

Kōrero mai

Tell us what you think by 5pm Sunday, 29 June 2025

Have your say on safer speeds across the Whakatāne District.

We're reviewing speed limits on several local roads managed by Whakatāne District Council to ensure they're safer and better suited to how people use them today.

This review is part of our ongoing commitment to keeping you safe on the move, reducing the risk of crashes, and aligning speed limits with the surrounding environment- whether that's near schools, in new residential areas, rural communities, or at busy intersections.

Many of the proposed changes come directly from community feedback, safety assessments, and requests from schools, residents, and local organisations. For example, some roads have poor visibility, are near schools or recreational areas, or have a history of crashes. Others no longer suit their current speed limits due to changes in land use or traffic patterns.

We want to hear from you - your local knowledge and experiences are vital to making the right decisions.

Whether you're a resident, commuter, or business owner, your input will help shape safer, more liveable communities for everyone.

It's easy

He māmā noa iho

You can have your say from Wednesday, 28 May 2025 until 5pm Sunday, 29 June 2025.

Online: koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz **Email:** submissions@whakatane.govt.nz

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Deliver: To our Council offices in Whakatāne and Murupara. Submission forms are also available on our website whakatane.govt.nz or from libraries and Council offices.

Key dates Ngā rangi matua

Wednesday 28 May - Consultation opens.

5pm Sunday 29 June - Consultation closes.

24 July - Elected members briefed - Infrastructure and Planning Committee.

14 August - Potential adoption by Council.

Implementation - To be confirmed following adoption, and pending budget and resource availability.



LOCAL ROAD SPEED LIMITS

NGĀ PAE TERE

Here is an overview of the roads we want your feedback on: Ngā huarahi kia whakahoki kōrero

Withy Road

Currently 100km/hr, proposed change to 70km/hr

2. Te Teko Road

(Extending 50km/hr section to Okaahu Road) Currently 100km/hr, proposed change to 50km/hr

3. Te Teko Road

(Okaahu Road to Edgecumbe)

Currently 100km/hr, proposed change to 80km/hr

4. Thornton Road

(Between the East Bank and West Bank intersections)

Currently 100km/hr, proposed change to 70km/hr

5. Thornton Road

(SH30 to Blueberry Corners)

Currently 100km/hr, proposed change to 80km/hr

6. Wainui Road

(Tauwhare Pā to Tio Ōhiwa Oyster Farm)

Currently a temporary 60km/hr, proposed change to 60km/hr permanently

7. Shaw Road subdivision

(Kākāriki Drive, Shaw Road, Takahē Close, Kārearea Drive, Kōtare Drive and Korimako Place)

Currrently 100km/hr, proposed change to 50km/hr

8. Thornton Beach Road

(Carpark and boat ramp)

Currently 50km/hr, proposed change to 30km/hr

9. West End Road

Currently 50km/hr, proposed change to 30km/hr

10. Galatea Road, Waiōhau

Currently 80km/hr, proposed change to 60km/hr

11. Pukehou Road, Waiōhau

Currently 100km/hr, proposed change to 60km/hr

12. Papanui Road, Waiōhau

Currently 100km/hr, proposed change to 60km/hr

13. Tawhia Road, Waiōhau Currently 100km/hr, proposed change to 60km/hr

14. Galatea Road, Matahina Dam Currently 100km/hr, proposed change to 80km/hr

15. Rototaha Road, Matahina Dam Currently 100km/hr, proposed change to 80km/hr

16. Reid Road

Currently 70km/hr, proposed change to 100km/hr

17. Whakatāne Airport, Tassel Drive Currently 60km/hr, proposed change to 30km/hr

18. Valley Road

Currently 70km/hr, proposed change to 50km/hr

19. Ohope Road

(Between Ōtarawairere and West End Roads)

Currently temporary 60km/hr, proposed change to 60km/hr or revert back to 80km/hr

Scan the QR to view the proposed changes and share your thoughts.

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Don't miss your opportunity to have your say!



Further questions? Contact the Whakatāne District Council Transport Team via email at roading@whakatane.govt.nz

Please note: Whakatāne District Council manages all local roads in the district, apart from State Highways which are managed by Waka Kotahi. Hence, this speed consultation is not part of Waka Kotahi's State Highway speed limit consultation.

Road length

3,056m

Current speed limit per hour

100km

Proposed speed limit per hour

70km



Withy Road

Withy Road is a windy road with ongoing residential development and is the location of Iramoko Marae. There are limited options available to mitigate the identified safety risks without significant road widening, associated retaining structures, and earthworks, making infrastructure solutions uneconomical.

Location: Full extent of road.

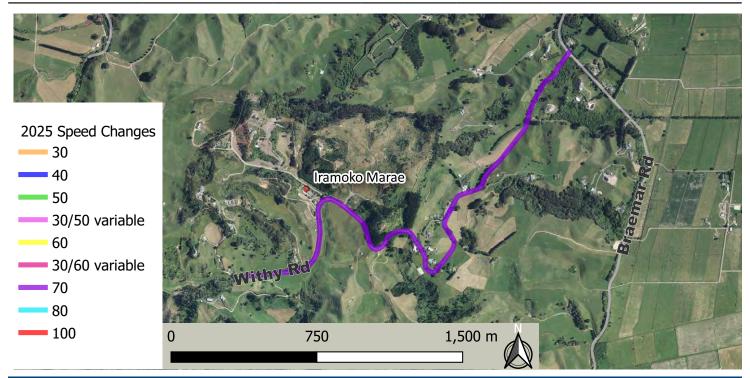
Role and function:

Provides access to marae and a growing number of dwellings with several recent sub-divisions and more currently in planning.

One network framework classification:

Rural road and stopping place, alignment is hilly, tortuous.

Estima	nted change i	n travel ti	me/speed			s per yea ve years)			Expecte in crash			
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Proposed cost
-12	43	43	551	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	\$5,000



Proposed speed limit changes Ngā pae tere kua tūtohungia

Te Teko Road

Te Teko Urban Boundary

Road length

325m

Current speed limit per hour

100km

Proposed speed limit per hour

50km



Te Teko Road - Te Teko Urban Boundary

We propose extending the existing urban speed limit to include Tū Teao Marae, as the risks associated with the current speed limit cannot be appropriately mitigated with infrastructure solutions.

Location:

From Okaahu Road intersection south to existing 50kph area.

Role and function:

Provides access to marae, school and homes. Provides for through traffic between Edgecumbe and SH30.

One network framework classification: Local street.

Estima	ted change i	n travel ti	me/speed			s per yea ve years)				d reducti es per ye		
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Proposed cost
-12.5	3	3	576	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 15,000



Te Teko Road

Te Teko to Edgecumbe

Road length

5,800m

Current speed limit per hour

DOkm

Proposed speed limit per hour



Te Teko Road - Te Teko to Edgecumbe

This road has seen a high number of serious injuries and fatalities. It is a relatively narrow, winding road with several dwellings and marae located adjacent to it. Crashes have occurred over a long stretch, making effective safety infrastructure unaffordable within a corridor constrained by stop banks and property boundaries.

Location: From Otaahu Road to main road.

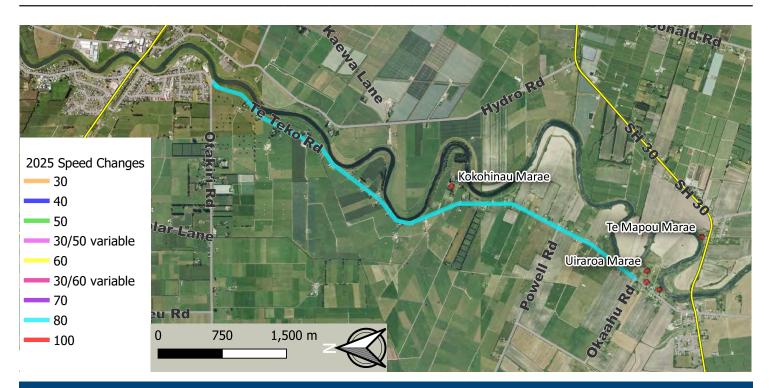
Role and function:

Rural road with many homes linking Edgecumbe to Te Teko and beyond.

One network framework classification:

Rural road.

Estima	ited change i	n travel ti	me/speed			s per yea ve years)				d reducti es per ye		
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Proposed cost
-7.8	23	17	30,246	0.4	0.4	0.4	2.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	2.6	\$ 5,000





Thornton Road

East Bank and West Bank intersections

Road length 750m **Current speed limit per hour**

100km

Proposed speed limit per hour

70km



Thornton Road – East Bank and West Bank Intersections

Residents and Thornton School community have requested speed reduction due to safety concerns for turning traffic with poor visibility over the Rangitāiki River Bridge. Infrastructure investment is not viable, as it would require widening the bridge or constructing a significant section of new road-both are uneconomical options.

Location: Thornton Road, 250m west of West Bank Road to 250m east of Fast Bank Road.

Role and function: Key arterial road with two key intersections within the treatment area.

One network framework classification:

Rural connector, rural intersection speed zone.

Estima	ted change i	n travel ti	me/speed			s per yea ve years)				d reduct es per ye		
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Proposed cost
-11.8	4	3	2769	0	0	0.4	0.8	0	0	0	1.4	\$ 45,000





Thornton Road

SH30 to Blueberry Corners

Road length

4,650m

Current speed limit per hour

100km

Proposed speed limit per hour

80km



Thornton Road - SH30 to Blueberry Corners

This proposed speed reduction addresses a high historical crash rate, likely to worsen with increasing traffic volumes. The area has high volumes of turning traffic and limited space for turning bays, increasing the risk of T-bone and rear-end accidents. Tight bends at Blueberry Corners have caused several loss-of-control crashes. Alternative safety treatments were ruled out due to costs exceeding \$6M. We are considering implementing the 80 km/h limit either between Blueberry Corners and SH30 or a shorter section between Blueberry Corners and R n Bees farm.

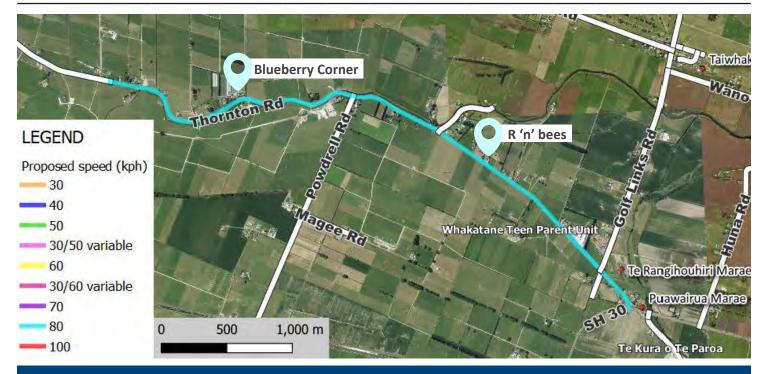
Location: From SH30 to

462 Thornton Road Western Boundary.

Role and function: Key arterial road between Whakatāne, Matatā and linking with SH2 to Tauranga and the West.

One network framework classification: Rural connector.

Estima	ited change i	n travel ti	me/speed			per yea ve years)				d reducti es per ye		
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Proposed cost
-7.8	19	13	12,028	0	0.4	1.8	3.4	0	0.3	2.1	4.1	\$ 20



Wainui Road

Tauwhare Pā to Tio Ōhiwa Oyster Farm

Road length

830m

Current speed limit per hour

00 (temp 60)

Proposed speed limit per hour

60km



Wainui Road – Tio Ōhiwa Oyster Farm

Increased traffic and visitors to the oyster farm have raised road safety risks, particularly for pedestrians. A lower speed limit would help reduce accident risk. While additional signage has been added, significant risk remains. Road widening could help but is costprohibitive due to topography and proximity to Ōhiwa Harbour.

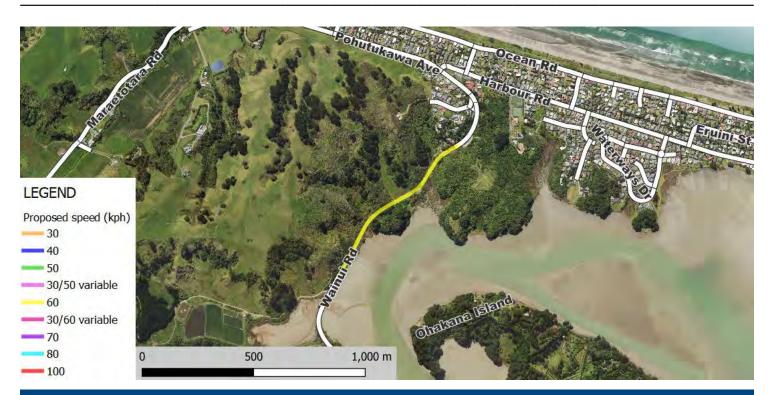
Location: From Tauwhare Pā Scenic Reserve southern carpark exit, heading south for 830m.

Role and function: Key arterial road with busy stopping area at Tio Ōhiwa Oyster farm.

One network framework classification:

Rural connector, stopping place.

Estima	ted change i	n travel ti	me/speed			s per yea ve years)				d reducti es per ye		
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	
-16	11	11	5,183	0	0	0.4	0.8	0	0	0.7	0	\$





Shaw Road

Incorporating Kākāriki Drive, Shaw Road, Takahē Close, Kārearea Drive, Kōtare Drive and Korimako Place

Road length

1,000m

Current speed limit per hour

100km

Proposed speed limit per hour

50km



Shaw Road Subdivision

Includes Kākāriki Drive, Shaw Road, Takahē Close, Kārearea Drive, Kōtare Drive, and Korimako Place. With the development of the housing subdivision, the current speed limit is now inappropriate for the adjacent land use.

Location: For the full extent of Shaw Road and associated urban area.

Role and function: Urban Sub-Division area.

One network framework classification:

Local streets.

Estima	ted change i	n travel ti	me/speed			s per yea ve years)				ed reducti nes per ye		
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Proposed cost
-12.5	86	86	5,028	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.03	0	\$ 2,000



Proposed speed limit changes Ngā pae tere kua tūtohungia

Thornton Beach Road

Carpark and boat ramp

Road length

5,70m

Current speed limit per hour

50km

Proposed speed limit per hour

30km



Thornton Beach Road (carpark and boat ramp)

This is a low-volume beach access road with significant pedestrian activity and slow-moving vehicles.

Location: From existing speed hump north to the end of the carpark area.

Role and function: Beach and boat ramp access.

One network framework classification:

Stopping place.

Estima	ited change i	n travel ti	me/speed			s per yea ve years)				d reducti es per ye		
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Proposed cost
-6	9	9	349	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 2,000



Proposed speed limit changes Ngā pae tere kua tūtohungia West End Road - Ōhope

Road length

9,70m

Current speed limit per hour

50km

Proposed speed limit per hour

30km



West End Road, Öhope

A busy residential and beach access road frequently used by children, pedestrians, and cyclists. Drivers, particularly visitors, may be distracted by the scenery, increasing crash risk. Alternative speed control infrastructure is currently outside available budgets.

Location: From Vills Glade to West End Car Park.

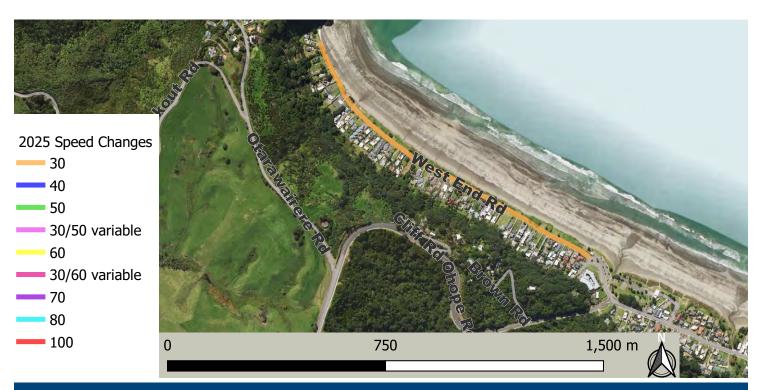
Role and function: Beach, residential and

recreation area access.

One network framework classification:

Activity street.

Estima	ited change i	n travel ti	me/speed			s per yea ve years)				d reducti es per ye		
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Proposed cost
-5	10	10	2,022	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.1	0	\$ 2,000



Proposed speed limit changes Ngā pae tere kua tūtohungia

Galatea Road - Waiōhau

Road length 1,970m Current speed limit per hour

80km

Proposed speed limit per hour

60km



Galatea Road - Waiōhau

This proposed change aims to align with other rural villages where 60 km/h is typical. The area includes kura access, marae, and residential housing. Alternative speed control infrastructure is outside available budgets.

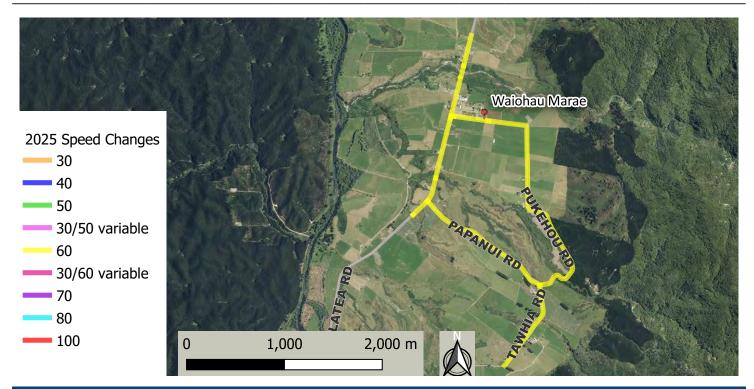
Location: Covering existing 80kph limit through Waiōhau village.

Role and function: Rural village main street and marae and kura access.

One network framework classification:

Peri-urban/stopping place.

Estima	ted change i	n travel ti	me/speed			s per yea ve years				d reducti es per ye		
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Proposed cost
-8	8	8	578	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	\$ 10,000





Proposed speed limit changes Ngā pae tere kua tūtohungia Pukehou Road - Waiōhau

Road length **2,900m** **Current speed limit per hour**

100km

Proposed speed limit per hour

60km



Pukehou Road - Waiōhau

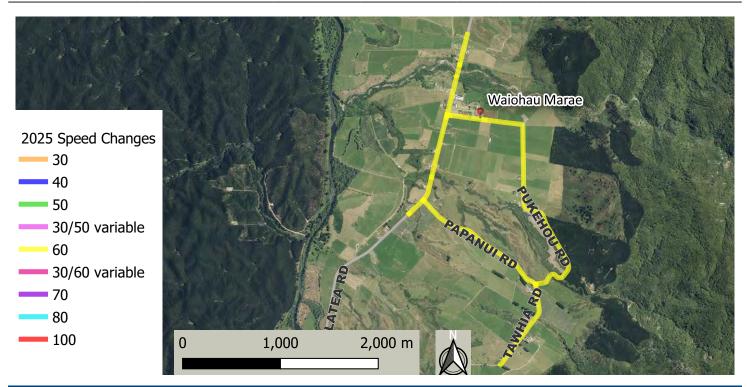
This road adjoins the section of Galatea Road proposed for a 60 km/h limit. This change provides consistency with other rural villages. All are 'no exit' local roads serving the local community.

Location: Full extent of road.

Role and function: Residential and farm access.

One network framework classification: Peri-urban.

Estima	ted change i	n travel ti	me/speed			per yea ve years)				d reducti es per ye		
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Proposed cost
-16	26	23	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 2,000



Proposed speed limit changes Ngā pae tere kua tūtohungia Papanui Road, Waiōhau

Road length

1,500m

Current speed limit per hour

100km

Proposed speed limit per hour

60km



Papanui Road - Waiōhau

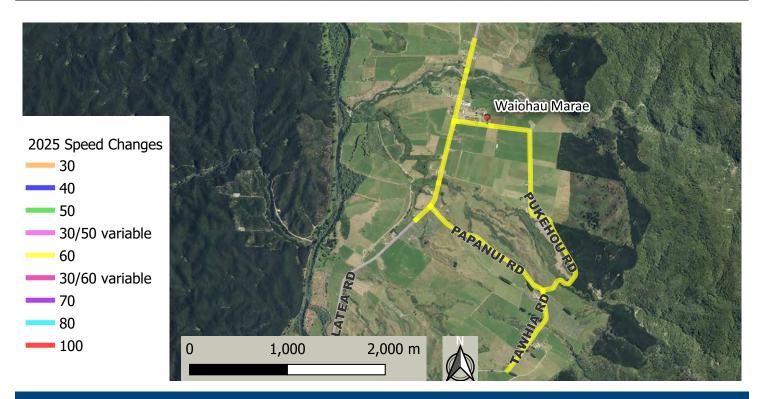
These roads adjoin the section of Galatea Road proposed for a 60 km/h limit. This change provides consistency with other rural villages. All are 'no exit' local roads serving the local community.

Location: Full extent of road.

Role and function: Residential and farm access.

One network framework classification: Peri-Urban.

Estima	ted change i	n travel ti	me/speed			s per yea ve years)				d reducti es per ye		
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Proposed cost
-16	13	12	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 2,



Proposed speed limit changes Ngā pae tere kua tūtohungia Tawhia Road - Waiōhau

Road length

1,400m

Current speed limit per hour

100km

Proposed speed limit per hour

60km



Tawhia Road - Waiōhau

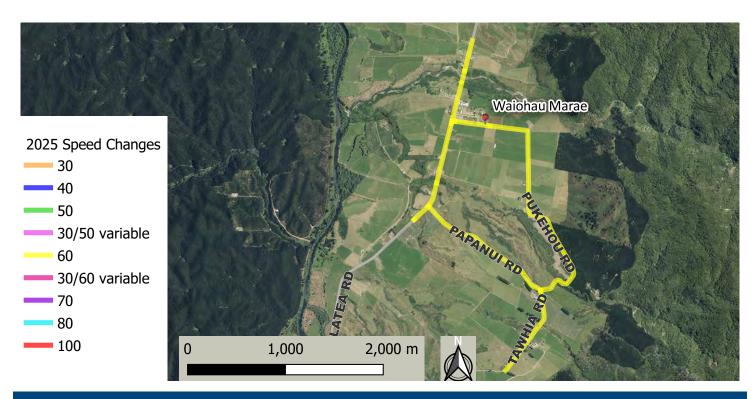
These roads adjoin the section of Galatea Road proposed for a 60 km/h limit. This change provides consistency with other rural villages. All are 'no exit' local roads serving the local community.

Location: Full extent of road.

Role and function: Residential and farm access.

One network framework classification: Peri-Urban.

Estima	Estimated change in travel time/speed					s per yea ve years)		Expected reduction in crashes per year					
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars) Travel time (seconds, trucks) Increase in travel time (hours, total per (hours, total per chars)		avel tirr avel tirr urs, tota for all ve	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury		Proposed cost
-16	13	11	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$	2,000





Galatea Road - Matahina Dam

Road length **2,450m** Current speed limit per hour

100km

Proposed speed limit per hour

80km



Galatea Road - Matahina Dam

A slower speed limit is proposed across the dam to protect workers, dam infrastructure, and road users. No speed control infrastructure can be installed due to dam facilities.

Location: Between 1,100m West of Matahina Dam and 800m east of Matahina Dam.

Role and function: Road over dam.

Rural connection between Galatea, Murupara and rest of Whakatāne District with significant volumes of freight and commuter traffic.

One network framework classification: Stopping place.

ı	Estimated change in travel time/speed						per yea ve years)		Expected reduction in crashes per year					
Speed	(kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury		Proposed cost
-7	.8	10	7	597	0	0	0.2	0.4	0	0	0.2	0.5	\$	10,000





Rototaha Road - Matahina Dam

Road length 700m **Current speed limit per hour**

100km

Proposed speed limit per hour

80km



Rototaha Road - Matahina Dam

Adjoins the section of Galatea Road proposed for a 60 km/h limit. This short gravel road is primarily used for car park and boat ramp access, where speeds are unlikely to exceed 60 km/h. No speed control infrastructure is appropriate.

Location: Full extent of road.

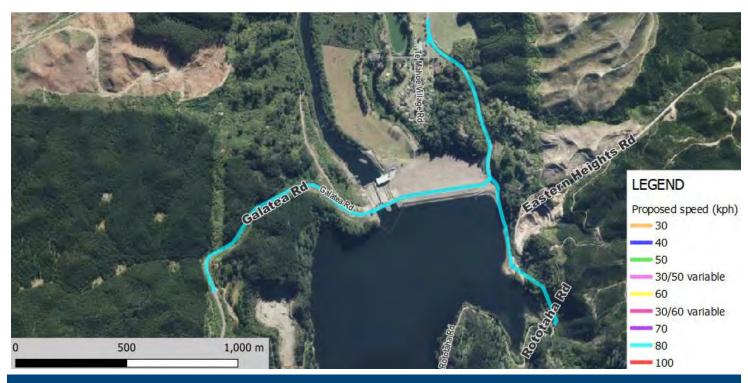
Role and function: Car park and boat ramp access.

Quarry and forestry access.

One network framework classification:

Stopping place.

Estima	Estimated change in travel time/speed					s per yea ve years)						
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Proposed cost
-7.8	3	2	18	0	0	0.4	0.2	0	0	0.5	0.2	\$ -



Proposed speed limit changes Ngā pae tere kua tūtohungia **Reid Road**

Road length

500m

Current speed limit per hour

70km

Proposed speed limit per hour

100km



Reid Road

This change aligns legal speed limits with current speed limit signs that have been in place for several years. There will be no change to the current location of the speed signs.

Location: From Awohou Road to 500m south of Awahou Road.

Role and function: Approach to Rūatoki township.

One network framework classification:

Rural road.

Estima	Estimated change in travel time/speed					Crashes per year (last five years)				Expected reduction in crashes per year				
Speed (hqh)	Travel time (seconds, cars) Travel time (seconds, trucks) Increase in travel time (hours, total per		Increas travel ti ours, to: r for all v	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	-	Proposed cost	
14.5	-4	0	534	0	0.2	0.2	0	0	-0.4	-0.5	0	\$	-	





Proposed speed limit changes 17) Ngā pae tere kua tūtohungia Airport - Tassel Drive

Road length 475m **Current speed limit per hour**

60km

Proposed speed limit per hour

30km



Airport - Tassel Drive

This change aims to provide a safer environment for airport users, particularly workers and pedestrians accessing the carpark and other airport facilities.

Location: 475m east of end of road.

Role and function: Airport car park access.

One network framework classification:

Mix of private road, stopping place and Rural Connector. Presence of Airport considered unconventional for roads of these classification and justifies lower speed environment.

Estima	ted change i	n travel ti	me/speed			s per yea ve years)		Expected reduction in crashes per year					
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury		Proposed cost
-10.2	9	9	302	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$	2,000



Proposed speed limit changes Ngā pae tere kua tūtohungia **Valley Road**

Road length 2,500m Current speed limit per hour

70km

Proposed speed limit per hour

50km



Valley Road

This change provides consistency with other urban arterial roads in Whakatāne. The road has a high number of turning vehicles and adjacent land use is both residential and industrial.

Location: Commerce Street to Taneatua Road (full extent).

Role and function: Urban arterial, residential housing, commercial and industrial areas, access to church.

One network framework classification:

Urban connector.

Estima	Estimated change in travel time/speed					s per yea ve years)		Expected reduction in crashes per year					
Speed (kph)	ars) ne ne ucks) in ne '		Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury			
-5	10	10	4,417	0	0.2	0.6	1.6	0	0	0.5	0.2		\$



Proposed speed limit changes 19 Ngā pae tere kua tūtohungia **Ōhope Road**

Road length

Current speed limit per hour

1,300m 80 (temp 60)

Proposed speed limit per hour

60km



Öhope Road

Ōhope Road has a steep gradient and sharp corners, contributing to a high crash rate. High traffic volumes increase the risk of head-on collisions and serious injuries. Improved safety infrastructure is very costly, and no funding is currently available.

Location: From Ōtarawairere Road to Pōhutukawa Ave.

Role and function: Key link between Whakatāne, Ōhope and beyond for light vehicles.

One network framework classification:

Rural connector.

Estimated change in travel time/speed					Crashes (last fix	per yea ve years)		Expected reduction in crashes per year					
Speed (kph)	Travel time (seconds, cars)	Travel time (seconds, trucks)	Increase in travel time (hours, total per year for all vehicles combined)	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Non-injury		Proposed cost
-5	6	6	3,081	0	0.8	1	3.4	0	0.5	0.6	2.7	\$	20,000



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