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Patrick Reynolds

Ref. NZT-9609

Dear Patrick

Thank you for your email of 26 June 2024 regarding the removal of raised crossings as a part of the Strand Optimisation Project in Tāmaki Makaurau.

The 2024 Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) came into effect on 1 July 2024. The GPS sets out the Government's priorities and strategic direction for investment in the transport sector. It prioritises economic growth and productivity, maintenance and resilience, and emphasises safety and value for money from transport expenditure. You can view the final GPS at the following link: www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/strategy-and-direction/government-policy-statement-on-land-transport-2024.

The direction from the GPS is that funding for the State Highway Improvements Activity Class should not be used for traffic calming measures including raised pedestrian crossings. Given this direction, the project has removed the proposed raised crossings from the design. Instead, this project will feature at-grade crossings. NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) is satisfied that the key safety objectives for the project are still met with the at-grade crossings.

If you would like to discuss this matter further with NZTA, you are welcome to contact Steve Mutton, Director Regional Relationships (Northland Auckland), by email at steve.mutton@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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