

Dairy Flat Highway

Road safety improvements in your community

Why are we doing this?

Auckland Transport (AT) is committed to reducing the number of people who are killed or seriously injured on our region's roads. In 2018, we received a Dairy Flat community-led petition to lower the speed limit on Dairy Flat Highway, a road ranked within the top one percent recommended by the New Zealand Transport Agency for improvements. It identified that crucial changes were needed to improve driving conditions and safety in the area.

After asking the community for feedback about safety concerns and any safety improvements we could make, work is now well underway to make the changes so that the Dairy Flat Highway is safer for everyone using the road.

Auckland is a Vision Zero region

By 2050, we aim to eliminate deaths and serious injuries on the transport network in Tāmaki Makaurau. To achieve this vision, along with our Tāmaki-Makaurau Road Safety Governance Group partners¹, we are embracing the Vision Zero principles. Vision Zero is an ethics-based transport safety approach developed in Sweden in the late 1990s. It places responsibility on people who design and operate the transport system to provide a safe system.

Vision Zero puts people first. It is based on the principle that it is not acceptable for people to be killed or seriously injured when using the transport network. It does not mean that there will be no more crashes, but when crashes do occur, the transport system has been designed so people survive and are not seriously injured. Visit [AT.govt.nz/visionzero](https://at.govt.nz/visionzero) to find out more.

¹The Tāmaki-Makaurau Road Safety Governance Group is made up of AT, NZ Police, NZ Transport Agency, Ministry of Transport, Auckland Council, Auckland Regional Public Health Service and Accident Compensation Corporation.



For more information about the Dairy Flat safety improvement please visit [AT.govt.nz/dairyflat](https://at.govt.nz/dairyflat)



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What safety improvements are we making?

- New safety measures such as road safety barriers, wider centrelines, slow vehicle lanes, rumble strips (so drivers can feel and hear if they are moving out of their lane) and intersection upgrades.
- Safe speeds, including reducing the speed limit – this was introduced in February this year. Speeds were reduced from 100km/h to 80km/h, and from 100km/h to 60km/h at Dairy Flat Village.
- Traffic calming to create a more appropriate village feel, especially around the Kahikatea Road intersection.

Dairy Flat Highway/Coatesville Riverhead Highway roundabout update

Construction of the roundabout is progressing well despite having a slight delay due to unstable ground conditions and lizard protection requirements:

- Two retaining walls have been built, however one retaining wall has had to be put on hold due to unstable ground conditions. Meanwhile, our contractors Dempsey Wood will start work on another wall to minimise any further delays to the project while they work through a solution.
- When we carry out vegetation clearance work, resource consent requires us to have a herpetologist on site to recognise and relocate any protected lizards found. The cooler weather over the past few months has meant they have not been able to do this since lizards are not active during cold weather. Now that it is warming up, they have been able to start - to date, no protected lizards have been found.



Construction of roundabout retaining walls

Kahikatea Flat Road intersection update

Work to improve the intersection at Kahikatea Flat Road has been completed, making it safer for people turning right out of the village.

Before the recent speed limit changes, this section of the road was 100km/h and the left turn lane let drivers slow down before turning without holding up traffic behind them. The lane became an issue for people waiting at the intersection as they could not see the high-speed traffic.

Now that the speed limit has reduced to 60km/h, there is no need for the left turn lane, and this will improve visibility at the intersection.

We also made safety improvements to the road as you approach Dairy Flat Village. The red section of the road is what is called a “threshold treatment”. They get put on roads to let drivers know they are entering a changed environment, such as a residential area, and that they need to slow down. In this case, it is a change from 80km/h to 60km/h.



Extending the footpath to remove the left turn lane at the Kahikatea Flat Road intersection



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