

## HAMILTON RING ROAD UPDATE – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **1. Why do you need to do this work?**

When the whole project is completed, Cobham Dr will be raised to allow the four-laned Wairere Dr to pass underneath it connecting to the future bridge over the Waikato River to Peacocke. The work we are doing from January means the team can raise Cobham Dr in stages.

### **2. Why can't all four lanes be open?**

To allow us to do this work safely we require extra space on the road. This means we need to close one lane for the duration of this phase of work.

### **3. Why did we choose two lanes north and one lane south?**

The reason we chose three lanes is because we don't have enough space to keep four lanes open. We have undertaken extensive traffic modelling – which did include vehicle number counting at peak times – and this identified two lanes north bound and single lane southbound is the most efficient given the work site constraints.

It's also important to note that our preferred direction of two lanes north and one lane south took into account the effect on the wider roading network and what the delays would look like either side of the work site.

### **4. How long will the three lanes be in place?**

Approximately nine months. After these nine months the traffic will be diverted onto the future on-off ramps for approximately 18 months.

### **5. What will be the alternative walking/biking routes be?**

People on bikes will need to use Hungerford Cres or Cambridge Rd.  
Pedestrians will need to use Hungerford Cres or Cambridge Rd.

Pedestrians and cyclists can also use the Sillary St underpass which safely connects Hamilton East (Grey St) to the Hamilton Gardens.

### **6. What is the speed limit through the site while this work is happening?**

50km/h

### **7. When will the project be finished?**

The Ring Road will be fully complete and operational by early 2022.

### **8. How long will the delays be?**

Our data shows us there will be small delays to people's journey.

### **9. Will the road be sealed at all times?**

Yes.

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**10. How many lanes will be open travelling into the city?**

Two lanes for Hamilton-bound vehicles.

**11. How many lanes will be open travelling out of the city?**

One lane for south-bound.

**12. What are the hours of operation for this change?**

24/7.

**13. How is this project funded?**

The Hamilton Ring Road is \$36M of which \$28.2M is contributed by government through Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency subsidies.