



Long-term safety and efficiency improvements

State Highway 1 is New Zealand's most significant highway, and in combination with the SH29 route to Tauranga, they provide a vital link in continuing growth of the key economic areas of Auckland, Waikato, and Bay of Plenty.

With the completion of the Waikato Expressway in 2020, the SH1/SH29 route will become busier.

To cater for the increased use of the corridor by freight, commuter and tourist traffic the Transport Agency is investing in improvements to the SH1/SH29 route. The section of SH1 between Cambridge and Piarere is an important link within this overall network and the long-term form of SH1 between Cambridge and Piarere (including the SH1/SH29 intersection) needs to be decided. The Transport Agency is just starting to investigate long-term options to improve safety and efficiency for this stretch of SH1, which will take place over the next two years. The Transport Agency would like your input into the long-term improvements process. **See the next page for details of our first survey.**

Short-term improvements

With increasing volumes of traffic using this section of SH1, short-term safety improvements are needed now. An analysis of roadside hazards along the road shows a high



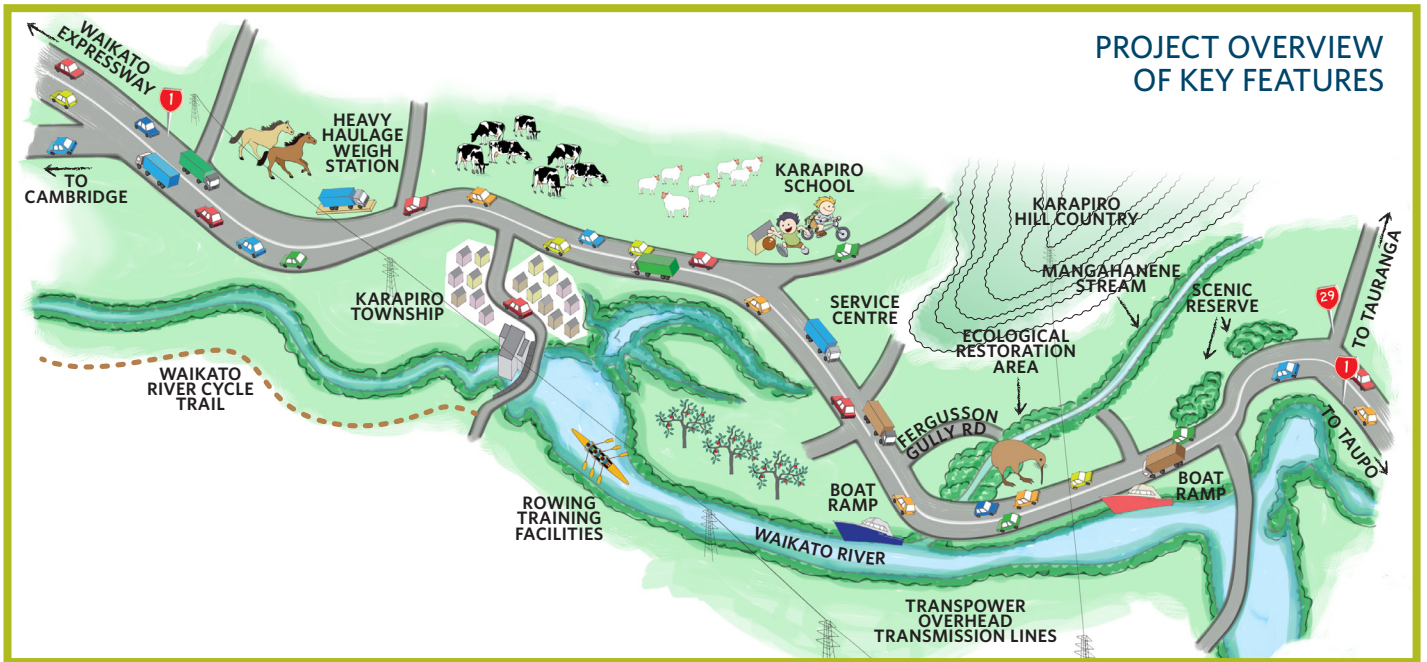
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Come and talk to us about the long-term improvements project.

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Cambridge Town Centre
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likelihood that future crashes will result in further severe injuries or deaths if we do nothing to protect drivers in the short-term. The Safe Roads Alliance has been investigating options to improve road user safety on SH1 between Cambridge and Piarere. In the first half of 2017 they will start:

- Creating a wide centreline to reduce head-on crashes, and associated widening; and
- Installing side barriers in high-risk locations to reduce impact of run-off-road crashes.



The long-term business case approach

The Transport Agency now uses a business case approach for our roading projects to identify and agree what the underlying problems are that need to be addressed and developing potential alternative solutions that are cost effective. A key component of this approach is the involvement of communities and stakeholders throughout in defining what the issues are and how best they can be resolved. This requires us to start with a blank canvas and consider a number of alternative solutions before arriving at a preferred solution.

The Transport Agency, with the assistance of Opus International Consultants, will be undertaking a comprehensive engagement process with the community and stakeholders so we can identify what is important to you, both in terms of the environment this road travels through and how you use it.

The area of interest that we are considering for potential long-term improvements is a wide one and the options

may include, but are not restricted to: improvements to the existing road, potential new routes and non-roading solutions.

Have your say

A short online survey has been developed as we want to know what is important to you and the issues you encounter in using this section of SH1 at the moment. The survey involves annotating online maps which allows us to better locate your points of interest. A link to the survey is provided on the project website www.nzta.govt.nz/c2p. We really appreciate your feedback and will be providing a summary of the responses from the survey in future newsletters.



Find out more about the long-term improvements and subscribe to updates at: www.nzta.govt.nz/c2p

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