

Drury

Upgrading Ōpāheke Road to Great South Road

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We're proposing several upgrades to existing roads in the Drury-Ōpāheke area to support future urban growth. These will provide new walking and cycling paths, better access to public transport and improve transport connections for current and future communities, making travel within this area easier.

What we're proposing

During May and June 2020, we asked for feedback on our preferred options to widen Ōpāheke Road, Ponga Road and Waihoehoe Road and about your preferences for using the new walking and cycling paths.

Community feedback supported the proposed upgrades and new walking and cycling paths, and the need to create access to frequent and efficient public transport.

We're now proposing to extend the separated walking and cycling path into Papakura from Ōpāheke Road to Great South Road. This will allow more people to walk or cycle to public transport and connect to where they live, work, study, shop and play.

Upgrading the intersection at Ōpāheke Road and Settlement Road

To accommodate the new walking and cycling path we'll need to widen the intersection at Ōpāheke Road and Settlement Road. We're also proposing to upgrade the intersection to a roundabout on the southern side of Ōpāheke Road.

We've investigated a number of options and our preferred option is to upgrade the intersection on the southern side because it will:

- ensure a safer traffic environment for all road users (pedestrians, bikes and vehicles)
- minimise the impact on Papakura Cemetery.

We've considered other options including upgrading the existing intersection and placing the roundabout on either the eastern side (Settlement Road) or in the centre. These are not preferred because they will:

- have more impact on the Papakura Cemetery
- leave residual strips of land that are difficult to develop
- be less safe for walking and cycling.

We may also need to regrade (change the level of) some driveways to ensure they have a smooth transition with the upgraded road.

This project is part of a range of improvements to roads in and around Drury and the future transport network for southern Auckland to support growth over the next 10-30 years.

Next steps

We'd like to talk to landowners to discuss the proposed designation boundary and what this potentially means for properties.



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