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# Longlands to Pakipaki

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Community engagement report

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## PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Hawke's Bay Expressway project will improve road safety from Bay View to Pakipaki. The improvements form part of a \$36 million programme designed to stop people being injured or killed on this stretch of road.

The Hawke's Bay Expressway is vital for the region and provides an important link to both the Hawke's Bay Airport and the Port of Napier. We've already planned improvements for the sections between Bay View and Longlands Road and, with traffic increasing, we're now looking at whether we need to do anything to make the section between Longlands Road and Pakipaki safer.

## ENGAGEMENT

Locals know Pakipaki Road better than anyone. The NZ Transport Agency wanted to give them a chance to have their say, gather their views on how safety could be improved and to find solutions that will work best for all those who live on and use this road.

### Pakipaki community korero

Around 50 people attended a discussion on Wednesday 31 October at Houngarea Marae, Pakipaki between 4pm and 7pm.

We produced a range of supporting material:

- **Aerial maps** of the project location were available. Attendees were invited to place post-it note comments and suggestions directly onto the maps. Feedback from these maps has been included in the overall feedback themes.
- **Posters** inviting people to attend the community event.
- **A Newsletter** about the project and an invitation to share thinking with us.

### Raising awareness and promoting participation

People were told about the open days through:

- A mail drop of newsletters with information about the project and upcoming korero – delivered by the Community Engagement Manager and by local school pupils.
- An advertisement in the local paper.
- Targeted Facebook posts
- A media release about the community meeting was sent to local media.
- Emails to the local community group, school and key stakeholders.

# FEEDBACK

## What did we ask people?

1. What problems have you experienced or are you aware of on this road?
2. Are there risks or hazards that concern you for this section of the highway?
3. What could we do to make the road safer?

Attendees were asked to write comments on post-it notes and place them on a map of the road to highlight areas we should focus on. The responses from this feedback are reflected below.

### General (not related to any one location on this road)

- Engine braking noise nuisance
  - Trucks using their engine brakes all the time which is very noisy
  - Reduce noise pollution by considering noise restrictions

### Longlands Roundabout

- Drainage/flooding – western side, near Longlands Rd
  - Drains have not been cleared by maintenance
  - Uncleared drain weeds – become fire hazard in summer
  - Water sheeting across SH in heavy rainfall
- Incident diversion plan – send diversion down Longlands Rd / Railway Rd instead of through Pakipaki
- Acceleration lane is too short coming out of this roundabout

### Mangaroa Road

- Cars that don't stop at the intersection keep crashing through fences and into properties opposite Mangaroa Road

### Pakipaki Road / State Highway 50A

- Residents' experience shows through-traffic is not very considerate to home owners
- Prison traffic and visitors to the cemetery increase traffic volumes significantly. What can be done to reduce the risk?
- Widened shoulders would improve safety for people accessing their homes
  - There is currently no shoulder protection for properties
  - Make more provision for traffic turning into driveways and other roads
  - Both residential and commercial driveways are very close to the road and often have lots of loose material swept onto them from the road by passing traffic

### Railway Road

- Should be designated as a State Highway, with Expressway traffic sent down Longlands Road to Railway Road to meet SH2 at the Pakipaki Roundabout

## Turamoe Road

- Make provision for slower agricultural traffic turning into and out of Turamoe Road
- Lower speed limits to 50kph from the Pakipaki Roundabout to just past Turamoe road
- The current 80kph speed limit poorly observed – especially with Northbound traffic – more visible enforcement would be beneficial

## Pakipaki school

- Concerns with entering and exiting the school access road
- Proximity to Turamoe Rd can cause uncertainty with northbound traffic turning left into Turamoe Rd and vehicles trying to depart the school access northern access
- The bend on Pakipaki Rd adjacent to the school causes visibility issues for vehicles exiting the school
- Consider making the school accessway one-way: Southern entrance only / Northern exit only
- Pot holes after rain in front of school keep reappearing
- Electronic school speed sign isn't working
- Better barriers to protect the school and the accessway – the current barriers aren't very confidence-inspiring and don't protect the school very well

## Pakipaki

- Plans underway for future housing intensification
  - Developments being planned at Pakipaki and Awanui Station
  - Be aware of hapū strategies for future growth of village
- Include Pilgrimage tourism - Suzanne Aubert to receive New Zealand's first Sainthood
- Footpath between Pakipaki and the school needs to be improved
- Alternative route signage in Pakipaki village with arrows to Wellington and Hastings
- Improve crossing of SH2, Stock Road and Old Main road
- Improve existing infrastructure
- Pakipaki roads struggle to cope with crash detour traffic
- Look into adopting cultural landscape principles in conjunction with the local community
- Invest in Pakipaki as gateway to Heretaunga
- Improve the SH50a entrance from Miriama Road
- Lower speed limit to Miriama Road to 30kph
- If using Pakipaki as a crash detour, consider a temporary speed reduction in Pakipaki for the duration of the diversion

## Pakipaki Roundabout

- Cars enter roundabout too fast on Railway Road
- Lower speed limit from 80kph to 50kph from the Pakipaki Roundabout to just past Turamoe Road
- Fix lighting – two faulty lights near roundabout
- Concealed entrance sign
  - Roundabout to Miriama
  - Firth industries to Old Main Road
- Intersection speed zone signage for Old Main Road and Miriama road (like on the Longlands intersection)
- Consider turning and acceleration bays for:
  - Old Main Road heading north on SH50A
  - Miriama Road heading towards Pakipaki school

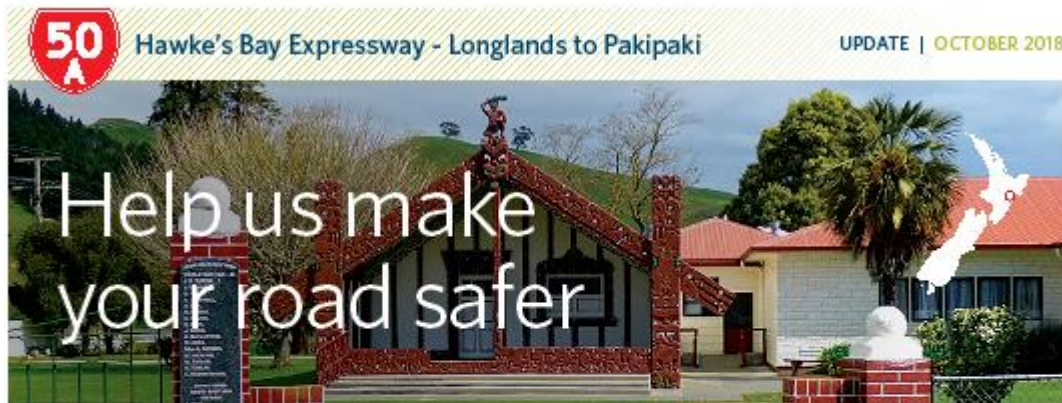
## NEXT STEPS

We will consider the feedback we received as we look at options for improving road safety along the highway between Longlands Road roundabout and Pakipaki roundabout.

We expect to be able to share our thoughts and seek feedback again in the first quarter of 2019.

More information is available at [www.nzta.govt.nz/sh50a-hb](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/sh50a-hb)

## Appendix A: Newsletter



As part of our work to improve safety on the Hawke's Bay Expressway, we're looking at whether we can also make safety improvements to the stretch of road between Longlands Road and Pakipaki. But first we want to know what you think.

### What we know

The Hawke's Bay Expressway is vital for the region, and provides an important link to both the Hawke's Bay Airport and the Port of Napier. We've already planned improvements for the sections between Bayview and Longlands Road and, with traffic increasing, we're now looking at whether we need to do anything to make the section between Longlands Road and Pakipaki safer.

### Join the conversation and help us make your road better

We want to know if you think there are the issues with this road. After all, it's locals that know the road best. We're talking to people who live near or along this road to get their feedback.

Come along and chat with us

We'll be at the Houngarea Marae between 4pm and 7pm on 31 October.







## Hawke's Bay Expressway - Longlands to Pakipaki

### Longlands to Pakipaki section



# Appendix B: Longlands to Pakipaki map



## Longlands to Pakipaki



## Appendix C: Poster

**50 A** Longlands Road to Pakipaki  
**community conversation**

# Help us make your road safer

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**Find out more.**

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**COME AND CHAT WITH US**

**Wednesday 31 October**  
Houngarea Marae  
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**4pm to 7pm**

 **Safe Roads**

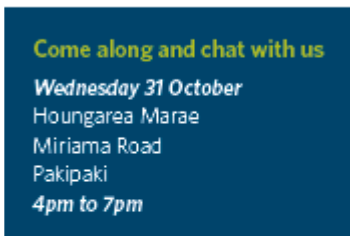
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## Appendix D: Press ad



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## Appendix E: Media release

### Media Release



25 October 2018 | Central North Island

#### Community invited to share views on SH50A Longlands to Pakipaki

The NZ Transport Agency is engaging with the community along SH50A between Longlands Road and Pakipaki to get their views on how the road can be made safer.

Acting Senior Manager, Systems Manager Frank Porter says that while this stretch of highway has not had any serious crashes in recent years, with traffic increasing it is important that they look to the future.

“We’ve already got plans for safety improvements on the Hawke’s Bay Expressway, and we’re now keen to understand what the issues are on the stretch of road between Longlands Road and Pakipaki to see if there’s opportunities to make this road safer.”

“We’re engaging with people who live near or along this road to get their feedback. If you don’t live on this stretch of road and are keen to have your say, we are engaging with the community at Houngarea Marae on 31 October,” says Mr Porter.

Transport Agency representatives will be at Houngarea Marae between 4pm and 7pm on 31 October.

More information as well as contact details for those who cannot make this are available at [www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/hawkes-bay-expressway-improvements/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/hawkes-bay-expressway-improvements/)