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Dear stakeholder,

Tell us what you think:

**Proposed changes to the speed limits along Piha Rd**

Auckland Transport is consulting on proposed changes to the speed limits along Piha Rd from Anawhata Rd to Seaview Rd, Piha. The consultation period is from Monday 30 June until Monday 28 July 2014. Our records show you are the owner of the property at .

Please find enclosed a map illustrating the proposed changes and a freepost feedback form. Further copies of the map and an online feedback form are available on our consultation webpage [www.at.govt.nz/piharoad](http://www.at.govt.nz/piharoad)

**What are the proposed changes?**

Currently Piha Rd from Scenic Drive to Karekare Rd is a derestricted 100km/h zone (a derestricted zone has no posted speed limit, maximum of 100 km/h applies but motorists must drive to conditions). Piha Rd from Karekare Rd to Seaview Rd is a 70 km/h zone with the remainder of Piha town and beachfront a 50km/h zone.

Auckland Transport is proposing two changes to the speed limits on Piha Road:

* Extending the 50km/h zone so that it covers the section of Piha Rd from the beachfront to 30 metres east of 170 Piha Rd (currently the 50km/h zone only covers the section from the beachfront to Seaview Rd)
* Changing the boundaries of the 70km/h zone so that it covers the section of Piha Rd between 30 metres east of 170 Piha Rd and Anawhata Rd (currently the 70km/h zone only covers the section from Seaview Rd to Karekare Rd)

Piha Rd from Anahwata Rd to Scenic Drive remains a 100km/h derestricted zone, Piha town and beachfront remains a 50km/h zone.

**Why are the changes required?**

Piha Road has been identified as a high risk rural road within the Auckland Region. Crash data indicates that over the past five years there has been around 90 crashes along Piha Rd.

Setting speed limits to reflect the road environment will encourage motorists to drive to the appropriate speed. This has the potential to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes.

**How do I submit my feedback?**

You can provide your feedback by filling out the attached freepost feedback form, or online at [www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz/piharoad](http://www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz/piharoad)

**What happens after the consultation period?**

* We will consider all the feedback received and make any required changes to the proposal based on wider community benefits.
* We will prepare a report on the consultation results, which includes final decisions on the project.  The report will be made available to all submitters and the public.

**When will the proposed changes be implemented?**

Subject to the outcome of this consultation, the speed limit changes is proposed to be implemented by November 2014.

**Further information**

For further information on the proposed changes please:

* visit our consultation webpage [www.at.govt.nz/piharoad](http://www.at.govt.nz/piharoad)
* contact Auckland Transport on (09) 355 3553

Yours sincerely,

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