

# SH16 Brigham Creek to Waimauku improvements project

**Stakeholder: Rodney Local Board**

Date	Time	Location	Attendees
9 April 2025	11.45am – 12.15pm	296 Main Road, Kumeu	Local Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brent Bailey (Chair), Louise Johnston (Dep. Chair), Tim Holdgate, Colin Smith, Geoff Upson, Guy Wishart, Mark Dennis, Ivan Wagsaff</li> </ul> SH16: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rex Faithfull, Kelly Dean</li> </ul>

Link to presentation file: [SH16 - Rodney Local Board Presentation 090425 v2 flush median.pptx](#)

Link to Meeting Key Messages: [SH16 - Rodney Local Board Presentation 090425 Key Messages.docx](#)

## Meeting notes

Speaker	Notes
Rex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions (Rex and Kelly)</li> <li>• Outlined Stage 1 replacing median barriers with flush medians</li> </ul>
RLB member questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What will happen to the turnaround bays?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Question answered using Key Messages</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Will the median barriers be installed at a later date?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Questions answered using Key Messages</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Will the speed limit be reversed to 100km/h?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Questions answered using Key Messages</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Will rumble strips be installed?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The project team will definitely be considering the use of rumble strips</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Was this decision made due to a cost overrun?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No, questions answered using Key Messages</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The main point of the project is safety improvements and to prevent head on collisions. Why has this changed?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Question answered using Key Messages</li> </ul> </li> <li>- This decision is a significant backdown on earlier consultations and discussions in the design phase. Six out of the 8 board members expressed disappointment in the decision.</li> <li>- Why was this decision not consulted on?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Question answered using Key Messages</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Guy Wishart requested documentation to show how the decision was made.</li> <li>- Members think there will be push back from the community.</li> <li>- Highlighting history of project and the hold ups it has experienced.</li> <li>- Is Stage 1 on target to be complete by the end of the year?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Yes, the project is on target to be complete by December.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Rex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Addressed Geoff Upson's questions as per Key messages</li> </ul>

Geoff Upson	<p>Can the culvert in Wintour Road be considered for upgrade? Residents were stuck for 5 days when it flood last time. Rex to send request to appropriate team</p> <p>When is Matua Road opening?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Close to the project ending</li> </ul>
Rex	Out of scope
RLB member questions	Out of scope
Geoff Upson	<p>Posted the following after the meeting</p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1190460026002844">https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1190460026002844</a></p>

## Actions

Action	Responsible
Provide documentation showing how the median barrier decision was made.	Rex / Kelly
Send request for upgrade of Wintour Road culvert	Rex
Provide project email address to the Local Board	Kelly

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# Key messages for removal of median barriers on Stage 1 of SH16 Brigham Creek to Waimauku improvements project as at 1 April 2025

## General

- NZTA is committed to state highways that help people get where they need to go, safely and efficiently.
- Following a review of the safety interventions for Stage 1 of the SH16 Brigham Creek to Waimauku improvements project, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) has decided not to proceed with the installation of median barriers between Huapai and Waimauku.
- This decision addresses the concerns we have heard from the community about property access and local travel impacts
- The project will complete widening bridges, creating wider road shoulders, installing the turnaround bays and installing a flush median.
- These interventions will improve the safety and efficiency of the corridor by creating more separation between lanes.
- The wider road shoulder will provide more space for pedestrians and cyclists, with increased accessibility for emergency services in heavy traffic.
- Turnaround bays will be utilised by our state highways maintenance teams and will be available as emergency stopping bays for emergency services and road users.
- NZTA will continue to monitor and assess safety and efficiency along the corridor. The upgrades we're completing now will provide space for additional safety interventions if required in the future.
- NZTA has determined this approach appropriately balances travel impacts for local journeys and safety for all road users.

## Background

- State Highway 16 is an important link for the local community, as well as providing resilience within the wider Upper North Island state highway network. Over 15,000 vehicles travel this section of state highway every day, and this will continue to grow.
- The SH16 Brigham Creek to Waimauku improvements project has been split into two stages. Stage 1 runs from Huapai to Waimauku and Stage 2 is between the Brigham Creek roundabout and Kumeū.
- Construction is underway on the section between Huapai and Waimauku where there are slightly less complexities and where half of the crashes were head-on. Work will progress on this section while we continue to confirm aspects of the scoping, funding and design for Stage 2.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the difference between a flush median and median barrier?

A flush median is a marked area in the middle of a road that separates traffic and provides a place for turning vehicles. Median barriers are installed down the middle of a road to prevent head-on collisions.

### What are the reasons for not installing the median barriers?

We've heard concerns from the local community and have noted general community feedback from other similar projects across the motu regarding median barriers. NZTA has sought to strike the right balance

between achieving better safety outcomes for all road users, while also allowing the community to get around efficiently.

#### **Will the speed limit change along this section of SH16?**

As part of the 2024 Setting of Speed Limits Rule the section of SH16 in Waimauku township will automatically reverse from 60km/h to 70km/h before 1 July 2025. The speed limit over the rest of the corridor project area will remain at 80km/h, with a temporary speed limit of 60km/h until construction of Stage 1 is complete.

#### **What will the turnaround bays be used for now?**

The turnaround bays will be utilised by our state highways maintenance teams and will be available as emergency stopping bays for emergency services and the road users.

#### **Does this mean you are saving money? If so, will these funds be available for Stage 2?**

We expect there will be some minor savings. Any remaining funds will be available for Stage 2 of the SH16 Bringham Creek to Waimauku improvements project or any other projects specified in the NLTP.

#### **What about those of us who supported the installation of median barriers – does this mean the road is now less safe?**

NZTA has sought to strike the right balance between achieving better safety outcomes for all road users, while also allowing the community to get around efficiently. The safety benefits of a flush median are still expected to achieve a significant reduction in the risk of death and serious injuries (DSI).

#### **Will the project finish earlier due to this change?**

We expect there will be some minor time savings with the project finishing approximately 2 weeks earlier than planned.

#### **Will the median barriers be removed from Stage 2 of the SH16 Bringham Creek to Waimauku improvements project?**

The median barriers included in the design for Stage 2 between Bringham Creek Road and Taupaki roundabout, will remain as they separate a dual carriageway.

#### **When can an announcement on Stage 2 of the SH16 Bringham Creek to Waimauku improvements project expected?**

We are still working through internal processes to get a final decision on funding and scope. We appreciate the community have been patiently waiting for news on this. We will provide an update on Stage 2 as soon as a decision has been reached.

# SH16 Brigham Creek to Waimauku

April 2025





# Stage 1 - Huapai to Waimauku



The focus of this project is to improve safety in the area which will improve the wider transport network's efficiency.

# Stage 1 – progress update



Berry Bridge switch



Wintour Road access



# Stage 1 – progress update

Gas main





# Stage 1 – looking ahead

- Berry Bridge stitch / road closure – approximately end of May
- K2 Bridge stitch /road closure – to be confirmed

Out of scope

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Questions?