



Making the road from Brigham Creek to Waimauku safer

Major safety boost for SH16

Work on the \$53 million upgrade of State Highway 16 (SH16) will get underway by the end of the year. We'll be adding a new roundabout, extra lanes, safety barriers and more space for pedestrians and cyclists. The work will be carried out in stages over the next three years and will be done in two places along the route - between Waimauku and Huapai, and between Kumeu and Brigham Creek Road.

What's happening now?

Thanks to everyone who came along to our open days last year. We had some great conversations with the community about making SH16 safer.

Over the past few months we have been working our way through your comments and suggestions.

Why is it taking so long?

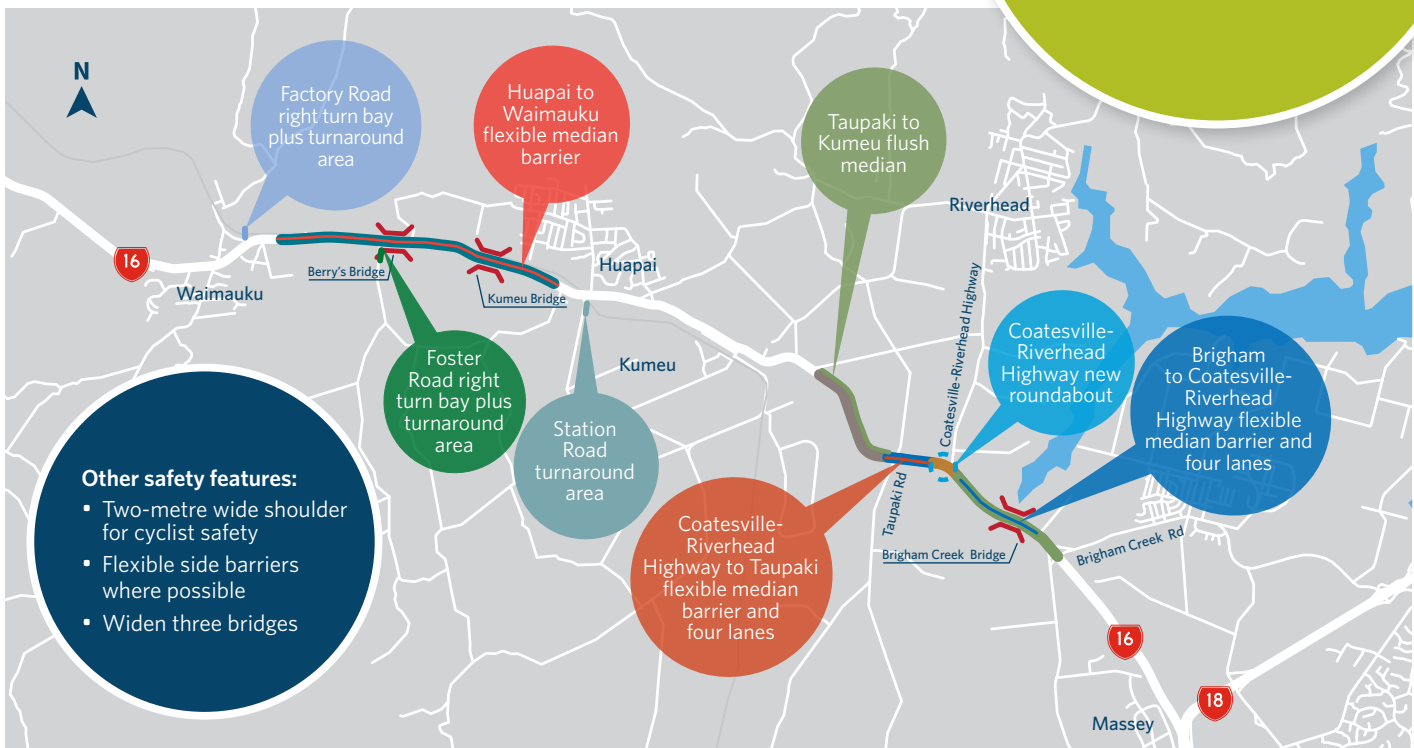
This is a long and complicated stretch of road and we want to get right. While we want to make it safer as soon as we can, it's important we make the improvements that are right for the road and for the people who use it and live along it.

Site investigations, design tweaks, consents, property purchases and other processes have to be completed before the contract can be tendered.

We'll then finalise design and begin the competitive tendering process to find a contractor to build the safety improvements.

These safety treatments are proven to help save lives.

SH16 safety improvements



You said this

Barriers

"Median barriers aren't necessary."

"It will be inconvenient for me to have to turn around with the median barrier."

"Median barriers will make it difficult for trucks to turn into my driveway."

"Taupaki is where the crashes are - why don't you have a median barrier there?"

"I'm not sure how turnarounds work."

"We don't think a median barrier is necessary near Joyce Adams Place. A flush median is better."

Bridges

"There are narrow bridges that need to be widened."

Pedestrians

"It's not safe for pedestrians at Wintour and Coatesville Road and at the Soljan's bus stop. We think the Kumeu to Old Railway Road should be extended."

Intersections

"What are you doing at Access, Station and Tapu Roads?"

"The Coatesville-Riverhead Highway intersection is really dangerous."

"Why don't you put in a slip lane, or left hand turning lane at the Coatesville-Riverhead Highway intersection for traffic turning on to SH16?"

"Foster Road is really unsafe. You don't have much time to make a safe decision to turn as cars are going so fast."

"Matua Road is bad. Turning right is dangerous."

Congestion

"We want the Supporting Growth and alternative corridor prioritised."

"SH16 is unsafe and choked up. We want to know that the improvements will make it safer and help traffic to flow better."

"We want it four-laned through Kumeu and Waimauku."

Parking

"Parking needs to be limited along the side of the road between Taupaki and Kumeu."

Driver behaviour

"It's the other drivers that are the main concern."

What we are doing

We're trying to get the best balance between your 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 in the middle of the road, however, the areas where you can turn around will make it safer. We are looking at providing extra areas to turn around so people don't have to travel too far.

We're going to work with each landowner to make sure we understand how they use their driveway and what their needs are.

We're widening the road with a wide sealed road shoulder. This will give drivers of larger vehicles enough room to safely turn into a driveway or pull over to allow people to pass.

We've looked into this and discovered the area is slightly different to the rest of the route. Motorists travel at lower speeds, there are pedestrians and local businesses. This means median barriers aren't the best solution for this location.

A turnaround is a type of junction or break in the barrier that allows traffic travelling in one direction on the road to safely make a U-turn.

Because of the existing rail crossing, a median barrier is the safest option. But we know residents are concerned about this, so we're looking at other options.

We're widening Brigham Creek Bridge, Kumeu No. 2 Bridge and Berry's Bridge.

We're making it safer for pedestrians to cross the road by the bus stops. We're also investigating a safer pedestrian crossing at Wintour Road and looking at extending the footpath from Kumeu to Old Railway Road.

These intersections are being looked into by the Special Housing Project, in conjunction with Auckland Transport and the NZ Transport Agency.

We're making all three intersections safer by improving things like lighting, sight lines (how far you can see so you can make a safe decision to turn), left turn lanes and, if it's needed, we'll add some shoulder widening. At the Coatesville-Riverhead intersection we're building a roundabout, and at the Foster Road intersection we're adding a right turn bay and turnaround areas. At the Matua Road intersection right turns will be stopped, sight lines will be improved for people turning left and we're widening the shoulders to make it safer to turn left in and out of the intersection.

The Supporting Growth and alternative corridor projects are long-term solutions. We can't leave SH16 like it is any longer - something needs to be done now. Too many people have died or have been seriously injured. The safety treatments we are putting in are proven to help save lives.

We agree it's not an ideal situation and we're working with local businesses to see what we can do to make it safer.

We acknowledge that drivers do make mistakes. Our safety improvements try to minimise the impact from these.

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