

Te Ara Ki Te Ora – Ngā whakamahuki ki te Maehe 2023 | Road to Zero – quarterly insights March 2023

Provisional road deaths for Q1* 2023:

83**

(Down from 109 in Q4 2022)

Road deaths for Q1 average 2018-22:

89

On average, one person is killed every day on New Zealand roads, and another seven are seriously injured. Each and every one of the lives lost and people injured on our roads is a devastating tragedy, that has a lasting impact on our communities.

Road to Zero is our plan to build the safest road system we can, and work towards zero deaths and serious injuries on Aotearoa New Zealand roads.

Road to Zero is not about any single initiative but about how we develop a Safe System that includes safe vehicles, safe speeds, safe road users and safe roads. A safe system approach means looking at all aspects of the transport system and making evidence based interventions across a wide range of activity to make a difference.

Road to Zero – quarterly insights March 2023 highlights progress across a number of areas across the full system response. Each of these has a part to play in contributing to Road to Zero.

Every New Zealander has a role to play. It takes everyone to get to no one – Mā tātou e kore tētahi e hinga.

197km

Median barriers installed across all infrastructure projects since 2018/19 (up from 190km last quarter).

17km

Side barriers completed this quarter with a total of 105km.

86

Roundabouts delivered to date out of a target of 162 by 2030 (up from 83 last quarter).

Governance

Road to Zero implementation plan to align partner actions is in final stages of development.

Road to Zero Ministerial Oversight Group and Road to Zero Chief Executive Governance Group were held in March 2023.

As of March 2023, Police had conducted

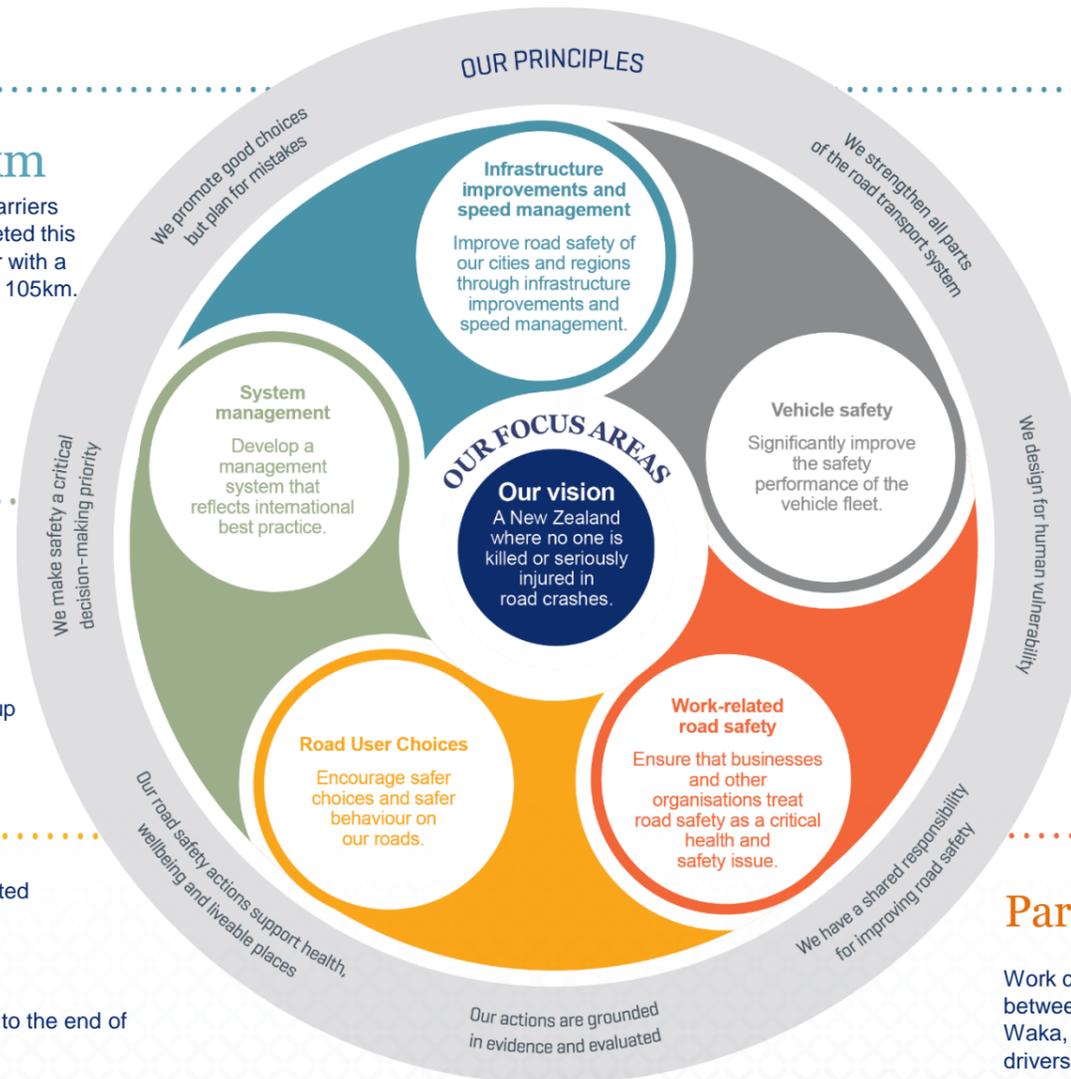
2,690,834

breath tests for the rolling 12 months to the end of March 2023.

From January 2023 – March 2023

665,913

breath tests were conducted. This is compared to 473,375 tests in January 2022 – March 2022.



Policy work

The Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill which will explicitly incorporate average safety camera offence detection and evidentiary requirements in legislation to be introduced May 2023.

Advice provided to the Minister of Transport recommending candidates for the Speed Management Committee [February 2023].

Vehicle Safety

Advice provided to the Minister of Transport seeking in-principle policy agreement to vehicle standards for light vehicles entering New Zealand [April 2023].

Partnership

Work continued establishing a partnership between government agencies (ACC, Te Manatū Waka, Waka Kotahi, NZ Police and WorkSafe), drivers' unions and private sector organisations to support best practice for work-related road safety.

Drug Driving

Advice provided to the Associate Minister of Transport and Minister of Police on options to implement roadside oral fluid testing [February 2023].

* Q1 Calendar year (Jan - Mar) ** Data from MOT website 25 May 2023