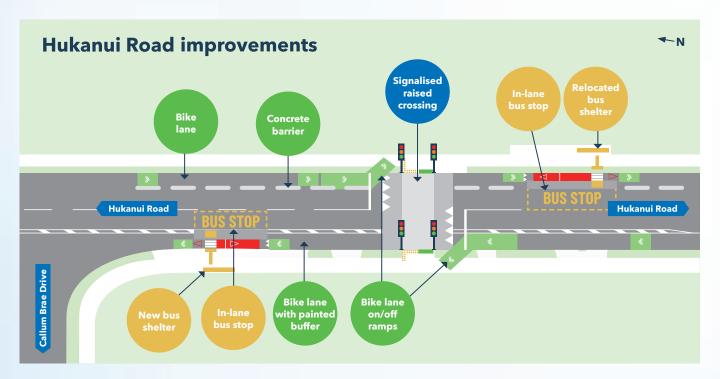
Transport Choices programme

Improving our urban transport system



What's happening?

Solid Group has been contracted by Hamilton City Council to work on a Transport Choices project in your neighbourhood, from January to February 2024. The works include:

- installing in-lane bus stops outside 375 Hukanui Road and opposite 371 Hukanui Road
- installing a protected on-road bike lane on the eastern side of Hukanui Road (heading towards Chartwell), and an on-road bike lane with a painted buffer on the western side of Hukanui Road (heading towards Rototuna)
- creating a raised, accessible platform on both sides of Hukanui Road to make it easier for people to get on/off the bus, and to prompt people on bikes to slow down and give way to bus passengers
- adding a bus shelter outside 375 Hukanui Road, and adjusting the location of the bus shelter opposite 371 Hukanui Road
- installing a new raised signalised crossing to enable pedestrians and bus passengers to safely cross the road.



Frequently asked questions:

How does this project impact residents and businesses?

Works will usually be completed during the day, from Monday to Friday, 6am - 7pm, weather dependent. We expect this work to take about four weeks to complete.

Traffic will still flow both ways and to complete this work safely, traffic management will mostly be under two lane diversion setups. One lane closure with stop/go will be in place from 9am - 2.30pm during construction of the raised pedestrian crossing.

The footpath will be closed to pedestrians during construction. Residents will always have access. Please follow the signs and listen to our staff on site, who are there to keep you safe.

Over the weekend, there will be no work on-site. Shoulders will remain closed, and the footpath will be open to pedestrians.

Why is Council doing this work?

This project supports Council's transport strategy vision, where everyone can connect to people and places in safe, accessible, and smart ways. Find out more about our transport strategy Access Hamilton - Ara Kootuitui Kirikiriroa at hamilton.govt.nz/access-hamilton.

Why have you selected our neighbourhood for this project?

Hukanui Road has also been identified as a key connection in our biking and micro-mobility network plan from Rototuna to Chartwell. With schools and parks in the local area, we want to create a safe environment that gives people the ability to travel freely and independently. The bus stop improvements at this site support Waikato Regional Council plans to create more frequent bus services for Rototuna.

How much will all this cost, how can Council afford it?

Transport Choices projects are funded up to 90% by the Climate Emergency Response Fund, not through the taxpayer or road user charges. Councils fund the balance of project costs. Funding for Transport Choices is administered by NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi.

The budget for this project is \$800,000. Council's share is \$80,000.

How is Council's share of the cost funded?

Hamilton City Council's share of the project is funded through the budget allocation in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan for the Biking and Micromobility Programme.

Does the cost of the Transport Choices have any effect on Council's proposed 25.5% rates increase?

No. Hamilton City Council's portion of the funding for the Transport Choices projects was set aside from the 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years. This does not have any impact on the proposed rates increase in 2024/25 for Hamilton.

To find out more, visit our Transport Choices webpage: hamilton.govt.nz/transportchoices

