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Dear All

Thank you for your letter of 23 May 2025 regarding the Ōtaki to North of Levin (Ō2NL) project and the design changes being considered.

We understand the importance of this project to the community, with a project objective to deliver a more resilient and efficient highway that will support the region's economic growth.

Your feedback is appreciated, and the project team will reflect feedback received in their advice to the NZTA Board in June this year. In making their decision, the Board will consider feedback, while looking to balance affordability, while delivering the project objectives and value for money.

While I am unable to meet with you to discuss the project, I understand that NZTA has been in touch with you to arrange a meeting to discuss your concerns.

GPS 2024 sets a clear expectation for NZTA to consider tolling to support the construction and maintenance of all new roads, including the Roads of National Significance. In December 2024 the Government announced its decision on tolling for Ō2NL.

In the case of speed limit changes, the Land Transport Rule Setting of Speed Limits 2024 (the Rule) determines the required approach for the four sections of state highway where speeds were reduced in December 2022 – all of which will revert to their previous speed limits before 1 July 2025. NZTA is required to implement these changes by the Rule.

If you would like to discuss this further with NZTA, please contact Linda Stewart, Director Regional Relationships ((Taranaki/Hawkes Bay/Gisborne/Manawatu), by email to [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Bridges', written in a cursive style.

Simon Bridges
NZTA Board Chair