Roundabout upgrade this year

Work will start soon on a bigger and better roundabout on this Hamilton intersection which links SH1, Morrinsville Road and the Hillcrest shopping centre.

This roundabout is the city’s busiest – with 37,000 vehicles a day passing through – and it needs improving to handle the load. The upgrade will improve traffic flows and improve safety.

We expect work to start mid-year and with homes, businesses, schools and bus stops all nearby we need to find the best way to get the job done with the least disruption. Extensive traffic management will be required during the four-month construction period.

This project will make a difference to people who pass through that intersection – including cyclists and pedestrians - but we are going to need everyone’s co-operation while we build it.

Kaye Clark, Highway Manager

Project open day

Once the contract has been let, the NZ Transport Agency will host an open day to talk about the project, especially about managing traffic while works are under way.

Come along to find out more. The date and venue will be advertised closer to the time.
Frequently asked questions

What is being built at the intersection of SH1-26?
A larger roundabout, which will improve traffic flows. The new roundabout will have three incoming lanes on SH1, and a sliproad east into SH26.

When will work start and finish?
Preliminary works are expected to start on site in June to move services with full construction expected to start in August.

Who is doing this work and why?
The new roundabout is a NZ Transport Agency project, and will be built by a contractor. The project will be tendered shortly and the successful contractor will be known in late May/June. The work will improve traffic flows and safety at the intersection which sees 37,000 vehicles a day pass through it.

How can I find out more?
We are planning an open day to explain the project and discuss the traffic management required so we can safely and efficiently manage drivers, pedestrians and cyclists travelling through the site, and maintain access for residents and businesses. That also needs to allow the construction team building the new roundabout time and space to get the work done. The open day date, times and venue will be advertised closer to the time. You can also follow us on Facebook for regular updates at www.facebook.com/NZTAWaikatoBoP or phone the Transport Agency’s Hamilton office 958 7220.

Will I still be able to get into the shopping centre, or drop the kids off at school?
Yes, but be prepared for changes to the road layout and follow traffic management. The traffic management plans for this project will be finalised once the successful contractor is on board and following the public open day. As the traffic management plan progresses you will receive updates by letter on the best access routes. You can also follow our Facebook page www.facebook.com/NZTAWaikatoBoP for regular updates or phone the Transport Agency’s Hamilton office 958 7220.

What about access to my home or business: will that be maintained at all times?
Access to your home or business will be maintained at all times during the project.

So will there be detours?
No detours are planned at this stage. We plan to work with our contractor to ensure traffic can pass through the site at all times. The traffic management plans will be developed by the successful contractor. The open day date, times and venue will be advertised closer to the time.

Will the work be done in daytime or at night?
There is likely to be some night work and weekend work but at this stage we don’t know how the contractor will arrange his working hours. Working on the road during morning and afternoon peaks which affects traffic flows is not permitted.

So the project will impact on local residents?
We are looking at the best ways to limit the disruption for local residents but with a job of this size there will be some impact. We will be working with the contractor to ensure as little disruption as possible.

Will there be improved facilities for vulnerable road users, like pedestrians and cyclists?
Yes. The new roundabout will improve access and safety for all road users.

How can I keep in touch with the project?
The Transport Agency will issue media releases, provide updates on its Facebook page, and nearby residents will receive letters from the contractor who will also provide a 24-hour contact number.