



SH30A/Amohau Street Central Corridor



Waka Kotahi is working with Rotorua Lakes Council to upgrade SH30A/ Amohau Street from Old Taupō Road to Sala Street. The upgrade will improve access, increase safety and create further opportunities for walking and cycling – supporting the revitalisation of the city centre.

The design includes a new shared path on both sides of the road, safety improvements to key intersections such as SH30A/Pukuatua Street, new signalised pedestrian crossings and upgrading existing crossing points.

When complete, the road will be handed to Rotorua Lakes Council to own and manage as a local road.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is this work being done?

Currently, the busy road is a barrier to the Rotorua Central Mall and the rest of the Central Business District for cyclists, pedestrians, and other vulnerable users such as those on mobility scooters. Although there are pedestrian crossing facilities at most intersections, high traffic volumes, long crossing distances and significant delays create issues for pedestrians.

What is the cost of the improvements?

The cost of the total improvements is approximately \$22 million. Funding has not been confirmed and will be considered for the 2021-24 National Land Transport Programme.

When will construction begin?

The construction timeframe is subject to funding approval. The construction programme for SH30/ Te Ngae Road Stage One is also a consideration as we want to avoid placing too much pressure on the network.

What engagement or consultation has occurred?

We've worked with Rotorua Lakes Council, stakeholders, businesses and property owners on the corridor, and the general public to plan the improvements for SH30A/Amohau Street.

This included public open days in 2017 to present a shortlist of options and gather community feedback. In 2019, part way through the detailed design phase, we held information sessions to check in with the community again. Feedback received influenced the final design.

Why are the slip lanes at Old Taupō Road and Hinemaru Street being removed?

Both slip lanes are being removed for safety reasons. Slip lanes encourage higher speeds through intersections which often come at the expense of safety for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.

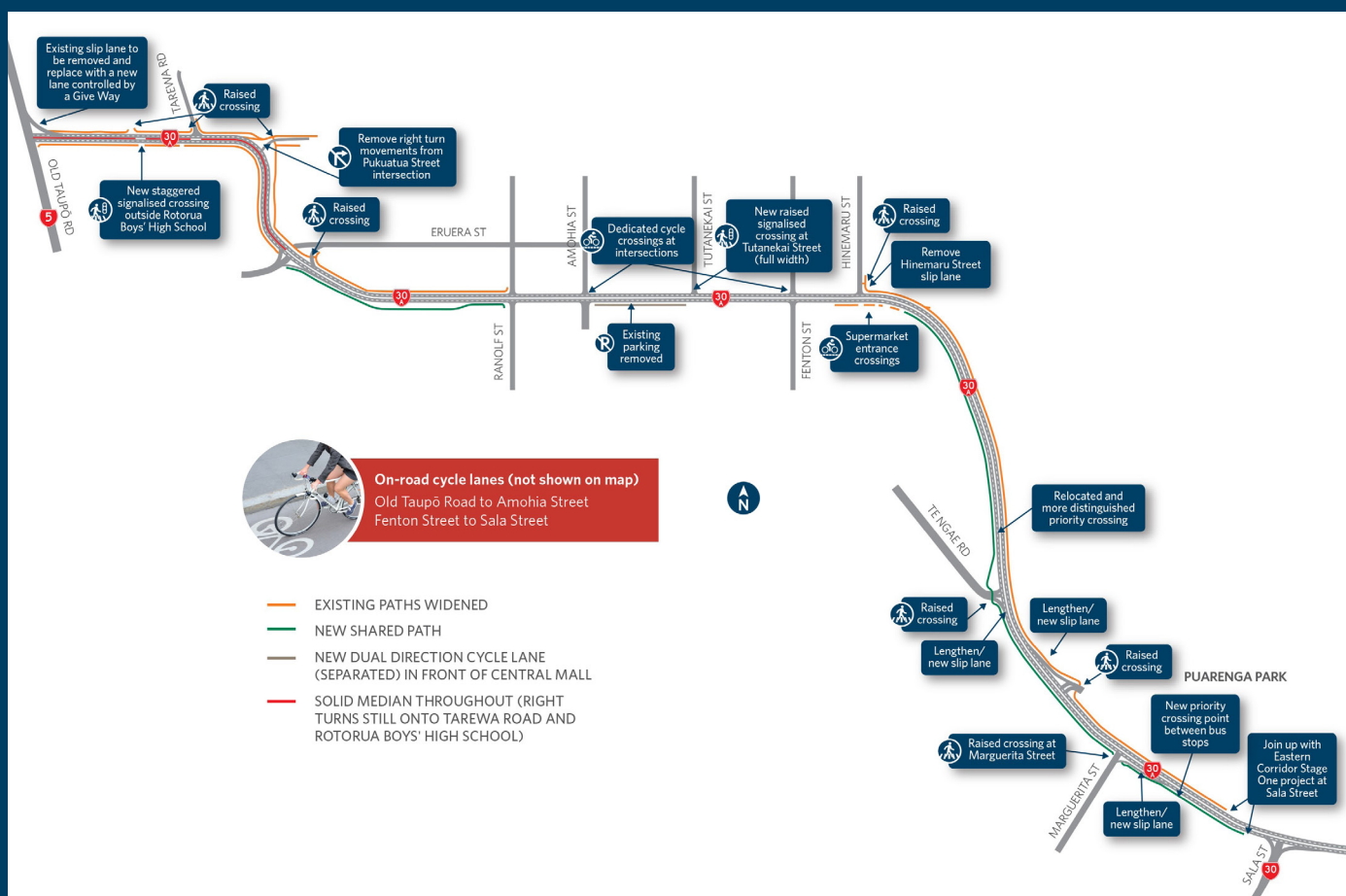
The slip lane at Old Taupō Road is being removed due to concerns about the speed of vehicles that travel past Rotorua Boys' High School and issues with merging vehicles.

In place of the current slip lane we are building a new left-turn lane at this location, separate from the traffic light intersection, which will be controlled by a give way. The slip lane at Hinemaru Street is being removed to reduce the conflict with the new pedestrian crossing and shared path at this intersection. A new left-turn option will be controlled by a give way sign.

Will parking be removed?

Yes, some parking on the southern side of Amohau Street, between Amohia and Tutanekai streets, is being removed to make space for the new on-road cycle lanes. Originally, it was proposed that parking from both sides of the road be removed. However, based on feedback from retailers, we retained parking on the northern side.

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