



New Plymouth to Egmont Village Proposed safety improvements



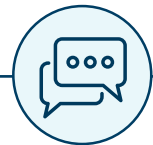
Whakaputahia ō whakaaro

Have your say on proposed safety improvements on State Highway 3 between New Plymouth and Egmont Village.

Investigations into improving the safety of this 9.75km stretch of SH3 between New Plymouth and Egmont Village began in 2018. Since then, we've been exploring improvement opportunities and speaking with those that could be directly affected.

Locals know their roads best. So, before we make any changes, we'd love to hear what you think.

Head to our website at www.nzta.govt.nz/np2h to read more on the proposed improvements and tell us your views.



To chat to the team, come along to one of our drop-in sessions or email the team at taranakiprojects@nzta.govt.nz.

Consultation is open from 15 November to 13 December 2021.

Drop in sessions

Puke Ariki Library

11 Ariki Street, New Plymouth
Wednesday 1 December - 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Mangorei School

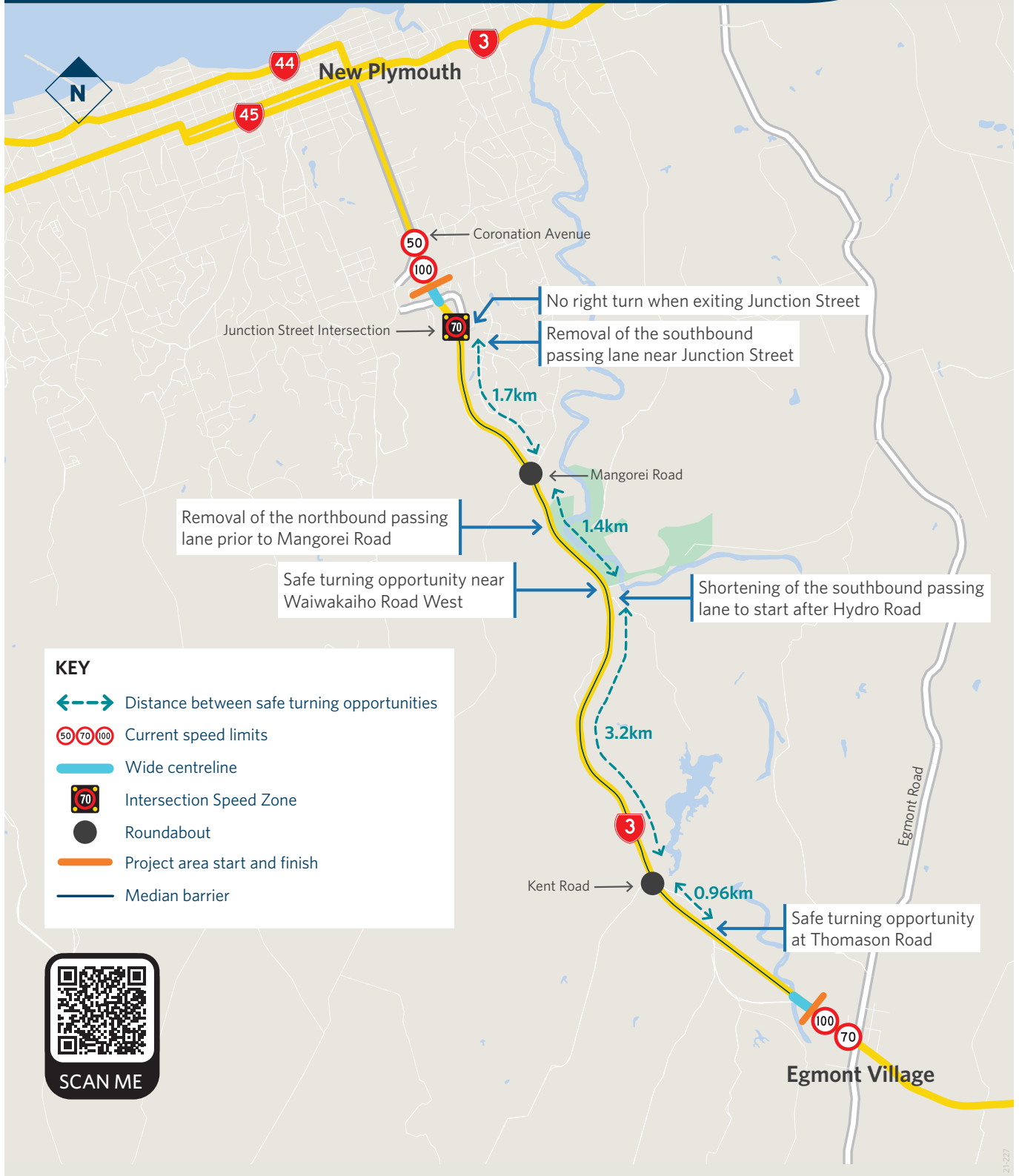
502 Mangorei Road, New Plymouth
Monday 6 December - 3pm - 7pm

Egmont Village Community Centre

1299 Egmont Road, Egmont Village
Tuesday 7 December
4pm - 7pm



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Proposed improvements

Median flexible road safety barrier

We're proposing 8.35km of flexible road safety barrier down the middle of the highway to prevent head-on collisions.

If you hit a flexible barrier, the steel cables flex, slowing down your vehicle and keeping it upright. The barriers absorb the impact of the crash so you and the people with you, don't.

Installation of median barriers on New Zealand roads has resulted in a marked decrease in the number of fatal and serious injury crashes.

Wide centreline

We're proposing 330m of 1m wide centreline at the New Plymouth end of the corridor and 420m at the Egmont Village end.

This will help reduce the risk of head on crashes, which typically result in serious and fatal injuries.

Junction Street

We're proposing removing right turns out of Junction Street and installing an intersection speed zone sign.

Removing the ability to turn right out of Junction street will address the current high-risk turning movements due to poor sight distances and growing traffic volumes.

The speed zone sign will only operate at times when traffic is approaching from or turning right into Junction Street. This enables drivers to take evasive action, if necessary.

Roundabout at Mangorei Road

We're proposing a roundabout to increase the safety of the Mangorei Road intersection.

Roundabout at Kent Road

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This would provide drivers, such as residents affected by the median barrier, with a safe means of turning around.

Safe turning opportunity near Waiwakaiho Road West

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Safe turning opportunity at Thomason Road

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Passing lane changes

We're proposing removal of the southbound passing lane at Junction Street, removal of the northbound passing lane prior to Mangorei Road and shortening of the southbound passing lane to start after Hydro Road instead of at Waiwakaiho Road West.

Removing the passing lane at Junction Street, combined with the intersection speed zone, would improve the safety of the intersection, while still allowing full traffic movement.

Removing the northbound passing lane prior to Mangorei Road would allow the roundabout to operate safely. This passing lane would serve little use to road users with the roundabout there and would create safety concerns for traffic approaching the roundabout.

Shortening of the southbound passing lane to start after Hydro Road would increase safety while making room for the safe turning opportunity near Waiwakaiho Road West.

Waka Kotahi are also seeking community feedback on Taranaki's SH3, SH3A, SH44 and SH45 speed limits. Check out www.nzta.govt.nz/taranaki-speed-reviews or chat with the team at the drop-in sessions.

This speed review includes SH3 from New Plymouth to Egmont Village. Infrastructure changes on this section of the highway will be considered when agreeing on speed limits.



Background

In 2018 a business case was developed for safety improvements on SH3 between New Plymouth and Hāwera. Following this, Waka Kotahi secured close to \$2m in funding to design safety improvements between New Plymouth and Egmont Village.

The 9.75km stretch between New Plymouth to Egmont Village has been prioritised due to its high safety risk, with 77 accidents being reported between 2016 and 2020.

While New Plymouth to Egmont Village has been prioritised due to the high safety risk, safety improvements for the wider corridor between New Plymouth and Hāwera continue to be explored.

Since funding was secured, we've been exploring improvement opportunities and speaking with those that could be directly affected.

These safety improvements are being proposed as part of the New Zealand Road Safety Strategy, Road to Zero 2020-2030, which aims to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads by 40% by 2030.

Crash data 2016 - 2020



Next steps

Once we've heard what you think, we'll work to finalise a design. We'll then share the final design with you and apply for funding through the National Land Transport Programme to construct the safety improvements.

Project timeline

- 2018 Single Stage Business Case - New Plymouth to Hāwera
- 2020 \$2m of design funding secured
- Early 2021 Feasibility Study - New Plymouth to Egmont Village (9.75km)
- Mid-2021 Safety improvements investigations and speaking with those that could be directly affected
- Late-2021 Community consultation (we are here)
- 2022 Finalise design
- 2022 Share final design with the community
- 2022 Apply for construction funding
- TBC Construction

Contact us

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