



The Ellerslie Residents Association would like to request significant changes in Auckland Transport's priorities in the Regional Land Transport Plan.

The Plan is highly deficient, in that it lists no projects in Ellerslie over the next ten years. This is despite the **Ellerslie community suffering significant issues** such as:

- Numbers of DSI accidents
- Congestion in the town centre
- Congestion all around the suburb due to rat running and intersections no longer able to handle current traffic volumes
- Poor pedestrian and cycle safety, due to few safe crossings of busy roads and few safe cycle facilities
- Significant severance issues, i.e. crossing the motorway on foot/cycle

Ellerslie residents have identified the following as **key transport priorities**:

1. Upgrading the Robert St/Main Highway intersection (at the foot of the motorway overbridge), which currently causes major vehicle congestion, pedestrian severance, and pedestrian/cycle safety issues
 - We recommend replacing the T-junction with a drive-over roundabout
2. Moving the Ladies Mile cycle lane to Amy St
 - The current cycle lane makes the vehicle lanes too narrow, particularly for trucks, causing major safety issues
 - The cycle lane ends abruptly at the Marua Road intersection, connecting to roads which are unsafe for cycling. This lack of network effect means that the current cycle lane is not effective in promoting cycling
 - Moving the cycle lane to Amy St and upgrading to a safe, separated cycleway meets best practice, and begins the **north-south cycleway concept** (linking to the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path – see below) developed under a previous Ōrākei Local Board
 - This initiative is supported by the current Ōrākei Local Board
3. Upgrading the Ladies Mile/Pukerangi Crescent/Morrin Street intersection to include traffic lights
 - This intersection sees high traffic volumes throughout the day, and is extremely dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists
 - Crossing Morrin Street and Ladies Mile in particular on foot is highly hazardous
 - Turning right out of Morrin Street – a standing start on a steep incline – is very difficult, even more so given the poor sight lines along Ladies Mile to the north
 - This intersection is on the 782 bus route, causing frequent delays to bus passengers

Building on the above five significant issues and specific priorities, we advocate for Auckland Transport to **also include the following** in its planning proposals.

- Allocate discretionary funds for urgent **upgrades of the many dangerous intersections** in Ellerslie, particularly with full zebra and traffic light-controlled crossings, working to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety and prevent accidents
 - After LM/Pukerangi, the next priority for lights is **Michaels Ave/Ellerslie Panmure Highway**
- Advocate for **opening the Ballarat St extension** as a shared walking/cycle path to improve accessibility between the Marua Road and Abbots Way/Lunn Avenue areas
- Continue **footpath repairs and replacement** in Ellerslie. The contrast between recently-replaced footpaths (e.g. Findlay and Ramsgate Streets) and those still needing work (Hewson and Amy Streets) is stark
- Continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders (Ellerslie Business Association, schools, Ōrākei Local Board, Councillor Bartley, ERA) in the **Ellerslie Safety Working Group** forum with the aim of significantly improving safety in and around the town centre
- Adopt the **north-south cycleway concept** developed under a previous Ōrākei Local Board, connecting with the Glen Innes end of the Te Ara Ki Uta Ki Tai Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path, travelling through the Board area to Ellerslie. This would provide a safe, off road route for Ellerslie residents to Glen Innes, Tamaki Drive and on to the CBD
- Install a **secure parking facility for bicycles near Ellerslie Station** as a means to increase the safety and desirability of cycling to a key public transport node
- Audit the efficacy of street lighting in Ellerslie streets and urgently upgrade lighting on streets, such as Hewson Street, where it is inadequate

Finally, the Ellerslie Residents Association would like to acknowledge and thank the Ōrākei Local Board for its ongoing hard work on behalf of the people of Ellerslie and the surrounding areas.

We hope that Auckland Transport will back the Board's hard work, as well as the concerns of Ellerslie residents, and include the above priorities and items in your strategic and budgetary plans.

Best regards,



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