

## FAQs - School Speed Management

### 1. Why are we setting new speeds around schools?

Keeping tamariki / children safe on Auckland roads is a key priority for Auckland Transport. We want parents to have confidence their children are safe when walking or cycling to school.

The Safe Speeds Programme follows one of the key mandates in the Ministry of Transport's Road to Zero: New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030.

#### Safe speed limits save lives

- 30km/h is the internationally accepted speed to greatly reduce the chance of our school children walking or cycling from being killed or seriously injured.
- 70 per cent of fatal crashes in Auckland involve speeding.
- Speed limit changes have resulted in 71 per cent reduction in deaths and a 15 per cent reduction in serious injuries.

The focus of the Safe Speeds Programme is reducing deaths and serious injuries on our roads. To do this, we are required by legislation to review and set safe and appropriate speed across our network – including around schools.

### 2. What methodology has been used to prioritise schools?

AT plans to put lower speeds in place around all of Auckland's schools. We are starting with schools where lower speeds can be put in place now, without the delay required to design and implement speed calming measures – like speed humps.

### 3. What is the current legislation that you are working with?

Current legislation (the Land Transport Rule : Setting of Speed Limits 2017) supports speed limits of 30km/h around schools where the average driver is travelling close to (within 10%) of the new speed limit.

During 2022, the Ministry of Transport and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (as the national regulator) are expecting to introduce new speed limit setting legislation and accompanying guidance for road controlling authorities across NZ, including Auckland Transport.

This new legislation is expected to allow us to move to implement lower speed limits around more schools faster, as potentially less speed calming may be required.

We are already investigating the next group of schools where we may need to complement a speed change with speed calming or other safety measures.

### 4. When will the speeds change for this selection of schools?

Between 30 June – 28 July 2022

### 5. Will the new speed limit be enforceable by NZ Police?

Yes, the speed zones will be enforceable.

### 6. Will my local school get speed calming measure to make the speeds slow?

For the first group of schools, there won't be any additional speed calming measures considered at this stage as the areas proposed for a change to 30km/h are expected to operate close to that speed without further engineering.

For school speed limit changes, we will be installing new signage and potentially gateway treatments (such as red pavement markings) for road users entering the area.

### 7. Does the new speed zone only operate just before and after school?

No, these speed limit changes will be permanent 30kph and will apply at all times.

**8. Will the new school speed zone have the electronic speed signs?**

No, electronic signs will not be required in these permanent 30km/h zones, but the schools with existing 40KM electronic speeds signs may have these retained to be used as repeater/reminder signs- each school will be assessed for this on a case by case basis.

**9. What support will AT provide us for informing our parents of the changes?**

Auckland Transport Engagement lead staff will be contacting all schools in this programme and offering a package of resources that schools are able to use to promote the proposed speed limit changes to their school communities

**10. When will the next programme of schools be notified?**

Phase 3 consultation has closed and changes to these schools will be implemented in October and November 2022.

**11. When will all schools have a school speed zone?**

It is expected that the new legislation will require speed limits outside all schools are reviewed by the end of 2029. However, AT anticipates this to be delivered as early as possible subject to resourcing and funding.

**12. What factors are considered for speed changes**

In investigating speed limit changes, Auckland Transport considers several factors, including:

- The typical or expected routes for school going children and their parents to access the school.
- Average travel speeds, i.e., the speed at which most drivers are already travelling in their vehicle.
- Pedestrian counts.
- The classification of the road (e.g., arterial vs. residential).
- The number of vehicles on the road.
- Access for people with different physical abilities.