



We're making this road safer

16 people have died and 46 have been seriously injured between 2006 and 2015. Something has to change.

What we're doing

To make the road more forgiving when people make mistakes, we plan to:

- » **Investigate Paengaroa, Okere Falls and Mourea to Te Ngae Junction speed** and consider reviewing it so that it's safe and appropriate
- » **Put in new signs, line marking and landscaping** to slow down traffic in Paengaroa, Okere Falls and Mourea
- » **Put in a pedestrian island** at Okere Falls for safer crossing
- » **Keep talking with the Police** about enforcement
- » **Put in a new south bound passing lane** between Paengaroa and Okere Falls to provide safer passing opportunities
- » **Improve signs and road markings** to warn drivers of risks further down the road like tight corners
- » **Widen the centreline between Paengaroa and Te Ngae** which is a simple way to increase the distance between oncoming vehicles
- » **Put in flexible roadside barriers in some sections** to stop your vehicle if you run off the road before you hit something harder like a pole or tree
- » **Put in rumble strips** to give drivers a wake-up call if they stray across the line
- » **Wide sealed road shoulder** to give drivers room to recover if they make a mistake.



Rumble Strips

These raised markings make a rumbling sound when a vehicle drives over them, and give drivers a wake-up call if they stray across the line. Rumble strips can reduce head-on and run-off road crashes by up to 42 percent.

Signs and road markings warn drivers of intersections, stop signs or tight corners further down the road. The right signs in the right places can reduce crashes by up to 57 percent.



Flexible road safety barriers

reduce road deaths by 70-80 percent by catching you before you hit something harder. The wire cables flex to absorb the impact, slowing down your vehicle and keeping it upright. They take the impact so you and the people with you don't.

Shoulder widening
A wide sealed shoulder means there's room to recover if you make a mistake. This can reduce crashes by up to 35 percent.



Pedestrian Island

at Okere Falls so it's safer to cross.

Widening the centreline

is a simple way to steer drivers away from each other. This can reduce serious crashes by up to 20 percent.



Proposed safety treatments

The route is 34km long with some tricky terrain so it will be completed in three stages. **Stage one** will start in November 2017. It has been timed to take place while other maintenance work is scheduled to minimise disruption for drivers. **Stage two and three** will follow after gaining final approval to construct. All going to plan, all three stages will be finished by mid 2021.

What we're doing to make it safer

Wide centreline from Paengaroa to Te Ngae, flexible roadside barrier at high-risk locations, rural town safety and speed improvements, rumble strips, passing lane and smoothing sharp curves.



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