



Taupaki Road Improvements



A new intersection

A \$4.5m upgrade project will replace the current cross road intersection at Taupaki Road and State Highway 16 near Kumeu, with a two-lane roundabout to improve driver safety and traffic flow.

Safer driving and better traffic flow

- Cross road intersection will be replaced by a two-lane roundabout
- The roundabout will smooth the traffic flow and reduce delays for 20,000 drivers that use it daily
- Safer for drivers travelling across State Highway 16 into Taupaki Road and Old North Road
- New dedicated left-turn lane from Taupaki Road onto SH16 will reduce waiting times
- The new configuration gives extra capacity to cater for expected population and economic growth

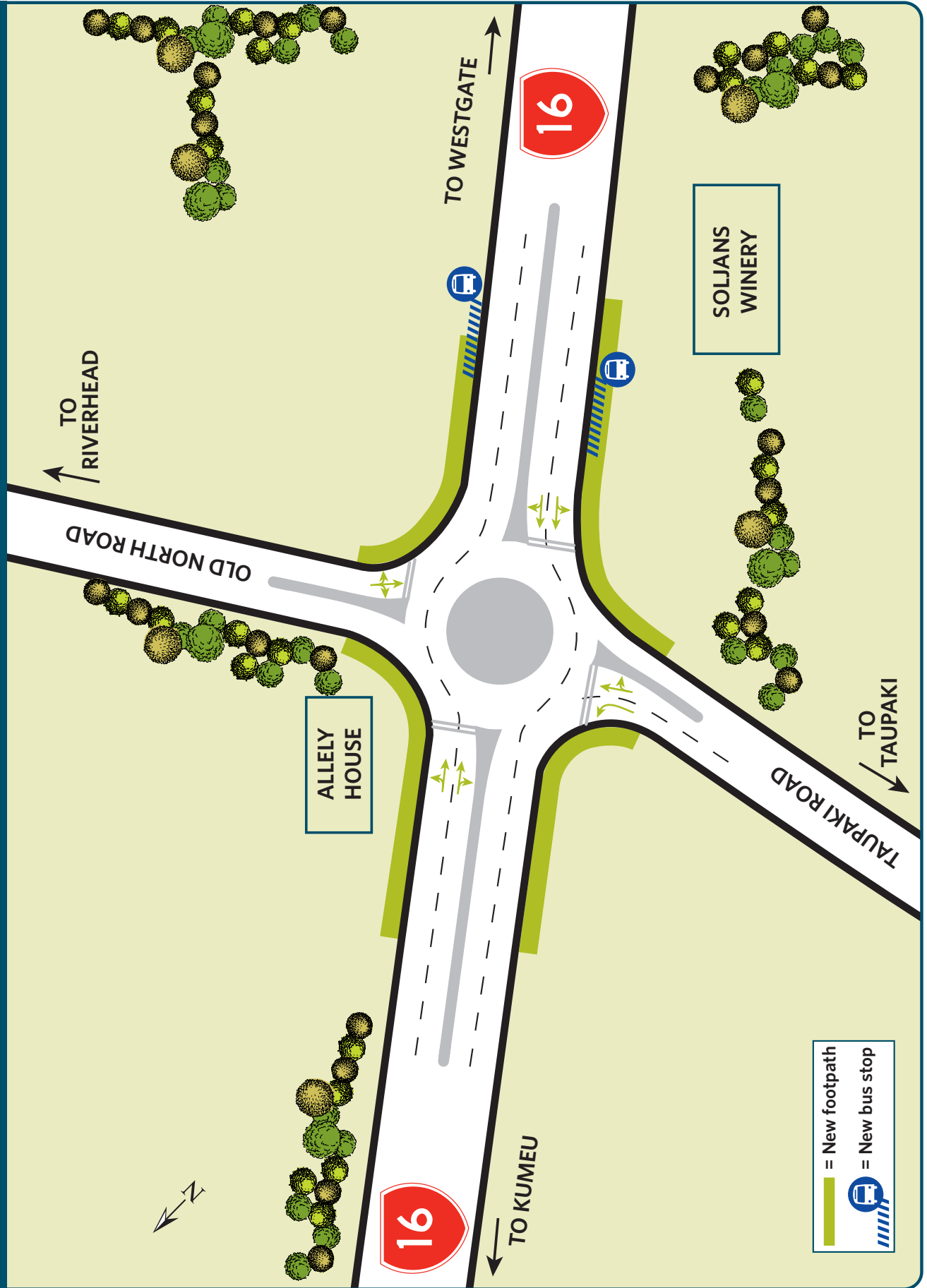
Walking and cycling

- Construction of two new bus stops
- New footpaths around the perimeter of the roundabout
- On-road cycle lanes to give cyclists a safe path

State Highway 16 - an important regional route

- The intersection has been the site of many crashes over the years, mostly involving motorists turning from side roads onto SH16
- Previous safety measures included lowering the speed limit from 100 km/h to 80 km/h and replacing the give way sign at Taupaki Road with a stop sign
- State Highway 16 begins at Nelson Street, Auckland city and passes through the townships of Kumeu, Huapai, Waimauku and Helensville before rejoining State Highway 1 in Wellsford
- NZTA recommends SH16 as an alternative to SH1 for Aucklanders heading north during peak holiday times such as Easter and Labour Weekend
- The improvements are part of a wider strategy released in 2008 to improve the resilience and reliability of State Highway 16 as a regional route
- The study identified improvements for the Taupaki Road and Muriwai Road intersections with SH16 to boost safety for residents, freight and tourist traffic
- Lighting improvement work on SH16 is starting soon and is expected to be completed by December. The work will help to improve night time visibility and safety

The completed roundabout



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