

Share your views on Safe Speeds in Tāmaki Makaurau

What's happening

Auckland Transport is currently consulting on <u>proposals for Safe Speed limits</u> within Tāmaki Makaurau.

Safe Speeds provide a proven way to reduce death and serious injury on our roads. They also ensure children and communities feel safe to walk, cycle, play and move around their local neighbourhoods, helping them get more physically active and live more healthily.

What needs to change

Under the proposals some areas will only see limited speed reductions near local schools, operating in tiny slivers of the school day, and sometimes on only one or two access roads. This ignores that reality that children and parents come and go from schools across the day and at weekends, for example if they are taking part in after-school activities or weekend sports. They also use lots of different roads within a neighbourhood to get to school, and schools are often used as community hubs.

We believe permanent Safe Speed zones in residential areas around our schools and town centres should be the default approach for Auckland. These will help children feel safe at all times of day travelling around their school neighbourhoods.

What you can do about it

Local Boards will have a major say on the final outcomes of the consultation, and how safe our city is. It is therefore crucial they hear from their communities.

By writing to your local board using our <u>template letter</u> you can help make the case for Safe Speeds in your local area.

Step by step guide to engaging your Local Board

Step 1: Explore Auckland Transport's proposals for your local board area

- Use the Auckland Transport interactive map to see what's proposed for your area: https://haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/kko?tool=map#tool_tab
- Provide feedback directly to Auckland Transport the consultation closes on 28 August: https://haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/kko...
- Download our <u>postition statement</u> (PDF) to learn why Safe Speeds matter, and the impact they can make.

Step 2: Find out which Local Board area you are in

You can check using the Auckland Council website:

https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/about-auckland-council/how-auckland-council-works/local-boards/Pages/find-local-board.aspx

The page for your Local Board will include their contact details.

Step 3: Write to your Local Board

Use the template letter provided below to write to your Local Board representatives. Be sure to include your views on roads you want to see protected, and why Safe Speeds matter to you, your whānau, and your community.

<u>Download template letter ></u>

Template letter

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Kia ora,

I am writing to you regarding the Auckland Transport Safe Speed proposals for our local board area.

I am a local Choose an item. and user of our roads and transport network, and I care deeply about our community.

I believe Safe Speeds can benefit our area by Choose an item.

I am particularly interested in ensuring Safe Speeds are implemented for:

enter specific roads or areas of concern Click or tap here to enter text. . .

To ensure the highest level of protection for myself and my Choose an item., I support the following in our local area:

- 1. Permanent speed limits of 30km/h on residential roads within local school catchment areas, to protect our tamariki who are our most vulnerable road users.
- 2. Permanent speed limits of 30km/h around marae and in local streets and town centres, to protect vulnerable road users in high use areas.
- 3. Permanent speed limits of 60km/h on rural roads to prevent crashes in the highest risk areas.
- 4. A comprehensive Safe System approach for cycling and walking routes that includes:
 - a. improved safety features protecting vulnerable road users, especially on major arterial roads
 - b. increased enforcement of speed limits

Thank you for taking the time to consider my views, and those of our community.

Ngā mihi

Name Click or tap here to enter text. Name