

Raised Zebra crossing for Clark Rd, Pahurehure

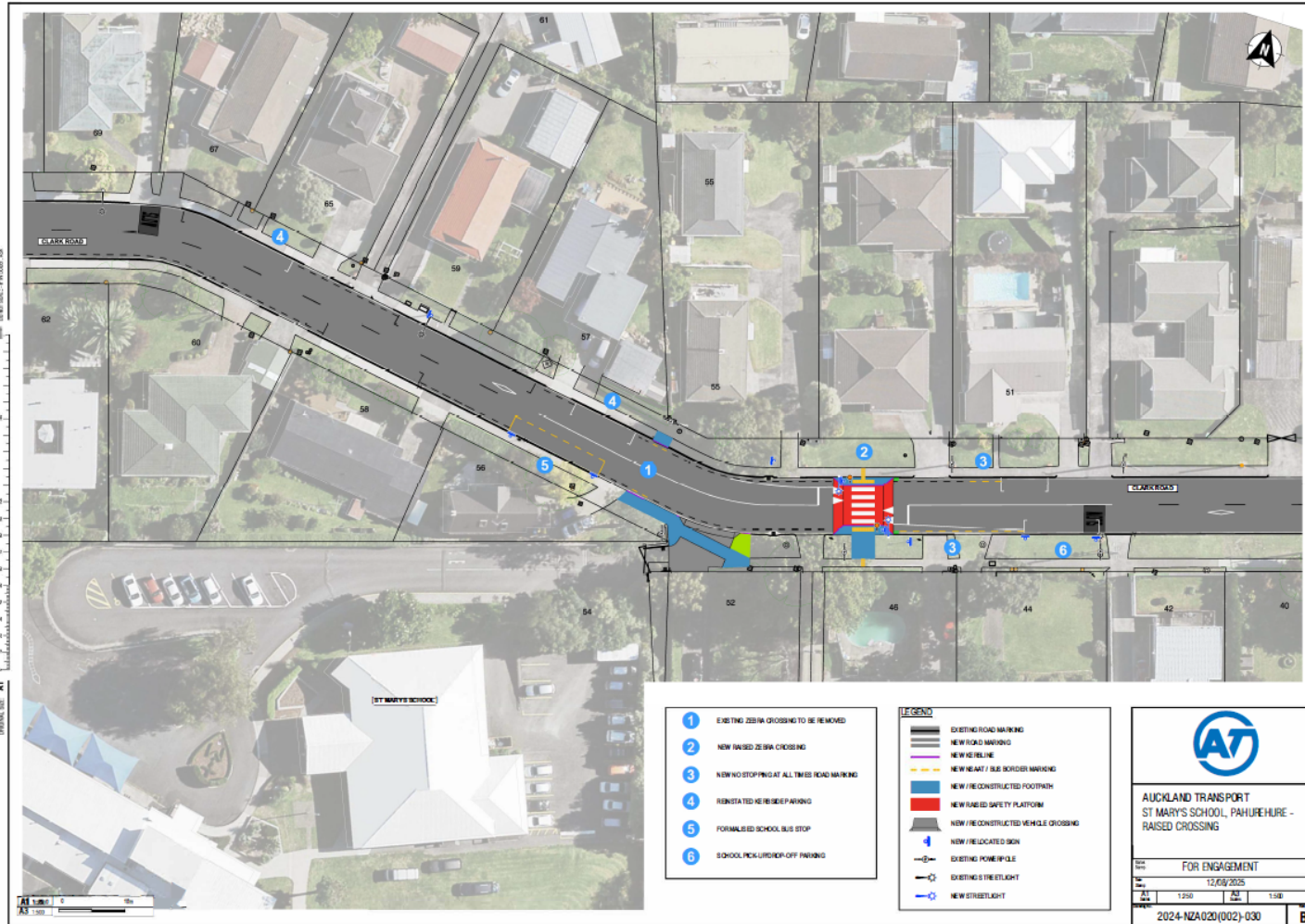
We want to thank the community of Clark Road, Pahurehure, for their engagement and feedback on our proposal to improve pedestrian safety and on-street parking outside St Mary's Catholic School (Papakura). We plan to achieve this by removing the existing zebra crossing and replacing it with a raised zebra crossing slightly further north.

After reviewing the feedback we received, we will be proceeding with the following change to the original design to better reflect community input:

- The adjusted grass berm will be reshaped to allow one vehicle to wait without blocking another vehicle exiting from the school or property at 52 Clark Road.

The driveway width in the original design was 6.5 m, while the updated design shows a width of 9.5 m.

Revised drawing



What happens next

We anticipate these changes will be constructed by June 2026.

We'll be in touch with local residents before any changes take place.

Engagement summary

- The project letter was hand- delivered to some properties on Clark Road on 11 July 2025.
- The project letter was also posted to Clark Road property owners and residents.
- Project webpage and online survey - <https://haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/clark-rd-pahurehure-raised-zebra-crossing> (active from 11 July to 28 July 2025)

Summary of feedback received and our response

There were mixed views of the project.

Most of the supportive feedback we received indicated this proposal would improve pedestrian safety, especially for young children and families near the school in the area. It would also help slow down speeding drivers.

Concerns

Topics	Auckland Transport response
<p>Concern that converting the current paved area outside 56 to 52 Clark Road into a grass berm would eliminate a space used by vehicles to wait and give way at the narrow school gate. Please note that we have been in contact with the school, and they too agree with this position.</p>	<p>We're converting part of the paved area into a grass berm to discourage drivers from parking or making U-turns during pick-up and drop-off. Parking or stopping on the berm is not allowed. This behaviour is unsafe, especially with small children around. The design now allows one vehicle to wait without blocking another vehicle exiting from the school or property no. 52 Clark Road. The updated plan reflects this change.</p>
<p>The proposed location of the raised zebra crossing outside 46 Clark Road will increase the risk of accidents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The driveways at 48,50, and 52 Clark Road have poor visibility of oncoming pedestrians due to a high hedge and high fence. <p>-----</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed changes would increase pedestrian movement especially young children along this section, raising safety concerns. 	<p>There are no proposed changes to the connection between the property driveways and the footpath. Drivers entering or exiting should continue to take care and drive slowly to watch for pedestrians, as usual.</p> <p>We will ask the property owner to trim their hedge. This will help improve visibility when exiting the driveway.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The raised crossing is placed at the safest location on Clark Road to give drivers clear visibility of both the crossing and pedestrians. It's also close enough to the St Mary's entrance for easy access.</p> <p>The raised table will help slow down traffic and make access safer and easier for people walking.</p>

Suggestions

Topics	Auckland Transport response
<p>Suggest keeping the current crossing location for the proposed raised zebra crossing.</p>	<p>The aim of this project is to make Clark Road safer for pedestrians, especially students from St Mary's School. A raised table is proposed to ensure lower vehicle speeds, particularly during busy school pick-up and drop-off times. However, the current crossing location is not suitable for a raised table due to nearby driveways and a bend in the road, therefore the crossing will be positioned outside property no. 46 Clark Road.</p>
<p>Suggest installing a convex mirror or mounting one on the existing signpost outside 50 Clark Road, to improve visibility to the left and right when exiting the driveway.</p>	<p>Convex mirrors can be helpful in some places, but we often find that they are ineffective and can even be unsafe. They can make it hard to judge how fast or how far away a vehicle is, which can be risk to drivers and pedestrians.</p> <p>We will not be installing a convex mirror. We hope this explains our reasons and appreciate the suggestion.</p>
<p>Suggest installing speed bumps, especially before the bend near the old crossing. The proposed new crossing from the Great South Road end will have good visibility, but the Hanover side poses a blind spot hazard, and drivers often approach the crossing at high speed.</p>	<p>Drivers approaching the crossing from the west will clearly see the crossing, along with its signs and road markings. Clear crossing signs are also planned near property no. 59 Clark Road to help drivers notice the upcoming change.</p> <p>The crossing will be monitored post-construction to make sure it's working as expected.</p>