

# Improving safety on the Gordonton Rd corridor

This road corridor has become increasingly busy as the more houses are built in the northeast of the city and in the Waikato district, resulting in more traffic. Hamilton City Council has three inter-connected projects planned or underway to improve the safety for those who travel on Gordonton Rd.

## Thomas Rd/Gordonton Rd intersection

- This intersection is a main route into and out of the Rototuna area, and with higher traffic volumes it has become the site of increasing numbers of crashes. It is #18 on the NZ Transport Agency's list of high risk intersections nationally.
- The benefits of a signalised intersection:
  - Improved safety through better intersection control and traffic flow management
  - Safer intersection for people on bikes
  - Smaller footprint so less need to buy land, allowing for quicker installation
  - Lower cost
  - Construction expected to be completed end of March 2019.
- Raised safety platforms will be installed at the intersection.

## Speed limit reduction from 80km/h to 60km/h

- A permanent 60km/h speed limit is now in place along the length of Gordonton Rd from Wairere Dr to north of Thomas Rd. Community feedback has supported this.
- To support this safer speed limit a range of treatments were introduced including a northern gateway, flush medians, and street lighting.

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- Work is also underway to address safety issues on other parts of Gordonton Rd between Wairere Dr and the city boundary north of Borman Rd.
- An upgrade of the Puketaha Rd/ Gordonton Rd intersection is currently included in the draft 2018-2028 10-Year Plan for construction in 2020/21, and includes the connection of St James Dr. It will likely require land purchase.
- A walking and cycling improvement project has been identified to improve connections for pedestrians and recreational and non-confident bikers. This will see a safe alternate route parallel Gordonton Rd corridor through residential streets and reserve areas.
- Substantive Gordonton Rd improvements for on-road and sports cyclists are not currently proposed, however any roading improvements will retain on-road cycling functionality.
- At this stage a full urban upgrade of Gordonton Rd is not funded in the draft 2018-2028 10-Year Plan.

