

Coatesville/Riverhead Highway and SH16 intersection interim safety improvements

Summary of engagement


Between 28 April and 14 May 2021, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency asked you whether there was anything else we should consider as part of the interim safety improvements at the Coatesville/Riverhead Highway and State Highway 16 (SH16) intersection.

 **825**
subscribers to
our e-newsletter

508
submissions
received

 More than
7,000
flyers delivered
to households

92
webpage views
during the
consultation period

 **4640**
total views on our
interactive project map

100 interactions on the Waka Kotahi
Auckland Facebook post

We heard from:



- Residents and surrounding neighbours
- Local Boards
- Mana whenua
- Local Members of Parliament
- Local businesses
- Those who work in the area
- People who travel through the current intersection
- People who use the intersection to turn on and off SH16

You said we need to consider...

You said *'The intersection of Old Railway and Old North roads is so dangerous, I agree with the proposed change but something in parallel needs to be done to that intersection to make it safer'*

We will continue to work with Auckland Transport who has plans to provide a safer turning facility (right-turn bay) for drivers turning from Coatesville-Riverhead Highway into Old Railway Road.

You said *'Agree with no right turn from Coatesville/Riverhead Highway but you will need to make sure alternate routes can handle volume of traffic'*

We have undertaken traffic survey data which shows the interim solution will have minimal impact on the surrounding network.

You said *'Reduce speed through this intersection allowing safer turns for traffic'*

We will not be looking to change the speed limit at this time. This section of highway was assessed during the speed limit review for Brigham Creek to Waimauku between 2019-2020. It was determined that the existing 80km/h speed limit is appropriate.

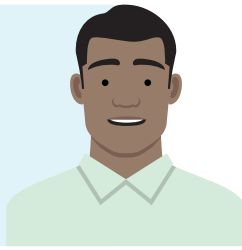
You said *'The real safety issue is the problem of people stopping to let cars, who are turning right into Coatesville/Riverhead Highway. I think you need a campaign about how to drive in heavy traffic'*

We will continue to work on a permanent roundabout and four-laning between Taupaki and Brigham Creek roundabouts, improving safety and efficiency for road users. These improvements will have appropriate signage and encourage drivers to slow down before going through this intersection.

You said *'Prioritise the roundabout at this intersection as well as double lanes from Brigham creek to Taupaki roundabout'*

We will continue to progress the Stage 2 improvements along this section of SH16, which includes a roundabout at this intersection and double lanes in both directions. Site investigations are currently underway, and we plan to speak with landowners and engage with the community on the Stage 2 designs in late 2021.

'Super pleased to know there are going to be some temporary measures taken to improve safety.'



'Long term the intersection needs a roundabout to address safety concerns. However banning right-turns is a sensible quick fix as there is an effective alternative that doesn't add much to journey times.'



'Great temporary safety plan until a permanent solution is completed. We already travel this proposed route as it is the safest option.'

'Implement this change, it's a good idea.'



'I already take the route you are planning because turning right into SH16 is soooo dangerous and very stressful! I fully support this change.'



'This is a very positive start.'

Overall sentiment

More than 60% of respondents gave specific feedback on what else should be considered and more than 20% of people expressed support for the interim solution and believe it will improve safety.

9% of respondents did not support the interim solution and shared concerns that they felt it would increase congestion and lead to illegal turns.

Left turn slip lane onto SH16 and banning all right turn movements

We heard from some of the community that turning right from SH16 onto the Coatesville/Riverhead Highway should be banned. The option was considered and ruled out because it would impact the efficiency of the Taupaki roundabout given there is a high volume of drivers making this turn in the afternoon and on the weekends.

We also heard that a slip lane for traffic turning left from Coatesville/Riverhead Highway onto SH16 was needed. The option was considered and ruled out because it wouldn't address safety concerns and it would make it dangerous for residents to enter and exit their driveways.

It's important to note however that we're progressing permanent plans for a roundabout which will address these concerns.

Next steps

We'll consider your feedback alongside technical assessments to make a decision on the interim solution. We'll continue to be in touch with you and share more information when a decision has been made.

- Update on stage 1: The notice of requirement for Stage 1 is currently under appeal. This means that this section of the project is on hold until this is resolved.
- Update on stage 2: Site investigations are currently underway and will inform the design. Once the detailed design has been completed, we plan to speak with landowners and engage with the community in late 2021.

For more information visit the project webpage or email the team:



nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh16-brigham-creek-and-waimauku



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