traffic volumes.
- » Drivers crossing the centreline.
- » Walking and/or driving across SH1 at Rakaia and Dunsandel.
- » Speeds through Rakaia, Dunsandel and into Ashburton.
- » Parking around the Mobil Service Station in Rakaia and food outlets in Dunsandel making visibility difficult for local traffic.
- » Turning onto and off the State Highway in general, but particularly at the Sharlands Road, Frasers Road, Browns Road and Dromore intersections.

You told us you supported these safety improvements

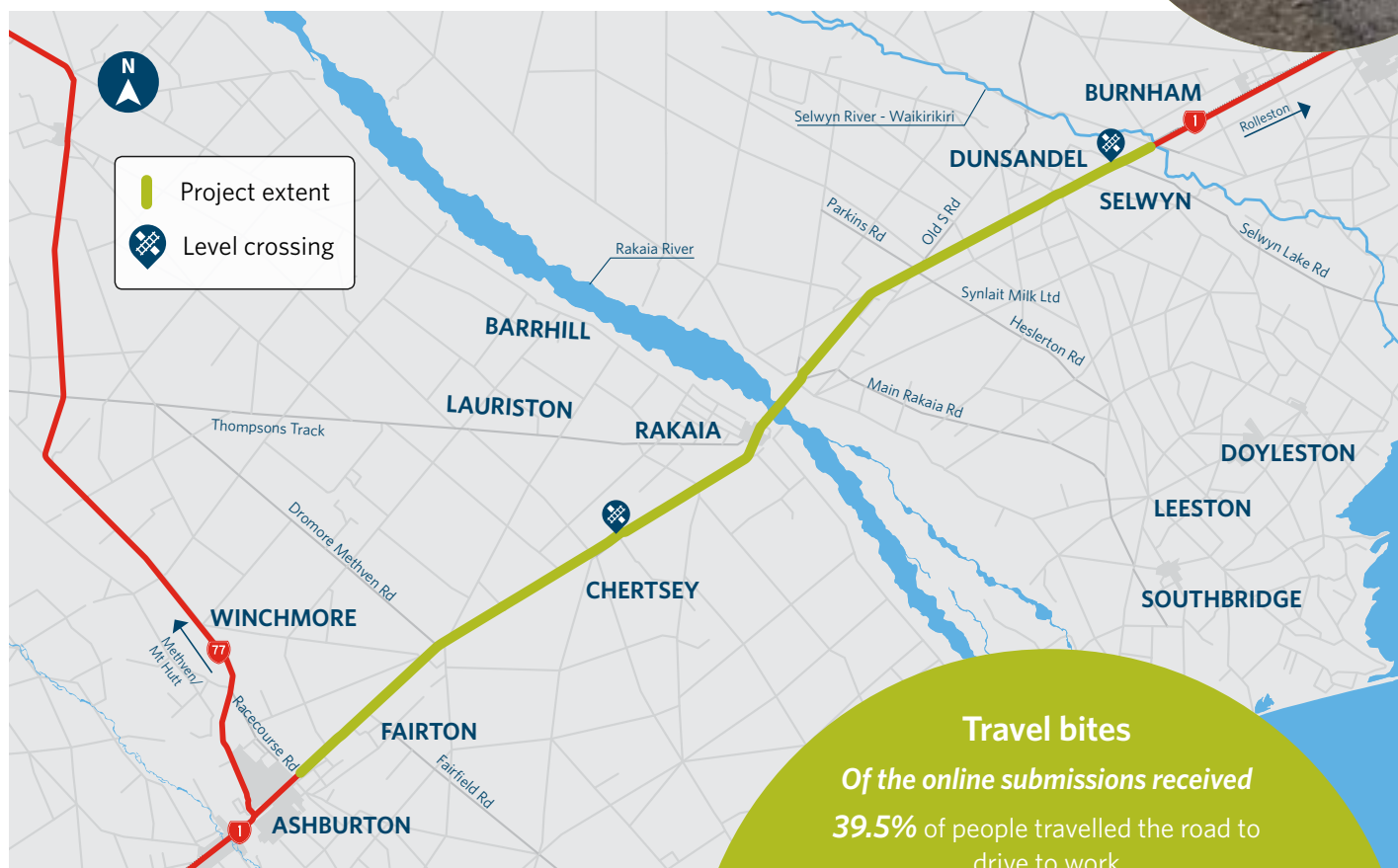
- » **Rumble Strips** to give drivers a wake-up call if they stray across the line. You want them on the Rakaia Bridge as well.
- » **Wide centre line or flexible barriers** to keep vehicles apart and reduce head-on crashes.
- » **Widened sealed shoulder** to provide space to recover if drivers drift out of their lane or lose control.
- » A review of speed limits through Dunsandel, Rakaia and across the Rakaia Bridge.

You told us you had concerns about

- » How agricultural and other large vehicles will be able to use the road if we install flexible safety barriers.
- » Some passing lanes feel too short.
- » There is poor visibility at the North Rakaia Road Junction with the SH1 rail overpass and the speed limit feels too high.

You told us you have mixed feelings about

- » **Flexible side barriers**
You are worried they could reduce the options for evading head-on crashes, or they will make people drive closer to the centreline.



? You also raised some questions about other projects

- » **Rakaia Bridge.** You would like a new bridge or the existing bridge to be widened.
- » **Four-laning from Rolleston to Ashburton.**
- » **Creating more spaces for passing.**

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Travel bites

Of the online submissions received

- 39.5% of people travelled the road to drive to work
- 21.9% to visit friends and family
- 6.5% used the road for recreational purposes, eg cycling or going to parks
- 3.2% on the school run
- 3.2% were for commercial purposes eg freight
- 1% agricultural purposes
- 75% of people support flexible safety barriers in the centre of the road to help stop head-on crashes.