UPGRADE TO DRURY WEST SECTION OF SH22

The project described in this profile has been identified by an indicative business case and will require further technical investigation and engagement before its final detail, location or land requirement is confirmed. It is also yet to be prioritised for funding for delivery over the next 10-30 years.

Purpose
This project will upgrade SH22 between Oira Road and the SH1 Drury Interchange to bring it up to urban standards to provide for future urban growth in Drury West. This upgrade will provide walking and cycling connections and better accommodate public transport, freight and general traffic to support current and future residents. The exact form and function is still to be determined.

For more information on cross sections see What these connections could look like in the south on our website.

Description
The project includes upgrades to the existing SH22 corridor between Oira Road and the Drury Interchange, where the Future Urban Zone area is to be zoned by Auckland Council, including a potential future Drury West township.

Key benefits
The key benefits of this upgrade, which covers the section of SH22 within the future urban growth area to be rezoned by Auckland Council, include increased accessibility to a large range of transport choices, improved safety and increased people movement within the area to provide connections to employment, industrial areas, residential areas and rail stations.

Current status
Over the past few years, the NZ Transport Agency has been investigating improvements along the corridor through the Safe Network Programme, including consultation with the community. This identified that a range of improvements are needed along the corridor, which should be delivered in a staged way to support both short-term and long-term growth. As a result, the Safe Network Programme is currently progressing several short-term safety improvements, including a roundabout at the intersection of SH22 and Glenbrook.

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Road and a review of the speed limit. In 2018 the Safe Network Programme team spoke to the community about speed on SH22 and is working through the approvals for formal consultation on a speed limit review.

Meanwhile, in addition to these investigations, in 2018 the Supporting Growth Programme engaged with the community to gain feedback on longer-term options for urban upgrades and the related Pukekohe Expressway (providing an alternative to SH22). Following analysis of feedback and technical investigations, an indicative study area for long term upgrades in the urban section of SH22 was approved mid-2019. We have a general study area within which further investigations will be undertaken. In early 2019 the programme’s draft indicative plans for the urban section of this corridor were included in Auckland Council’s consultation materials for the area’s structure plan, and feedback received during this time will be considered as part of the next stage of the programme’s planning.

**Next steps**

During the next phase of work, the project team will consider upgrade options along SH22 between Oira Road and the SH1 Drury Interchange. This will include social, cultural, environmental and technical investigations as well as further engagement with project partners, stakeholders, landowners, and the community.