

SH3 New Plymouth to Hawera

Taranaki Regional Transport Committee – project update

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What we heard

Key consultation themes:

- › Safety at intersections.
- › Urban speed zones and their locations were a concern.
- › A desire for more urban cross opportunities.
- › Community amenity access and active mode safety is a concern in all towns.
- › Road surface condition.
- › Safe access on and off SH3 in the 100km/h sections was a consistent theme.
- › Narrow bridges were a concern for all (private vehicles users and transport industry).

Key findings

Urban

- › Urban/rural thresholds changes (location and speed).
- › Urban roading environments should reflect their intended use.
- › Additional crossing options have been identified*.
- › Urban speed has also been identified as an issue.
- › School speed advisory opportunities were identified.

*Community severance by SH3 and desire lines have been taken into consideration.

Key findings

Rural

- › Head-on high-speed risks were identified as a consistent open road feature.
- › Risk of conflict in some passing lanes (sub-standard run-outs and property access conflict).
- › High risk intersections such as Mangorie and Dudley and Junction Roads.
- › Roadside obstacles have also been identified as another risk theme through the corridor.

Overall

- › The efficiency of the corridor has been assessed as having an acceptable level of service in its current form until 2030.

Next steps

- › Consultation with community, councils and stakeholders late 2019.
- › Completion of business case early 2020.

