



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 installation of the raised median barrier will restrict traffic from Kohatu Road, Russell Road and Manse Street to left turn access only. Properties with direct state highway access between Kensington Avenue and Manse Street will also be restricted to left turn access 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 entering and exiting the state highway between Manse Street and the Kensington Avenue roundabout will be restricted to a left turn only.
- Traffic islands will be installed on the approaches to the roundabout



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