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## Waitara to Bell Block safety and efficiency improvements



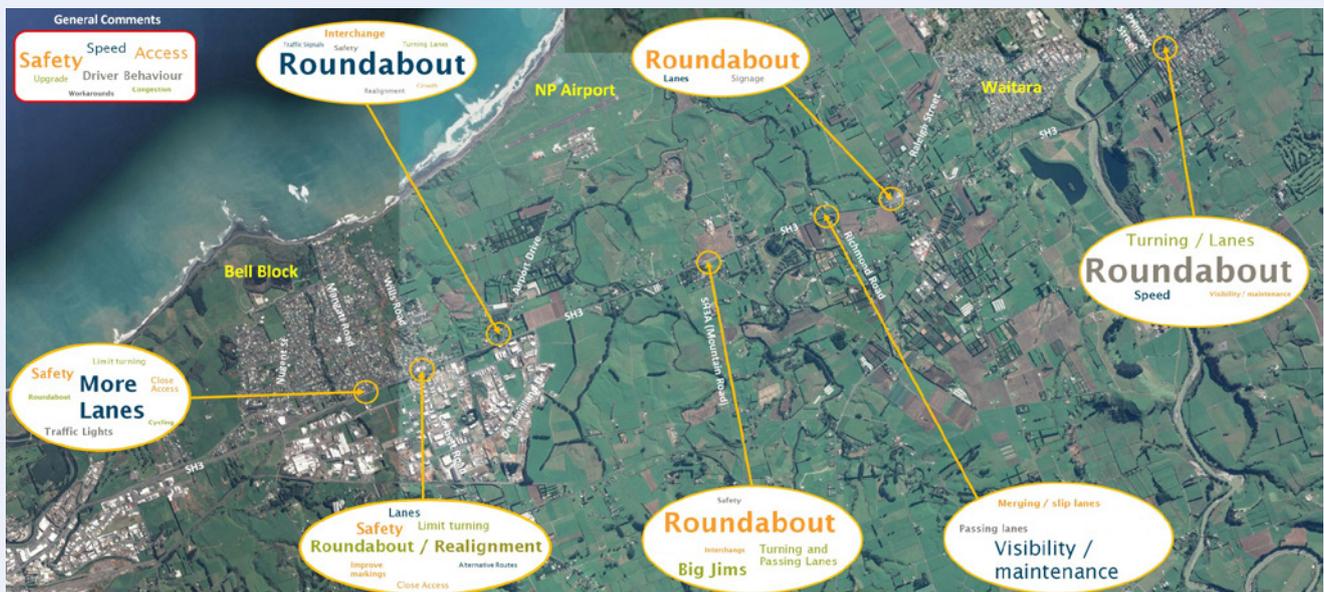
We're investigating how we can improve road safety and ease congestion on State Highway 3 between Waitara and Bell Block.

**Give us your views**

# What we've learned so far

We hosted two public open days in March 2017 to better understand local travel patterns, the routes people take and the sort of problems they encounter when using SH3 between Waitara and Bell Block.

### People told us...



The bigger the words the more important they were to you.

### SH3 Waitara to Bell Block

State Highway 3 is an important connection between New Plymouth, Waitara and beyond. It connects the Taranaki and Waikato regions, providing an important link for Port Taranaki, the New Plymouth Airport and major industries to the rest of the upper North Island.

The NZ Transport Agency is investigating SH3 between Waitara and Bell Block to find ways to help improve road safety, reduce crashes and ease congestion.

We've identified the following problems:

- This section of SH3 has a poor safety record and in recent years there have been a large number of crashes causing death and serious injuries.
- Future growth between Waitara and Bell Block is expected to increase travel demand which will reduce safety and increase congestion, making journey times longer.

### Phase Two: SH3A to Airport Drive

Using the feedback from the previous engagement, alongside technical work, we have developed several options. These are displayed on the map below and are working through potential solutions. Your feedback will help us decide on a solution.

#### LEGEND:

- █ Phase Two: Proposed Project
- █ Phase Three: Proposed Project
- █ State Highways
- █ Local Roads
- | Railway



Have a look at the map and tell us:

What do you like?

What are the challenges?

How can we make it better?

How can walking and cycling facilities be improved?

### Phase Three: Airport Drive to Bell Block

This part of the road is more complex and will require more investigation.

### Next steps

We'll consider all the feedback we get as we finalise the options to improve road safety and travel times along this stretch of State Highway 3.

For Phase Two, we will undertake more detailed design next year and expect to start work in early 2019.

Investigations will continue on Phase Three.

### Have your say

You can give us your feedback online, via email or mail:

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