

Improving transport connections to Riverhead

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Riverhead is expected to grow further over the next 30 years. The existing primary connection from Riverhead to State Highway 16 (SH16) will need to be upgraded to support this growth. There will be a focus on improving safety, providing a better connection to the town centre at Kumeū-Huapai and access to a potential future rapid transit network

We are planning now so that we have enough land set aside to upgrade the primary route, the Coatesville-Riverhead Highway, providing for walking and cycling close to where future growth is expected. This will help communities be better connected and give people a choice in how they travel.

Coatesville-Riverhead Highway

What we're proposing

We're proposing to upgrade the Coatesville-Riverhead Highway between the intersection with Kaipara Portage Road and Riverhead Road and SH16 to improve safety for drivers and provide for cyclists and pedestrians, as well as provide better access to key destinations and transport choices in the wider area.



Key features of Coatesville-Riverhead Highway (between SH16 and the Riverhead urban area) rural section:



Two lanes



Buses every 15 minutes in peak periods



Walking and cycling facilities on one side of the road



60kph speed limit

Key features of the Coatesville-Riverhead Highway urban section:



Two lanes



Buses every 15 minutes in the peak periods



Walking and cycling facilities on both sides of the road



50kph speed limit

Benefits

The upgraded road will:

- increase the safety of the road for all users by improving the alignment of the road and making the intersections safer.
- provide an important connection for the Riverhead community to access the commercial Westgate area and Whenuapai.
- provide good access to a potential future rapid transit network, cycling and walking corridor and the motorway network.

Please see the *Strategic Connections in north west Auckland* information sheet for more information.

The opportunity for safety improvements at key intersections along the route will be further investigated as our plans develop. Improvements to the SH16/Coatesville-Riverhead Highway intersection will help traffic flow and make turning safer. This is being progressed as part of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's SH16 Brigham Creek to Waimauku safety improvements programme.

What the rural section on Coatesville-Riverhead Highway and Riverhead Road could look like



Provision of on-street parking for these transport connections will be determined at the next stage of design, and will be subject to further public engagement.



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