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Project background

The Waikato Expressway project will improve safety and reliability and reduce travel times and congestion on SH1 by delivering a four-lane highway from the Bombay Hills to south of Cambridge.

The Waikato Expressway will:

- Reduce travel times on State Highway 1 by up to 35 minutes.
- Significantly reduce the number of fatal and serious injury crashes.
- Increase the highway's capacity and passing opportunities.
- Provide a strategic transport corridor connecting Auckland to the agricultural and business hubs of Waikato and Bay of Plenty.

The Cambridge section

- Will reduce congestion within Cambridge town.
- Improve safety through Cambridge.
- Reduce journey time between Cambridge and Hamilton by up to 10 minutes at peak times.
- Improve safety for pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists.
- Reduce traffic noise in Cambridge town.

