



Making SH22 between Drury and Paerata safer

What's happening?

Thanks to everyone who came along to our open days last year. We had some great conversations with the community about making SH22 safer.

Your feedback has helped us choose a preferred solution. Our next step is to get funding to finalise the design and construction. We hope to start construction between Glenbrook and Paerata by the end of 2019.

Why is it taking so long?

It's important we make improvements that are right for the road, and that work for the people who use it and live along it. We received a lot of feedback and reviewed this carefully. We have relooked at the design where issues were raised and we commissioned an external safety audit. We are planning a range of safety improvements which take time to design and we want to get it right.

SH22 proposed safety improvements



Next steps

June 2018

Report back to the community on progress. Continue to talk to landowners about how they might be affected.

June - late 2018

Seek final approval and secure funding so we can finalise the design and start work.

Late 2019 - early 2020

Start construction which, all going to plan, will finish in 2023.

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You told us

Speed

People are driving too fast, but not everyone thinks that the speed should be lowered along the whole road.

"Speed needs to be addressed as well as upgrading the road."

"Speed around intersections is a concern."

Barriers

"How will I access my property if there's a barrier in the middle of the road?"

"I'm worried about how far I will have to travel to turn around, the extra time it will take and if traffic is busy, how this will add even more time to my journey."

"I'm concerned I'll get stuck behind agricultural vehicles if there is a barrier in the middle of the road."

Intersections

"People are driving badly, not following the road rules and making risky decisions at intersections."

Cycling and pedestrians

"Can you make it safer for people who bike or walk."

Passing lanes

"The passing lane on SH22 (Karaka Road section) ends suddenly, it's too close to the intersection and drivers are going too fast."

"Can you add another passing lane if you take the Puke bound one away?"

Other development

"What about all the development happening at Wesley/Paerata. Why aren't you doing anything here?"

Congestion

"These improvements look good, but will this slow down traffic further and create more congestion?"

What we are planning

We're looking at speed but more work needs to be done before a formal speed review can take place. When this happens, we'll talk to the community, our road safety partners, Police, AA and the trucking industry.

We need to make this road safer so no more people are killed or seriously injured. We're trying to get the right balance between convenience and making the road safer for everyone. Some people won't be able to turn right out of their driveway if there is a barrier down the middle of the road. However, the areas where you can turnaround will make it safer.

Where we widen the road, we also increase the width of the sealed road shoulder. This gives drivers of larger vehicles enough room to safely turn in to a driveway or pull over to allow people to pass.

We're reviewing all of the unsafe intersections and planning improvements that will help to slow traffic down, making it safer to turn.

We're planning a two metre wide sealed road shoulder and shared pedestrian/cycle lanes alongside the roundabouts so it is safer for people who bike or walk.

We're planning to remove this passing lane.

We're planning to add extra lanes so there will be 2.3km of passing opportunities between the Drury interchange and Glenbrook Road intersection. Currently there is a 600m passing lane, in the westbound direction only.

We're coordinating our work with the developer. They have plans to add roundabouts on SH22, between Glenbrook and Paerata. We will work with them on the Glenbrook roundabout.

Our key priority is to make SH22 safer, but we also consider how these improvements can help with the flow of traffic.

