



We've considered your views, what happens next?

Sunnyhills Safe School Streets Trial

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In March, we received feedback on the interim safety improvements around Sunnyhills School as part of our Safe School Streets Trial. The trial was designed to increase safety outside the school, reduce the number of vehicles during peak times and encourage walking and cycling to and from school.

Based on a review of the feedback received, changes made to the design during the trial, and the data collected earlier this year, we have decided to proceed toward a permanent solution.

This letter will give you a summary of the feedback received.

What data informed our decision?

- Project team observations, video analysis and reduced speed levels support that the trial has improved safety. However, the impact of Covid did reduce traffic volumes during the video assessment.
- We measured speed at different locations and approaches to the school and found that speed levels were lower than it was before.
- The reduction was significant, particularly during the busy morning and afternoon school times. For example, on Fordyce Ave, the average operating speed in the morning peak dropped from 44km/hr to 32.2km/hr a reduction of 12.2km/hr. In addition, the percentage of vehicles exceeding 30km/h in the project area dropped by 30%.
- Surveys conducted for the evaluation received 150 school parent responses and 40 resident responses. We also held interviews with a staff focus group and student focus groups. Most respondents noted an increase in the perception of safety.
- Respondents were aware of the changes on The Crest and Fordyce Ave and agreed they had made the school drop-off/pick up times safer for children. The changes on The Crest were perceived to be safer than those installed on Fordyce Ave.
- Perceived effectiveness of different measures, such as kerb buildouts, planter boxes, raised crossings, speed humps, and other streets, varied. We will consider this feedback in our permanent design.

What changes did we make during the trial?

Making changes and doing them quickly is a benefit of trialling temporary changes. Some of the changes were:



- removed the no-entry from The Boulevard into The Crest
- reduced the number of bollards and returned parking spaces on Fordyce Avenue
- removed the roundabout and installation of corner buildouts at the corner of Fordyce Ave and Stansfield Place
- reduced the number of corner buildouts at either end of The Crest

How we're moving forward

We consider the trial phase complete. While AT works through the permanent design process, some or all of the temporary measures may remain in place to provide a safer school zone. We'll engage with the community before any permanent changes are implemented, through mailouts, drop-in sessions, and site meetings.

The timeframe to progress to a permanent solution is subject to funding approval. However, we expect consultation on the permanent design to take place in 2022/23 and will let you know ahead of time to get involved.

We want to thank residents and the local community for their feedback and patience while the trial was underway. This type of trial, allowing temporary measures to be evaluated on-site, allowed us to make changes as needed and help inform the permanent design. In addition, the insights and data from this programme will help other school communities across *Tāmaki Makaurau*.

Supporting Vision Zero

The Safe Schools Streets Trial supports Auckland Transport's commitment to Vision Zero, an ambitious transport safety vision, with the goal of no deaths or serious injuries on our transport system by 2050. This approach acknowledges that as people we all make mistakes, however a mistake should not mean someone dies or is seriously injured on our roads. It's also an approach that values everyone using the road, not just those in vehicles. It is about caring for more vulnerable road users like people walking or cycling, children and the elderly. Vision Zero is the international benchmark for transport safety.

For more information please visit: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/sunnyhills>

Ngā mihi,

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