



Making the road from Bombay to Hampton Downs safer

From 2006 to 2016 three people died and 21 were seriously injured on the Waikato Expressway between Bombay and Hampton Downs. Most of these crashes happened when vehicles ran off the road or crossed the centreline.

The Waikato Expressway on State Highway 1 is the main route between Auckland and Hamilton. Around 22,000 vehicles travel the road each day. Older sections of the expressway don't have the same safety features as the newer sections, so we're making safety improvements between Bombay and Hampton Downs to make the entire expressway safe.



SH2 to Hampton Downs

We started work between SH2 and Hampton Downs late last year. So far, we've widened the road and installed around 20km of guardrail on the roadside. In the coming weeks we'll add sections of flexible safety barrier to the median strip and along edge lines. Rumble strips will be added in spring. This work is progressing well and on track to be completed early 2018.

Mill Rd to the SH2 interchange

Soon we'll start work on the section of road between Mill Rd and the SH2 intersection, north of Pokeno. Here we'll install guardrail on the roadside along most the route except for a small section at the Bombay end. The road isn't wide enough for guardrail here, so we'll install a short section of flexible safety barrier instead. Rumble strips will be added to the entire route.

While we don't expect this work to cause any significant delays to traffic, please allow extra time for your journey. We expect to complete this section in the first half of next year.

* High Risk Rural Roads Guide, published September 2011, NZ Transport Agency. First Edition.

Flexible road safety barriers

These barriers reduce road deaths by 70-80 percent.* They catch vehicles that leave their lane before they hit something harder like a tree, pole, ditch or another vehicle.

Rumble strips

Rumble strips warn drivers who stray out of their lane. They can reduce head-on and run-off-road crashes by up to 42 percent.*

Questions?

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