

In the news...

[Speech to the Future Roads Conference - Hon Simeon Brown](#)

[NZTA spent hundreds of millions on road cones and traffic management - Minister](#)

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent over the past three years on road cones and temporary traffic management on state highways.

[Transport Minister on NZTA's road cone and traffic management spend](#)

(Radio NZ) The transport minister has revealed how much NZTA is spending on traffic management. Minister Simeon Brown spoke to Ingrid Hipkiss.

[Transport Minister encouraging NZTA to cut down on 'exorbitant' spending](#)

(News Talk ZB) The Transport Agency has spent nearly \$800 million on traffic management in the past three years, according to new reports.

[NZTA's "very prescriptive" system potentially to blame for 'excessive' spending](#)

(News Talk ZB) Temporary Traffic Management Chair Dave Tilton told Ryan Bridge he believes it's a systemic issue around how much temporary traffic management is deployed.

[Man who deliberately ran down former Olympian jailed for six years](#)

A world champion rower and New Zealand Olympian has described the horrific aftermath of being smashed into by an enraged, speeding driver while he was working in a road works crew.

[Road cone machine built to save lives](#)

A Taranaki company is on the precipice of revolutionising how road cones are used.

[Police looking for red ute after gun pointed at road worker in Tokoroa](#)

Police are searching for a red Toyota ute after reports of a gun being pointed at a road worker from a vehicle.

[The machine that places road cones](#)

A groundbreaking automated road cone machine, developed in Stratford, Taranaki, is set to transform roadwork safety, promising to save both money and lives.

[Cones kept in cupboard](#)

Two trials where Waipā District Council uses fewer road cones and signs at worksites have resulted in reduced worksite congestion and less disruption to road users and residents.

[Northland faces roadworks delays as pothole fund maintenance ramps up, that's the price we pay](#)

After moaning for years about the number of potholes on [Northland](#) roads, we are about to get an avalanche to fix them.

[Red Tape tipline gets over 300 reports in first week](#)

In just its first week, over 300 people have reported red tape issues to the new Red Tape tipline.

[Cones taking over the CBD](#)

Diversions, cones and roadworks have become part of the lives of Invercargill residents — and there are more to come.

[Alliance's quick backtrack](#)

As part of roadworks on Queenstown's Gorge Rd, linked to the Melbourne St arterial project, the Alliance delivered shock news on Tuesday to two close-by neighbouring hostels. They were planning to start night works from this Sunday, from 10pm till 6am, for an indefinite period, presumably to speed up the job.

[A year of concrete progress for infrastructure and transport](#) (media release)

In a busy year of delivery, the Government has made concrete progress toward improving the foundations of the infrastructure system and addressing New Zealand's infrastructure deficit, and is streets ahead when it comes to getting transport back on track.

[Taranua District bylaw raising concerns with farmers](#)

Bylaws under review by Taranua District Council impacting stock crossings have raised farmers' hackles. Federated Farmers Taranua president Thomas Read said one of the bylaws under review require a traffic management plan requiring farmers to erect signs. He believed the plan and signs would have to be approved by a professional.

[Major shake-up with Auckland Transport to lose some functions](#)

Transport in our biggest city will soon face a major shake-up as the Government strips Auckland Transport (AT) of an array of planning powers while devolving decision-making for some changes on local streets to local boards.

[Democracy restored to transport in Auckland](#) (media release)

The Government is restoring democratic accountability to transport decision-making in Auckland, ensuring voters can hold their elected representatives responsible for the city's transport policies.

[Auckland Mayor Wayne Brown doubles down on gaining control of transport planning decisions](#)

Auckland's mayor has doubled down on gaining control over transport planning decisions for the supercity, following announced alterations to Auckland Transport.

"Temporary traffic management, which is the orange cones that I loathe, we've made no progress on that, despite the fact that it's well known that I think we've spent far too much money on that. Not just speed humps, just the general policy of how we do design and build roads."



[Auckland Transport \(mostly\) goneburger](#)

Auckland Transport has long been a easy punching bag for the public, politicians and media, sometimes deservedly so, other times not. That could all be about to change following an announcement yesterday by the Browns – Wayne and Simeon.

[CBD cones come alive](#)

[Taxpayer Update: \\$786m on cones? 🤔 \(Scroll down\)](#)

The New Zealand Transport Agency's spending on 'temporary traffic management' has been a massive \$786 million in just three years. That's more than \$390 per household on road cones and lollypop signs.

Taxpayer's Union Facebook video: [NZTA has spent over \\$786 million in just three years on road cones and lollipop signs! You cone-not be serious!](#)  

[Waipawa roadworks: SH2 stretch to get a makeover in January](#)

About 500 metres of highway at the northern end of Waipawa is set for a rebuild starting next month. The work starts on January 13, focusing on a stretch between Victoria St and Tamumu Rd, and, including some work at night to try to get the work completed as soon as possible to minimise disruption in a town.

[Deadly spot: Two crashes in same place on same morning](#) *(Need to log into Stuff)*

Two vehicles crashed within an hour of each other along a stretch of rural Masterton road that had loose gravel from recent road works.

[Parking issues, trucks chaos: Roadworks nightmare for Northland's Hikurangi](#)

Hikurangi residents are holding their breath for a detour of State Highway 1 traffic through the town to finish this week. NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi has been rebuilding the road surface of SH1 at Hikurangi since November 11, with southbound traffic diverted through the village night and day.

[Fewer Remutaka Hill road closures next year](#)

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi has announced its planned maintenance closure dates for the Remutaka Hill Rd... the good news was there would be far fewer closures compared with the 31 that were scheduled earlier this year... "Road crews made the most of the nine weeks of night closures that were needed..."

[Lambton Quay closed to traffic for three days of maintenance in January](#)

The Wellington City Council is coordinating the closure of Lambton Quay and its side streets to vehicles for three days and four nights in early January so critical maintenance, including fixing the pipes, can be done.