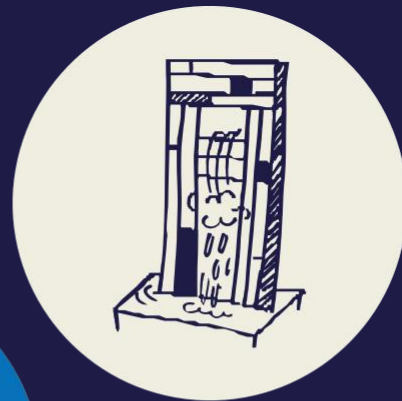


# HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION

## Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan 2023–2024

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency



12 December 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 that's easy to live in**'.

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 was approved under delegated authority by the Chair of Hamilton City Council's Infrastructure and Transport Committee on 12 December 2022.

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## Key Messages and Recommendations

1. Overall, Hamilton City Council support Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's 10-year vision, objectives, strategic alignment, and whole-of-network approach that is outlined in the **Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan 2023-2024**.
2. However, we have outlined number of concerns and subsequent recommendations that if taken on board, will lead to more efficient application and management of the final/approved State Highway Speed Management Plan 2023-2024.
3. We strongly support the inclusion of the following schools being included for speed limit changes to variable 30km/h within Hamilton City:
  - SH23 Frankton School.
  - SH26 Berkley Normal Middle School.
  - SH1C Hillcrest Normal School.
4. We request that SH3 Melville Primary School be added to the list of schools included in the 2023-2027 rollout of 30km/h variable speed limits.
5. We request that the timing of the proposed speed limit changes for schools on the state highway network within Hamilton City be coordinated to enable coordinated community engagement and education across the city.
6. Hamilton City Council requests that the following sites be included for consideration for permanent 30km/h in the 2024-27 period:
  - Dinsdale Shops – SH 23 Whatawhata Road between Poaka Avenue and the Dinsdale roundabout and on all approaches to the roundabout.
  - Glenview Shops – SH 3 Ohaupo Road between Lambert Court to Garden Heights Avenue.
  - Urlich Avenue Shops – SH 3 Ohaupo Road between Collins Road and Urlich Avenue.
7. We look forward to working with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency in the determination of the safety camera locations within the city for the development of our next Speed Management Plan.

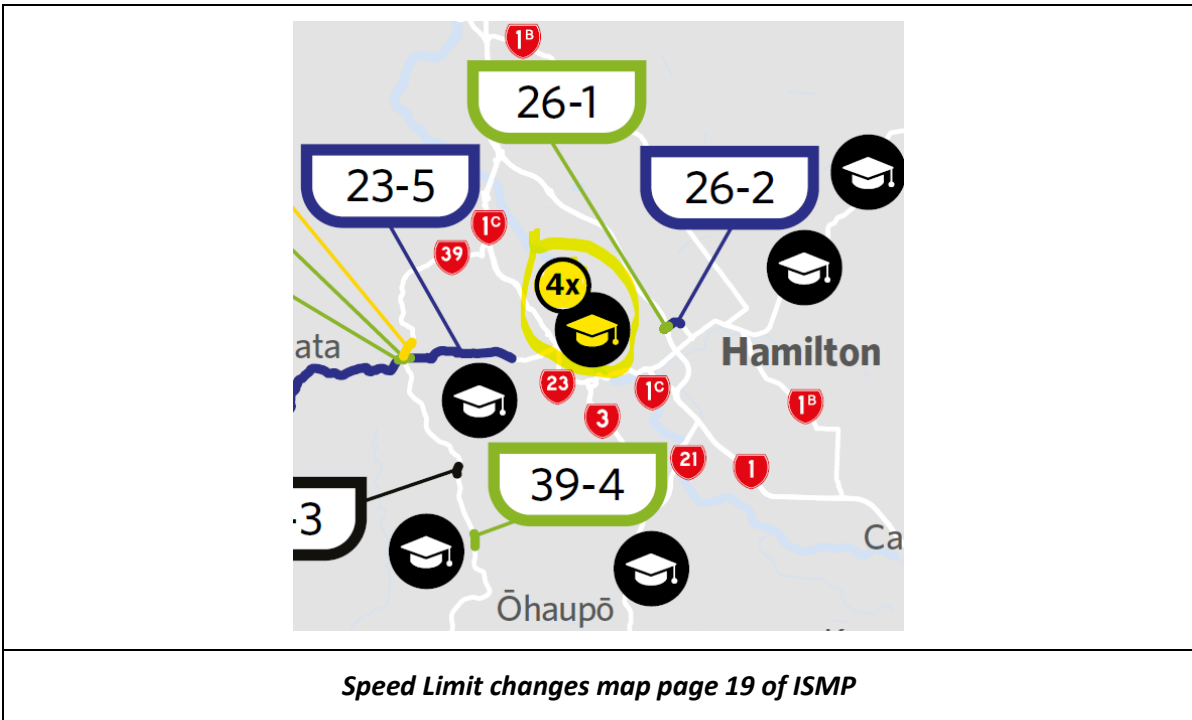
## Introduction

8. Hamilton City Council appreciate the opportunity to make a submission to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on the **Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan 2023-2024**.
9. The Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 (the Rule) requires all Road Controlling Authorities (RCAs) to develop and consult on a Speed Management Plan.
10. We note that Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is the RCA responsible for state highways and the purpose of this Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan (ISMP) is to enable Waka Kotahi to share how it intends to manage speed limits over the next two years through to June 2024.
11. We understand that following on from the ISMP, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is developing the 2024-27 State Highway Speed Management Plan, which will provide details on further speed management changes proposed for the 2024 to 2027 period and beyond.
12. The 2024-27 State Highway Speed Management Plan will consider the integration between planned safety infrastructure, speed limits, and selected enforcement with safety cameras.
13. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has an important role to play in realising our vision of a New Zealand where no-one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes, and we note that Waka Kotahi is seeking to achieve the following five objectives by 2030:

- The state highway network is safer with reduced numbers of deaths and serious injuries.
  - People using the state highway network or living alongside it feel safer, improving their own wellbeing as well the liveability of places.
  - A greater proportion of the state highway network will have posted speed limits that match their safe and appropriate speed.
  - Proposals for managing speeds on state highways will take account of the local context and be aligned with the local road network features, ensuring there is consistency for drivers.
  - We will have brought our communities, partners and stakeholders on the journey with us, with greater numbers of people supporting our proposals to manage speeds better.
14. Hamilton City Council recognises that the above objectives have guided the development of the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency ISMP, which provides a clear picture of how changes to speed limits will help manage speeds on the state highway network and reduce the risk of death or serious injury over the next two years. Hamilton City Council notes that these objectives are also driving the development of the 2024-27 State Highway Speed Management Plan.
15. Overall, we support Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's 10-year vision, objectives, strategic alignment, and whole-of-network approach that is outlined in the **Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan 2023-2024**.

## Specific Feedback on the Interim Plan

16. The following feedback is provided in response to the specific speed limit proposals outlined in the **Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan 2023-2024**, and in particular the section on pages 17-23 for the **Regional Implementation Programme for the Waikato**.
17. We note that there was a major review of speed limits on the state highway network undertaken by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency in August 2020 and subsequently implemented in December 2021.
18. We strongly support the inclusion of the following schools being included for speed limit changes to variable 30km/h within Hamilton City:
- SH23 Frankton School.
  - SH26 Berkley Normal Middle School.
  - SH1C Hillcrest Normal School.
19. We are concerned that SH3 Melville Primary School is missing from the list even although the map on page 19 (refer map overleaf) indicates that there are speed limit changes for 4 schools proposed in Hamilton.



20. We therefore request that SH3 Melville Primary School be added to the list of schools included in the 2023-2027 rollout of 30km/h variable speed limits.
21. The Hamilton City Speed Management Plan was adopted by Hamilton City Council in July 2022 and subsequently certified by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on 8 August 2022.
22. We have a programme of improvements to pedestrian facilities around schools underway and following the recent allocation of additional funding by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to assist with the installation of school speed limit signage, are aiming to have all speed limits on local roads around schools in Hamilton City change to 30km/h for Term 2 in 2024.
23. We therefore request that the timing of the proposed speed limit changes on the state highway network within Hamilton City be coordinated so that the community engagement and education can be related to ALL schools in the city – on both the state highway and local roads.

## Consideration for the Future Speed Management Plan

24. As noted in the ISMP, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is in the process of developing the 2024-27 State Highway Speed Management Plan.
25. Hamilton City Council requests that the following sites be included for consideration for permanent 30km/h in the 2024-27 period:
  - Dinsdale Shops – SH 23 Whatawhata Road - Poaka Avenue to the roundabout and all approaches to the roundabout in conjunction with safety improvements for pedestrian accessibility in this area.
  - Glenview Shops – SH 3 Ohaupo Road between Lambert Court to Garden Heights Avenue in support of the current construction work being undertaken for the Public Transport Hub and improved pedestrian crossing facilities.
  - Urlich Avenue Shops – SH 3 Ohaupo Road between Collins Road and Urlich Avenue in recognition of the high number of pedestrians using this area, including school students.
26. We believe that these proposed speed limit requests have a strong correlation with the following objectives of the State Highway Speed Management Plan:

- People using the state highway network or living alongside it feel safer, improving their own wellbeing as well the liveability of places.
  - A greater proportion of the state highway network will have posted speed limits that match their safe and appropriate speed.
  - Proposals for managing speeds on state highways will take account of the local context and be aligned with the local road network features, ensuring there is consistency for drivers.
  - We will have brought our communities, partners and stakeholders on the journey with us, with greater numbers of people supporting our proposals to manage speeds better.
27. Hamilton City Council also look forward to working with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency in the determination of the safety camera locations within the city to help with reducing the red light running and speeds through many of our busy urban intersections.

## Further Information and Opportunity to Discuss our Submission

28. Should Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency require clarification of the submission from Hamilton City Council, or additional information, please contact **Robyn Denton** (Network and Systems Operations Manager – Transport) on 07 838 6910 or 021 971 127, email [robyn.denton@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:robyn.denton@hcc.govt.nz) in the first instance.
29. Hamilton City Council representatives would welcome the opportunity to discuss the content of this submission in more detail with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

Yours faithfully



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