

# SH10 WAIPAPA IMPROVEMENTS

SH10 is part of the Twin Coast Discovery Route providing access to significant tourist destinations including popular swimming beaches to the north, Kerikeri township to the east, Puketi Forest walks to the west and the Bay of Islands and Waitangi to the southeast.

The SH10 Waipapa intersection experiences an average of 13,000 vehicle movements per day and the intersection is a key transport connection for tourism, primary industries, local workforces and the communities of Waipapa and Kerikeri.

## THE CASE FOR CHANGE

Growth in Waipapa and Kerikeri means improvements to the transport network at Waipapa are needed to improve safety, reduce congestion and support continued growth.

The current cross roads intersection is of substandard design, lacking road width to allow traffic to flow onto and off of the State Highway efficiently and safely, with right-turn movements particularly challenging at peak times. There have been seven reported crashes between 2011 and 2016 at or near the intersection.

There is a lack of space for cyclists to travel safely through the intersection. The posted speed limit of 70 km/hr and the absence of safe crossing places, also makes the area unappealing for pedestrians.

Traffic congestion and travel delays during seasonal peaks contributes to accidents, often due to driver frustration and risk taking behaviours.

**FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF WAIPAPA LOOP RD (NORTH) INTERSECTION**

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

A single lane roundabout is proposed at the intersection of SH10 and Waipapa Road. Improvements to the intersection include new footpaths and crossing points for pedestrians and traffic islands at the approaches to the intersection.

An extension of Klinac Lane is also proposed to provide additional route options in Waipapa.

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