

# SAFER JOURNEYS

## FIRST ACTIONS



### SAFER JOURNEYS PROBABLE FIRST ACTIONS

The first actions to come from the strategy will be progressed this year. The government will introduce a package of measures focusing on areas where real gains can be made. This document lists these initiatives and the steps that need to be taken to introduce them.

#### YOUNGER DRIVERS

| ACTION   | WORK REQUIRED TO MAKE CHANGE  | FIRST STEPS   |
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| <p><b>Raise driving age to 16.</b></p>   | <p>Change to the Land Transport Act 1998.</p> <p>Would also require IT system changes to the Driver Licence Register, as well as process changes.</p> | <p>Package of measures for Cabinet approval in March.</p> <p>Following Cabinet approval, the provisions would be included in a Land Transport Amendment Bill. Public consultation on proposed change will be carried out as part of the Select Committee's consideration of the Bill. A call for submissions will be made by public notice.</p> |
| <p><b>Make the restricted licence test more difficult to encourage 120 hours of supervised driving practice.</b></p> | <p>Changes to the criteria for the driver licence test.</p> <p>Advertising and education will be required to encourage more practice.</p>             | <p>Package of measures to Cabinet in March.</p> <p>The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) and ACC to begin planning education and advertising programme over the next three months.</p>   |

## YOUNGER DRIVERS *(continued)*

| ACTION   | WORK REQUIRED TO MAKE CHANGE  | FIRST STEPS   |
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| <p><b>Introduce a zero drink-drive limit for drivers under 20.</b></p>                           | <p>Change to the Land Transport Act 1998.</p> <p>Would also require IT system changes as well as process changes.</p> | <p>Package of measures to Cabinet in April.</p> <p>Following Cabinet approval, the provisions would be included in a Land Transport Amendment Bill.</p> <p>Public consultation on proposed change will be carried out as part of the Select Committee's consideration of the Bill. A call for submissions will be by public notice.</p> |
| <p><b>Raise public awareness of young driver crash risk.</b></p>                                 | <p>Requires a change of focus to education campaigns.</p>   | <p>The NZTA, the Police, and ACC to begin planning an education campaign over next three months.</p>  |
| <p><b>Improve road safety education available to young people and increase access to it.</b></p> | <p>Requires programme of education delivered through schools.</p>   | <p>The NZTA, Police, ACC, Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Education to plan how this will be carried out over next twelve months.</p>   |
| <p><b>Investigate vehicle power restrictions for young drivers.</b></p>                          | <p>Research to be reported to the Minister of Transport, with recommendations for future direction.</p>               | <p>The Ministry of Transport to look at other jurisdictions and its applicability to New Zealand conditions.</p>  |

## ALCOHOL/DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVING

| ACTION  | WORK REQUIRED TO MAKE CHANGE  | FIRST STEPS   |
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| <p><b>Address repeat offenders and high level offending through:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Compulsory alcohol interlocks</b></li> <li>• <b>A zero drink-drive limit for offenders.</b></li> </ul>                       | <p>Introducing interlocks requires changes to the Land Transport Act 1998, as well as a process for procuring, implementing and maintaining devices.</p> <p>Zero drink-drive limit requires change to the Land Transport Act 1998.</p> <p>Both would also require IT system changes as well as process changes.</p>   | <p>Both actions to be included in package of measures to Cabinet in April.</p> <p>Following Cabinet approval, the provisions would be included in a Land Transport Amendment Bill. Public consultation on proposed change will be carried out as part of the Select Committee's consideration of the Bill. A call for submissions will be made by public notice.</p> <p>The Ministry of Transport to look at requirements for funding and putting interlock devices in place.</p> |
| <p><b>Either, lower the drink-drive limit to BAC 0.05 and introduce infringement penalties for offences between 0.05 and 0.08</b></p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p><b>Establish the level of risk posed by drivers with a BAC between 0.05 – 0.08.</b></p> | <p>Lowering BAC would require changes to the Land Transport Act 1998 and to the Land Transport Offences and Penalties Regulations.</p> <p>Establishing crashes that are caused by drivers with a BAC between 0.05 – 0.08 would require changes to the system that analyses crash data.</p> <p>Both would also require IT system changes as well as process changes.</p> | <p>Package of measures to Cabinet in April.</p> <p>Following Cabinet approval, the provisions would be included in a Land Transport Amendment Bill. Public consultation on proposed change will be carried out as part of the Select Committee's consideration of the Bill. A call for submissions will be made by public notice.</p> <p>Ministry of Transport to introduce new system for recording data for crashes.</p>  |
| <p><b>Review the traffic offences and penalties for causing death and serious injury.</b></p>   | <p>Research to be reported to the Minister of Transport, with recommendations for future direction.</p>   | <p>The Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Justice to look at offences in and penalties in comparison to criminal offences.</p>   |

## SAFER ROADS AND ROADSIDES

| ACTION   | WORK REQUIRED TO MAKE CHANGE   | FIRST STEPS  |
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| <b>Develop a classification system for the roading network</b>                         | Report on hierarchy of New Zealand's roads by safety.  | The Ministry of Transport and the NZTA have begun work on this project.  |
| <b>Focus safety improvements on high risk rural roads and high risk intersections.</b> | The NZTA and local government to identify roads and intersections that require improvement and ensure road safety efforts are focussed in these areas. | The NZTA and local government to begin identifying rural roads and the treatments they require.<br><br>The NZTA and local government to identify intersections and treatments they require.  |
| <b>Change the give way rules for turning traffic.</b>                                  | Requires changes to the Road User Rule and Offences and Penalties Regulations as well as an education campaign to make drivers aware of the change.    | Package of measures to Cabinet later this year.<br><br>Following Cabinet approval, public consultation on proposed change will be carried out. A call for submissions will be made through public notices in major newspapers.<br><br>The NZTA will develop a mass media campaign and supporting resources to introduce the changes. |

## INCREASING THE SAFETY OF MOTORCYCLING

| ACTION   | WORK REQUIRED TO MAKE CHANGE  | FIRST STEPS   |
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| <p><b>Improve motorcycle rider training and licensing.</b></p> <p><b>Licensing mopeds.</b></p> | <p>Licensing changes requires changes to Land Transport Act 1998 and Driver Licensing Rule.</p> <p>Major IT changes would also be required.</p> <p>Changes to the licensing process for motorcyclists will require the development of new training and assessment tools and development of capability in the motorcycle training industry.</p> <p>An education campaign will be needed to encourage riders to take better training, and to ensure that when licensing tests are strengthened, novice riders are aware and prepared.</p> | <p>Package of measures to Cabinet later this year.</p> <p>Following Cabinet approval, the provisions would be included in a Land Transport Amendment Bill. Public consultation on proposed change will be carried out as part of the Select Committee's consideration of the Bill. A call for submissions will be made by public notice.</p> <p>The NZTA and ACC will develop the necessary tools for delivery of training and assessment and work with the motorcycle training industry to develop capability.</p> <p>The NZTA and ACC will develop an education programme. This can be funded from motorcycle levies.</p> |
| <p><b>Introduce a power-to-weight restriction for novice riders.</b></p>                       | <p>Requires change to the Driver Licensing Rule as well as major IT system changes.</p>   | <p>Package of measures to Cabinet later this year.</p> <p>Following Cabinet approval, public consultation on proposed change will be carried out. A call for submissions will be made through public notices in major newspapers.</p>   |