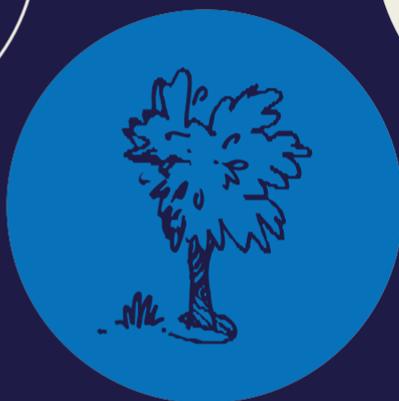


HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL STAFF SUBMISSION ON:

Speed Limits Bylaw Proposed Amendments 2021

Waikato District Council



21 January 2022



**Hamilton
City Council**
Te kaunihera o Kirikiriroa

Improving the Wellbeing of Hamiltonians

Hamilton City Council is focused on improving the wellbeing of Hamiltonians through delivering to our five priorities of shaping:

- A city that's easy to live in
- A city where our people thrive
- A central city where our people love to be
- A fun city with lots to do
- A green city

The topic of this submission is aligned to the priority '**A city where our people thrive**'.

As a city we want to have safe routes for people to move around our city, alongside efficient transport connections to connect Hamilton to other places.

Council Approval and Reference

This submission by Hamilton City Council staff was approved by Hamilton City Council's Chief Executive on 21 January 2022.

Hamilton City Council Reference D-4052104 - submission # 675.

It should be noted that the following submission is from staff at Hamilton City Council and does not necessarily represent the views of the Council itself.

Key Messages

1. Hamilton City Council staff are generally supportive of Waikato District Council's Speed Limits Bylaw Proposed Amendments 2021.
2. However, we do have a number of recommendations for sites for inclusion in any future speed limit reviews and seek support for a number of changes that Hamilton City staff wish to make on roads that are jointly managed by both Waikato District Council and Hamilton City Council. These are outlined below.

Introduction and Specific Comments

3. Hamilton City Council staff would like to thank Waikato District Council for the opportunity to make a submission to the Speed Limits Bylaw Proposed Amendments 2021.
4. Hamilton City Council staff are supportive of the approach being taken by Waikato District Council in reviewing its speed limits in accordance with the Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency's Speed Management Guide.
5. The proposed changes have good alignment with the Hamilton City Speed Management Plan and are a positive step towards consistent and safe speed limits in the greater Waikato Region.
6. It is recognised that Waikato District Council has had significant growth in many urban and country living zones and support the introduction of 40km/h speed limits for some residential roads to create safer speeds where people live, work, and go to school.
7. Hamilton City Council staff are keen to see reviews of speed limits in these areas alongside the top 10 percent high-risk routes and intersections being implemented to reduce the deaths and serious injuries currently being suffered on the Waikato and Hamilton networks.
8. While Hamilton City Council staff are generally supportive of the Speed Limits Bylaw Proposed Amendments 2021, there are a number of recommendations for sites for inclusion in any future speed limit reviews. We are also seeking support for a number of changes Hamilton City Council wish to make on roads that are jointly managed by both Waikato District Council and Hamilton City Council.

Speed Limits Being Reviewed in Waikato District on the Outskirts of Hamilton City

9. Hamilton City Council staff are pleased to note the following proposed changes for Waikato District roads on the outskirts of Hamilton City:
 - **Wallace Road** – proposed reduction to 50km/h for the full length. Given the rural nature of this road, Hamilton City Council staff recommend that 60km/h would be more consistent with the speed limits in adjacent roads within Waikato District and Hamilton City. It is noted that the lower limit will improve safety for Hamilton City residents from the city who regularly use this road to walk and cycle to the Taitua Arboretum – but that a separate unsealed path has been provided for this purpose.
 - **Puketaha Road** – proposed introduction of a 60km/h speed limit between 330m south of Sainsbury Road to 480m north of Sainsbury Road supplemented by a variable 40km/h schools speed zone between 150m south of Sainsbury Road to 270m north of Sainsbury Road is supported for improved safety around the school.

- **Sainsbury Road** – proposed introduction of a 60km/h speed limit between Puketaha Road and 370m north of Puketaha Road supplemented by a variable 40km/h schools speed zone between Puketaha Road to 20m north of Puketaha Road is supported for improved safety around the school.
- **Horsham Downs Road** – proposed introduction of 60km/h between 130m south of Henderson Road to 350m north of Osborne Road is supported for improved safety around the school.
- **River Road (Ngaruawahia)** 300m south of Paterson Road to 90m west of Lake Road is supported in the vicinity of the recently completed rural roundabout at the River Road Horotiu Bridge Road intersection.

Request for Consideration of Further Roads in Next Review

10. While the proposed speed limit reviews being considered this year are fully supported, Hamilton City Council staff also request that the following roads be considered in the next round of reviews:

- **Bagust Road** – existing 70km/h between 50m south of Rotokauri Road and Brymer Road along with associated roads including O’Brien Road and Hillview Road. Request that these roads are lowered to 60km/h to be consistent with similar roads in both Waikato District and Hamilton City.
- **Rotokauri Road** – existing 70km/h between 145m southwest of Bunyard Road to 70m west of Pheasant Close. Request that this road is lowered to 60km/h to be consistent with similar roads in both Waikato District and Hamilton City.
- **Horsham Downs Roads** – existing 80km/h between Kay Road and 130m south of Henderson Road. Request reduction to 60km/h to reflect the substandard road alignment immediately south of this section and to tie in with proposed changes on the section between Kay Road and Borman Road as outlined in paragraph 13 below.

Please note also that the section of Kay Road between Resolution Drive and Horsham Downs Road has been recently renamed Ennion Rise. Further information on the change can be found [here](#)

- **Great South Road (Ngaruawahia)** – existing 80km/h speed limit from 345m south of Horotiu Bridge Road to SH1. Request that a 60km/h speed limit be considered for this section of road to tie into the proposed 60km/h speed limit on the northern section of Te Rapa Road within Hamilton City which is immediately south of this section. This will enable a consistent speed limit to be introduced across the two council boundaries.
- **Powells Road (shared)** from City boundary to end – currently 80 km/h. Given the short length, the recent introduction of an underpass as part of the Waikato Expressway and the unsealed surface, we request that a 60km/h speed limit be introduced to this section. The adjacent section within Hamilton City is currently 80km/h commencing 40m east of Aldona Place, but we would like to lower our section to 60km/h also.

11. Further to Hamilton City Council’s 20 November 2019 submission to the Proposed 2019 Amendments to the Waikato District Council Speed Limits Bylaw 2011 (refer [here](#)) we are still requesting speed limits reviews on the following roads:

- **Gordonton Road** – request a reduction to 80km/h from the Hamilton City boundary to join up with the section introduced in 2019 800m south of Taylor Road (State Highway 1B intersection).
- **Ruakura Road** – request a reduction to 80km/h for the section of road between the realigned SH26 and the Hamilton City Council boundary.

Request for Support of Roads to be Reviewed by Hamilton City Council

12. Finally, there are a number of roads on the immediate outskirts of Hamilton City where the legal road boundary results in shared responsibility between Waikato District and Hamilton City.
13. Hamilton City Council is proposing to complete a review of the speed limits on the following roads in early 2022 and will be seeking Waikato District Council support for these changes:

Current SPEED LIMIT (km/h)	ROAD NAME	DESCRIPTION	Proposed SPEED LIMIT (km/h)
80	Brymer Road	425m north of Baverstock Road to 75m south of Rotokauri Road	60
80	Ennion Rise	Resolution Drive to Horsham Downs Road	60
80	Exelby Road	340m north west of Lee Road to Te Kowhai Road	60
80	Horsham Downs Road	Ennion Rise to 155m north of Borman Road	60
80	River Road	City boundary to Kay Road	60
80	Rotokauri Road	From a point 250m south west of Exelby Road to a point 235m northeast of Bagust Road	60

14. These changes are being proposed as these are rural roads with increasing residential development accessing them and more people walking and cycling.
15. Other adjacent roads in Waikato District and Hamilton City need to reflect Hamilton City Council's desire to achieve consistency of both speed limits to the road environment and avoid frequently chopping and changing speed limits on roads that are on the Waikato District Council and Hamilton City Council boundary and the immediate surrounds.

Further Information and Hearings

16. Should Waikato District Council require clarification of the submission from Hamilton City Council staff, or additional information, please contact **Robyn Denton** (Acting City Transportation Unit Manager) on 07 838 6910 or 021 971 127, email robyn.denton@hcc.govt.nz in the first instance.
17. Hamilton City Council staff **do wish to speak** at the hearings in support of this submission.

Yours faithfully



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