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Te Ngae to Paengaroa safety improvements



We are looking at ways to make State Highway 33 safer for everyone. This project is part of the Safe Roads and Roadsides programme that is underway to prevent people from dying or being seriously injured on our rural roads.

Help us to make your road safer.





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SH33 Te Ngae to Paengaroa is classified as a high-risk rural road for a reason - 16 people have died and 46 people have been seriously injured in the past 10 years. Ordinary Kiwis whose lives have been torn apart. Most of these crashes were caused by head-on collisions or by drivers losing control and hitting trees, poles or banks.

Something has to change

There are proven ways we can upgrade the road to prevent more crashes like these from happening again, but to get it right, we need your help. After all, it's locals who know local roads best.

What safety measures are we considering?

People will always make mistakes, but there are things that we can do to make this stretch of road safer. For example, we could:

- » widen the centre-lines to keep traffic apart
- » install safety barriers to stop drivers running off the road

- » install rumble strips to give distracted drivers a wake-up call
- » provide ways to make overtaking safer

Regardless of what causes a crash, speed always plays a part so we will be looking at whether the speed limit accurately reflects how risky the road is for the people who use it every day.

Side barriers

Barriers stop your vehicle before you hit something much less forgiving - like a tree or a power pole.



Wide centre-lines

Widening the centre-line is a deceptively simple way to steer drivers away from each other.



What's happening, and when?

We are looking at spring/summer 2017 to start work on installing safety treatments, so we will be talking to people in the community to help us create solutions that will work for everyone.

We welcome your input and ideas



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Provide feedback online at www.nzta.govt.nz/sh33-te-ngae-to-paengaroa/have-your-say
before 28 February 2017

Join us in making this stretch of road safer as soon as possible so that everyone in the Bay of Plenty can enjoy safer journeys.



COME ALONG TO OUR OPEN DAYS

Saturday 11 February 2017

Pikiao Rugby League
Club rooms,
3 Takinga Street,
Mourea
11am - 3pm

Thursday 16 February 2017

Paengaroa Community Hall
4 Old Coach Road,
Paengaroa
3 - 7pm

