



Auckland's Northwest area surrounding SH16 is growing, and we need to make sure we can make it safer for people walking or biking to town, school, work, or navigating roundabouts.

We also know the community want more signs to show what the speed limits are, and the speed limit reviewed on some parts of the road.

So, we went back to the community to ask what they thought.

Around 316 people attended public information days held over three days and 309 gave written or verbal feedback.

To get a complete picture, we also asked for feedback from walking and cycling groups, the local Board, iwi and transport stakeholders.

Our current plans are designed to make State Highway 16 (SH16), between the Brigham Creek and Waimauku safer for people who drive but we wanted to hear the community's views on a few more things.

How your feedback is being used

Your feedback is important to us. We use your feedback, as well as our research, to make decisions and check we haven't missed anything important.

Walking and cycling



It's important to make sure there is room for everyone on the road. We drew up plans to include a shared path between Brigham Creek and Kumeu, and a footpath and pedestrian refuge near Waimauku, and asked what you thought of them. This feedback will help us make decisions on how we can make it safer for people who walk or bike along SH16.

What we learnt

- » 81 percent of people said they supported the shared path plans.
- » 15 percent of people supported the plans and felt it should go a step further and extend further e.g. through Kumeu and Huapai, through to Waimauku, to Whenuapai/Riverhead, or to Fred Taylor Drive.
- » 8 percent of people who did not support the plans felt the shared path wasn't needed. They said there currently aren't any walkers or cyclists using the route and felt it would be a waste of money. Some felt that the proposed wide shoulders would be enough for people on bikes.
- » Of those interested in using the shared path, 55 percent said they would use it for recreation or fitness, 25 percent for commuting or getting to work, and 19 percent to get to town.

You told us you were concerned about

- » 35 percent of people felt the shared path needed to go further or connect in to other walking and cycling paths (planned or current).
- » 27 percent of people thought it would be tricky for pedestrians or cyclists to access the intersections along the state highway.
- » 7 percent of people were concerned about the location of the access points to the shared path with median barriers and driveways in the way.

Speed

We wanted to understand how the community felt about the current speed limits along SH16. This feedback will help check we haven't missed anything important.

What happens next?

We will need to consult with you to change the speed limit, as it's a legal process. Formal consultation means we will ask for your feedback on any proposed speed limit changes and to find out if there are any other factors which we should consider when making our decision.

What we learnt

- » Of the 103 responses, 69 percent supported a decrease in the speed limit for either the whole length of the project or part of the project.

You told us you were concerned about

- » The need for more speed advisory signs. "Need more signs telling what the speed is."
- » Open road speed limit signs "get rid of them."
- » Inconsistent speeds. "Too many changes in speed."
- » A few people mentioned it was hard to keep to the posted speed limit because of traffic congestion or road conditions. "It's rare to be able to travel at the legal limit anyway."



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