



Safety improvements

Harris Road to SH1 Transmission Gully



Work is already well underway to improve the safety of SH58. Improvements between SH2 and Mount Cecil Road are complete and work between Mount Cecil and Harris Roads is in construction. A safer speed limit was set in 2018.

We are now starting the planning phase for the final stage of improvements – the section between Harris Road and the Transmission Gully SH1 interchange.

The improvements in this area will include:

- Two new roundabouts, at the Moonshine Road and the Murphys Road/Flightys Road intersections
- Widening the road, adding wider sealed shoulders and side barriers
- Installing median barriers for the entire length of the road.

We are investigating whether some work can be brought forward, by seeking early approvals for road widening and safety barriers between Harris Road and east of Moonshine Road.

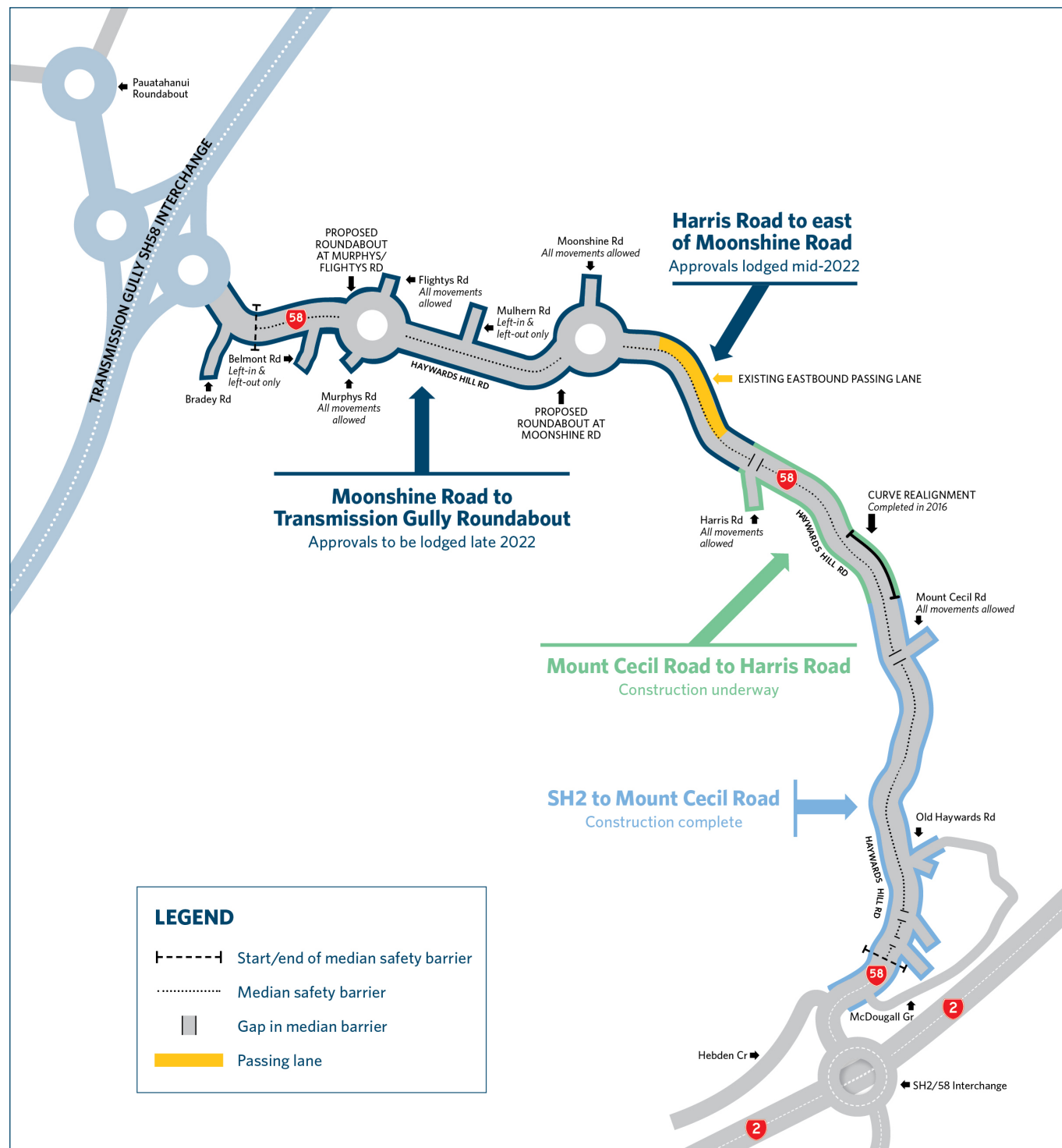
The approvals required for works from Moonshine Road to the SH1 Transmission Gully interchange are more complex. This stretch includes the project's two new roundabouts. This work will require resource consents and purchase of some property.

We expect to lodge these applications late this year and start construction in 2023 if consents are approved.

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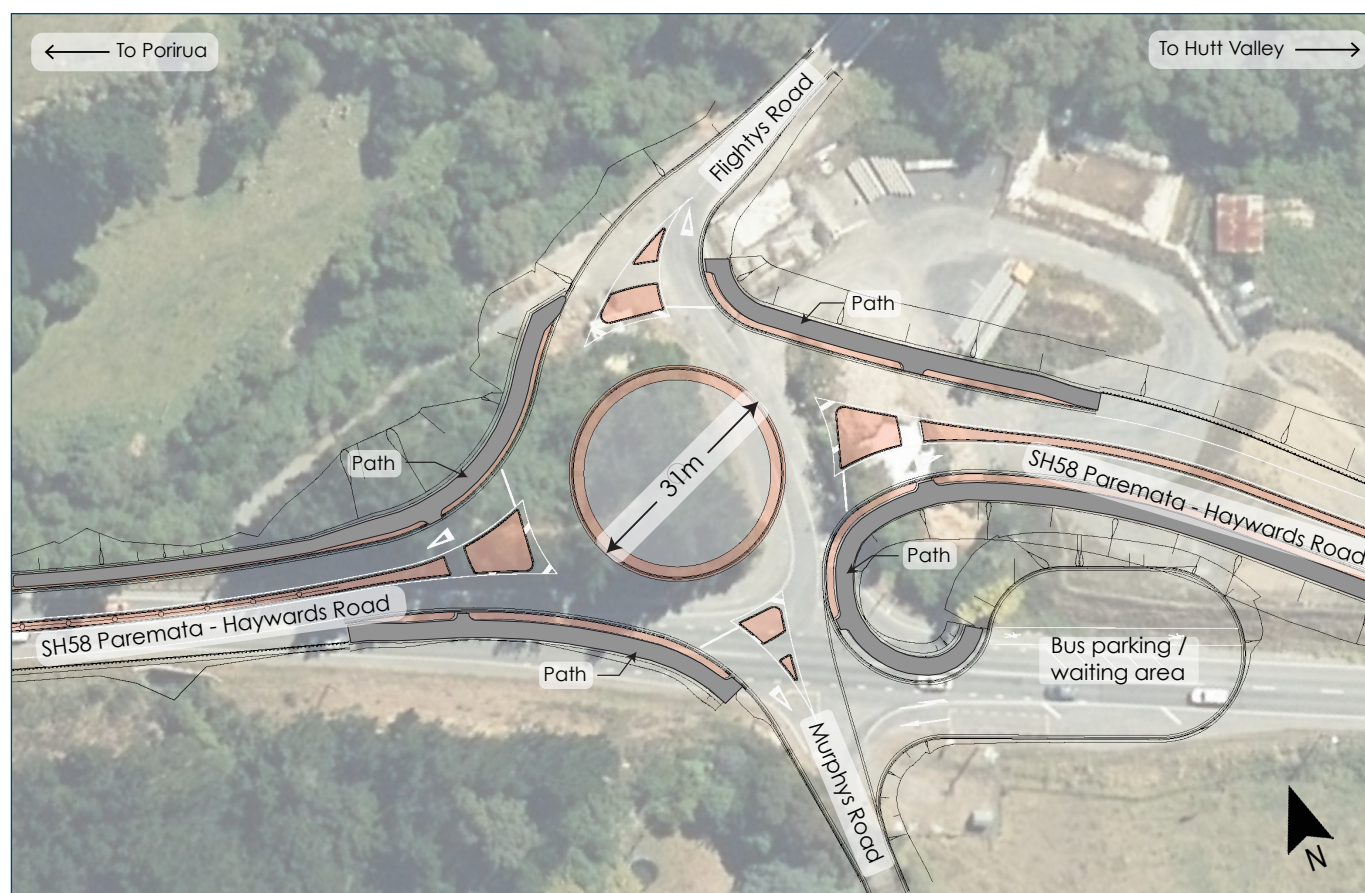
Safety improvements have and are being made between Western Hutt Road (State Highway 2) to the new Transmission Gully interchange.



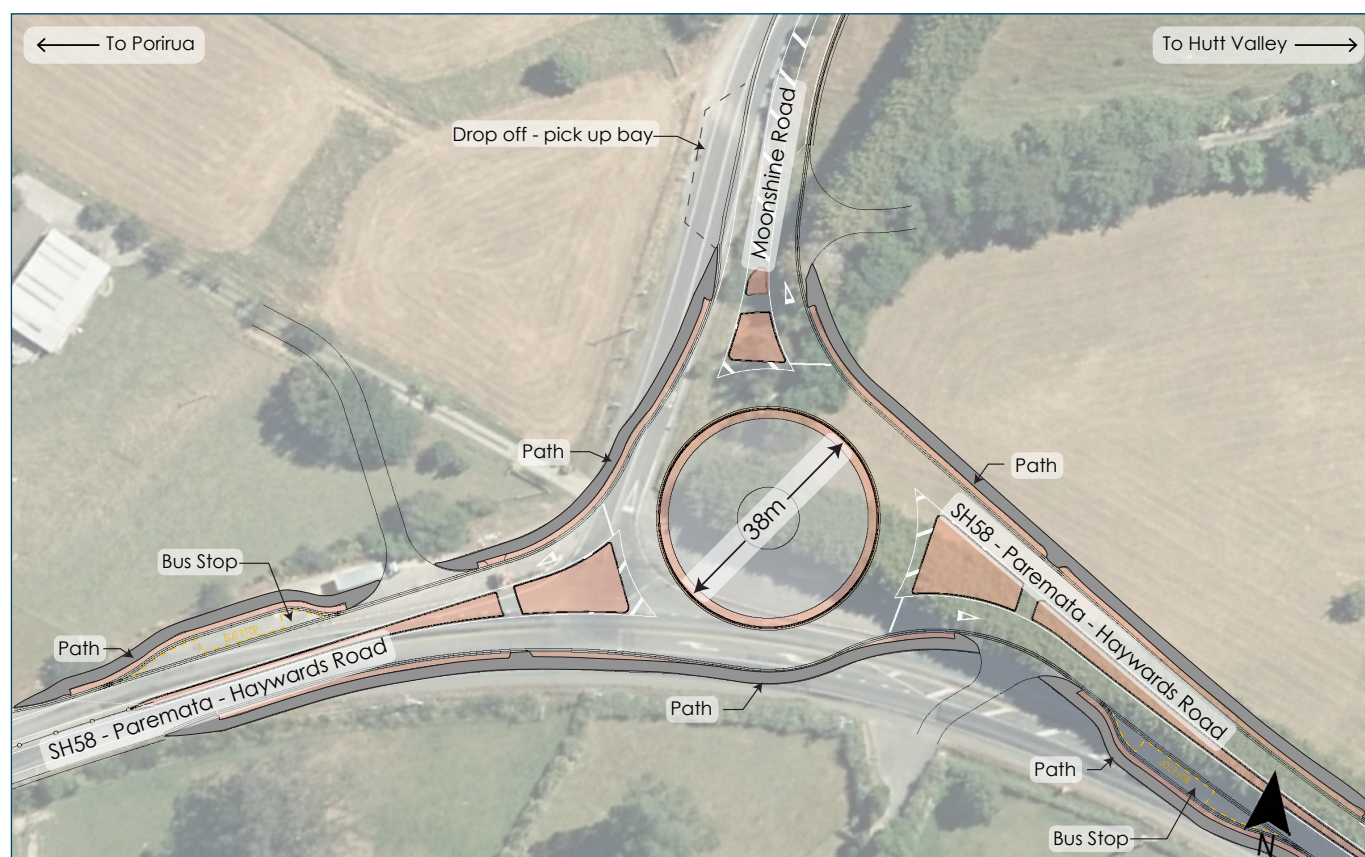
Safer for cycling

We know many people enjoy biking on SH58, particularly at weekends. A consistent shoulder width on SH58 will mean more space to ride without coming into conflict with trucks or other vehicles at pinch points. The project involves widening the road shoulder along SH58 from 1.2m on straights to 1.5m on the inside of bends, providing more space for people to ride between the vehicle lane and the barrier, improving safety for all.

New roundabout layouts



A: Proposed Roundabout at Murphys/Flightys Rd



B: Proposed Roundabout at Moonshine Rd

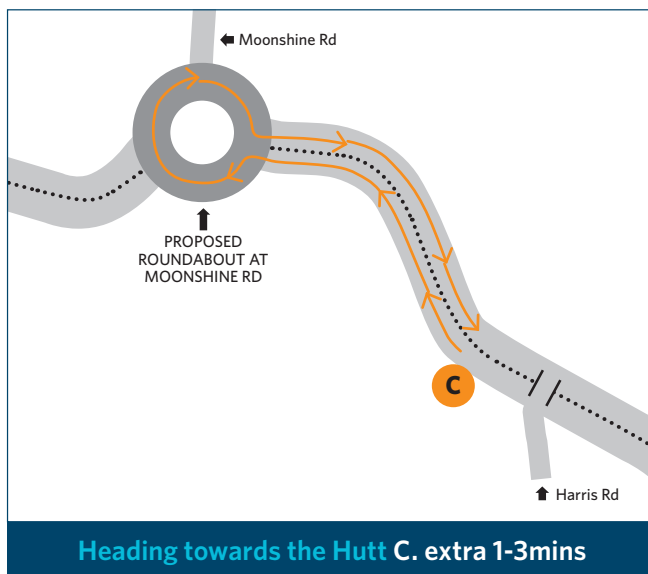
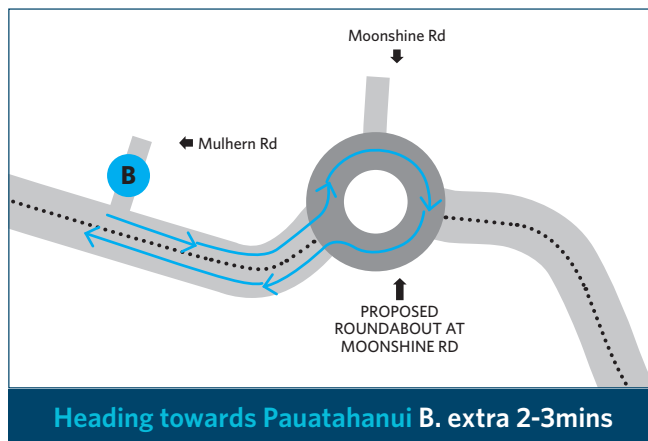
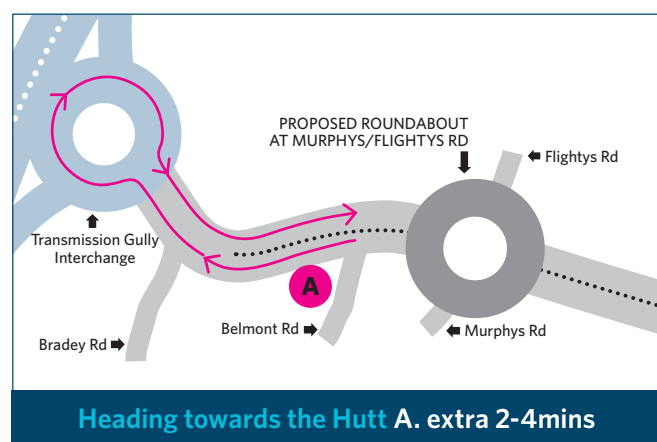
Alternative turn arounds

Road safety barriers give you a second chance, so a simple mistake on the road doesn't cost a life. Barriers stop your vehicle before it hits something harder – like a tree, a power pole or an oncoming vehicle.

Installing a median safety barrier means that some right turns will be removed and some of the roads that connect to SH58 will become left-in/left-out only.

While some people living and working along SH58 will have very little change to their access, others will have a few minutes added to their journeys. We know that any change of access can be inconvenient.

Some examples of the changes for local journeys and the approximate additional drive times are below.



Road to Zero

Road to Zero is New Zealand's road safety strategy. It sets us on a path to achieve Vision Zero, an Aotearoa where no one is killed or seriously injured on our roads.

To deliver this, we need to create a safe transport system - one that recognises humans make mistakes and is designed so that these mistakes do not need to cost us our lives. One way to do this is to look at the design of our roads, and the speed limits on them.

This project is one of many across the Wellington region, and the country, to improve the safety of our roads and reduce the number of people being seriously harmed in crashes.

Safer intersections, including roundabouts, and safety barriers in the median and on roadsides help keep everyone safe. When someone makes a mistake, these upgrades mean it is less likely to result in a crash that leads to someone dying or being seriously injured.

Safer speed limits are a part of the picture too. Speed is a factor in the severity and outcome of every crash. We have already reviewed the speed limit on SH58, and set a new safer speed limit of 80km/h in 2018, following public consultation.



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