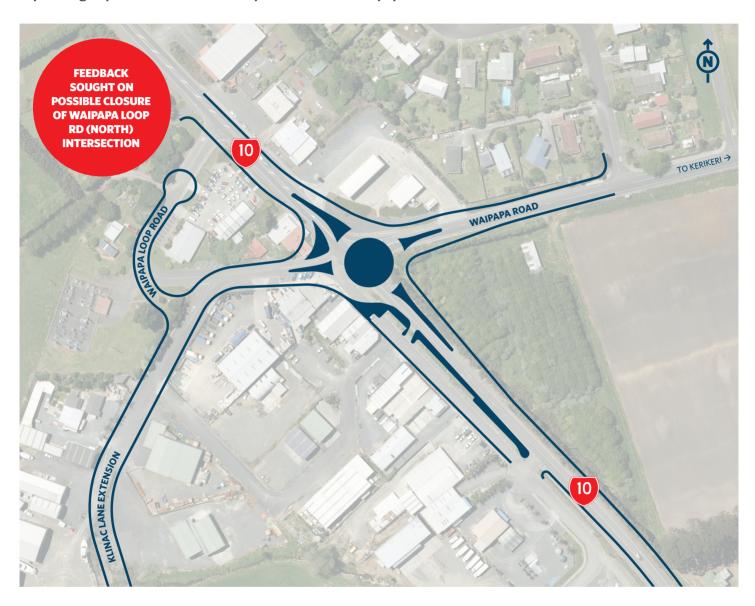
# SH10 Waipapa Improvements FACT SHEET JUNE 2017

The NZ Transport Agency, on behalf of the NZ Government and in partnership with the Far North District Council, is planning improvements to the transport network in Waipapa.



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.

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

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

# PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

A single-lane roundabout is proposed at the intersection of State Highway 10 and Waipapa Road. Installing a roundabout will reduce peak time congestion and make it easier and safer for vehicles to connect with businesses and community on either side of SH10.

The preferred roundabout design will improve safety by

- Slowing traffic
- Reducing the frequency of higher-speed crashes and this location by provide safer turning movements onto and off the State Highway
- Reducing peak time congestion and vehicle queuing

In conjunction with the intersection changes, the Far North District Council will be extending Klinac Lane, which will provide an alternate and route to and from the Waipapa township.

### **ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Improvements to the SH10 Waipapa intersection in conjunction with the Far North District Plan review will enable economic opportunities for Waipapa, Kerikeri and the Far North, by

 Creating a safe, simple gateway to Waipapa and Kerikeri townships and businesses along connected local roads, particularly the proposed extension of Klinac Lane

 Providing a more efficient and pleasant experience on the Twin Coast Discovery route for tourists, encouraging longer stays in the area

 Promoting Waipapa as an attractive town centre for locals and tourists alike by allowing all road users to efficiently and safely move around

- Stimulating further positive development and the emergence of different businesses in the Waipapa township
- Creating opportunities for the establishment of complementary businesses
- Encouraging programming and delivery of local infrastructure proposals reliant on transport.



### TRANSPORT NETWORK

The SH10 Waipapa intersection is a key point for road transport connections for tourism, primary industries, local workforces and the community.

Changes to the intersection will improve the transport network:

- Providing more direct links within the Waipapa township, reducing travel times and journey lengths;
- Creating resilience in the immediate and wider transport system in the area by providing additional route choices through the construction of the local road extension (Klinac Lane) and improving journey time reliability;
- Including options to take alternative modes of transport such as cycling or walking throughout the township through integrated design;
- Removing travel constraints on the Twin Coast Discovery route at this site;
- Providing a long-term transport solution for the future as the region's population grows and tourist numbers increase.



# **FEEDBACK SOUGHT**

As part of the intersection improvements, stopping vehicle access to and from the State Highway at Waipapa Loop Road (north) is proposed. This will improve safety on SH10 by removing turning traffic in proximity to the roundabout which will also help the intersection function more efficiently. We invite feedback on this proposed closure via email to: northlandproject@nzta.govt.nz



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