



Settlement Road, Marne Road intersection upgrade

Community feedback outcome

In April 2023 we proposed to install a mountable roundabout at the Settlement Road and Marne Road intersection. It would have a raised pedestrian island on each approach to the roundabout to improve pedestrian safety.

The project was placed on hold due to funding and to explore options to reduce flooding at the intersection. We are pleased to say that the funding has been confirmed, and the project will proceed as proposed.

We heard the community's flooding concerns and plan to upgrade the stormwater system by adding more catch pits to divert water off the road even if one gets blocked.

Combining safety improvements with enhanced stormwater management into one project is widely agreed upon.

Community feedback

<p>Concern at the loss of parking spaces will not meet the parking needs of the residents with the new multi-tiered houses built at 45 Marne Road. The new buildings do not provide adequate facilities. Residents depend on on-street parking.</p>	<p>Our observations are that parking is currently available along the street.</p> <p>However, parking situations can change over time. Streets might get redesigned, new buildings could be constructed, or some parking spots could be removed. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that parking will always stay the same. Aucklanders should not rely on on-street parking for their parking needs.</p> <p>We understand there are trade-offs, such as walking a short distance to find additional parking. However, the safety benefits for everyone make these measures necessary and worthwhile.</p>
<p>Concerns about the broken yellow lines (no stopping at all times)</p>	<p>The broken yellow lines (no stopping at all times) are in place for safety reasons and offer several benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They improve the visibility of pedestrians crossing the road, making it safer for everyone. • • They provide enough space for vehicles to manoeuvre around the roundabout and through the intersection without obstruction. <p>For instance, drivers can more easily notice pedestrians without parked cars near crossings, reducing the risk of accidents. Suppose vehicles are parked too close to the crossing. In that case, drivers may not see pedestrians, especially children, until they</p>

	<p>are already in the traffic lane.</p> <p>Additionally, keeping vehicles away from crossings ensures that cars and trucks do not encounter obstacles, such as drivers reversing into parking spaces or people opening car doors, leading to a safer environment.</p>
<p>Concern at the ongoing flooding issue at the intersection.</p> <p>Concern if Auckland Transport is aware of the ongoing flooding issue at this roundabout. Additionally, the resident is concerned if there is ongoing communication between the Auckland Council and Auckland Transport regarding housing developments to minimise the effects of flooding in the area.</p>	<p>We plan to upgrade the stormwater system, specifically the catch pits.</p> <p>Catch pits are structures that collect debris and sediment from stormwater, helping to prevent blockages and ensuring water flows smoothly off the roads into the pipes below.</p> <p>Flooding often occurs on this part of the road because the catch pits usually get blocked with gravel from quarry trucks, leaves, and other rubbish.</p> <p>We plan to add more catch pits so that water can still be diverted off the road and into the pipes if one gets blocked. Additionally, we will add concrete pads for the maintenance cleaning trucks. This will let the truck and crew do their job without needing extra traffic management and stopping traffic.</p> <p>These measures cannot solve all the stormwater issues at this location because of the flatness of this flood-prone area. Still, they will improve it, resulting in fewer incidences of flooding in the future.</p>
<p>Concern that residents will have to precariously maintain the slither of grass right on the corner of Marne Road.</p>	<p>The design has been amended to remove the grass berm as suggested.</p>
<p>Concern that installing a mountable roundabout will not improve pedestrian safety. At present, the trucks that enter/exit the roundabout fail to slow down. Installing a mountable roundabout will encourage the drivers to pass over the roundabout even faster jeopardising the newly appointed pedestrian safety efforts and would almost render them dangerous.</p>	<p>Currently, the wide lane widths enable drivers to cross the roundabout at high speeds. The introduction of traffic islands deals with this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrowing the lane width • Smaller vehicles will naturally move to go around the concrete apron rather than go straight over the roundabout. <p>The centre of the roundabout will stay at the height of the curb which acts as a deterrent</p>



	<p>to speeding drivers.</p> <p>In contrast the mountable apron surrounding the centre island will have a 50mm high lip, to discourage small vehicles from mounting it at high speed, while helping slower and/or larger vehicles and trucks to navigate around it without damaging the roundabout's curb, as happens now.</p>
<p>Suggestion to install speed cameras on Settlement Road just after Smith Avenue before the roundabout as the heavy load trucks /cars/motorcycles speed up moment after crossing the round about going towards Dominion Road/Hunua.</p> <p>Suggestion to limit the speed of heavy vehicles on the north of Settlement Road as it causes sleep disturbance and shaking of the property</p>	<p>AT cannot enforce speeding or install speed cameras. The best thing to do is contact your local Police office to report incidents.</p> <p>In regard to lowering the speed limit, the Ministry of Transport and NZTA Waka Kotahi have recently confirmed the 2024 Setting of Speed Limits Rule, which introduces a new approach to speed management.</p> <p>According to this new rule, the speed limit for urban streets is set at 50km/h. There is an option to reduce the speed limit to 40km/h in areas with high pedestrian or cyclist activity, typically in town centres.</p> <p>Therefore, we currently do not have plans to reduce the speed limit on these roads.</p> <p>For further information about the updated speed limit rule, please click the link: Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi</p>
<p>The design seems a generic pedestrian safety plan to what some believe is a unique intersection.</p>	<p>We have a set of engineering design standards, and this design follows those stands but customised for this location and proposed safety measures.</p> <p>Experts in areas such as geometry, safety, stormwater, lighting, and active modes regularly review the design as part of our quality control process.</p>
<p>Suggestion to install 'no engine braking' signs in the approach to the rail bridge along Settlement Road and even to investigate installing a noise monitoring camera.</p>	<p>Traffic enforcement falls outside the scope of this project. You may submit your request as a separate incident to the Auckland Transport helpdesk on 09 355 3553.</p> <p>The benefit of this is that you will be given a contact that deals directly with these issues</p>



	<p>and an incident number to track the progress of your query.</p>
<p>How long is this going to take and where are the work vehicles of those doing the work going to park without hindering the coming and going of the residents in these streets.</p> <p>Suggestion to provide traffic management aid when carrying out construction.</p>	<p>Construction is planned for after June 2025 and will take about 2 months, depending on the weather.</p> <p>We will investigate ways to speed up the work, such as closing the intersection completely and rerouting traffic, which might happen here. The contractor needs to do detailed planning before finalising the construction method, including any traffic management plan.</p> <p>It will be a construction zone and people should expect disruption to travel times, access to driveways, noise and dust.</p> <p>We will keep residents informed in advance and take steps to assist any residents, while the work is ongoing.</p>