

## 3 Flexible median barriers save lives

Flexible median barriers are a key part of this project.

Flexible road safety barriers put something between you and an oncoming car, truck, or motorcycle. This means that if someone loses control or drifts across the centreline, the result isn't a deadly head-on crash.

Many of the crashes on SH3 between Waitara and Bell Block are head-on or at intersections so the combination of median barrier and roundabouts will significantly reduce the risk of these types of crashes.

**Median barriers can reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries by up to 65 percent.**

### **Which sections of the route will you be installing flexible safety barrier and how will this affect how I access my property?**

We are still confirming the location of the flexible safety barrier. Motorists will be able to turn around at the closest roundabout. Before installing median barrier, we will speak with any residents or property owners who may be affected.

The longest distance between roundabouts is between Princess Street and Waitara Road roundabouts. This means the most anyone would need to travel to turn around is approximately 6km. The average additional distance will be around 3.5km or approximately four minutes of extra travel time.

