



WHANGAREI IMPROVEMENTS KENSINGTON AVENUE TO MANSE STREET

Improvements to the Kensington Avenue intersection and the state highway south to Manse Street aim to reduce traffic queuing at peak times and improve safety for road users and pedestrians accessing Kensington Park.

The proposed roundabout at the intersection of Kensington Avenue will have a dedicated northbound lane to allow vehicles travelling north to continue without stopping, reducing noise as they slow down due to present congestion. This will ensure traffic flows effectively and minimises potential road noise created by heavy transport vehicles stopping on the hill approaching the intersection.

Southbound traffic will have to give way to vehicles turning right into Kensington Avenue which will provide safer access for local traffic and assist in slowing the state highway traffic down the hill towards Manse Street.

Pedestrians will have safer access to Kensington Stadium and neighbouring schools with the installation of traffic islands at the roundabout. The islands will be installed between lanes of traffic to provide safe refuge for pedestrians crossing the state highway.

A raised solid central median installed along the state highway between Kensington Avenue and Manse Street will address the existing high crash rate. The raised median between Kensington Avenue and Russell Road will mean traffic from Kohatu Road can only turn left. Russell Road will allow for a right turn in, along with left in and left out. This means no right turn out. The raised median between Russell Road and Manse Street will be a solid concrete barrier restricting traffic at Manse Street to a left turn in left out only.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- A roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of SH1 and Kensington Avenue
- The roundabout will have a dedicated northbound lane
- Solid raised median barriers will be installed from Kensington Avenue to Manse Street
- Traffic islands will be installed on the approaches to the roundabout
- Russell Road will have a right turn in access



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