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Improving crossing safety on West Street

Kia Ora,

We're getting in touch to let you know about the Franklin Paths Programme - a programme that aims to make it safer and easier to walk and cycle around your neighbourhood. Your local community is at the heart of this programme, and we want to keep you informed as we make these improvements.

About the Franklin Paths Programme

The Franklin Paths Programme is a long-term plan to improve how people move around Franklin. It's all about creating better footpaths, trails and cycleways that connect key places – like schools, parks, town centres and bus or train stations.

You can find out more about these improvements and the Franklin Paths Programme on website: www.franklinpathsandtrails.org

The Franklin Paths Programme goals are to:

- Improve pedestrian and cyclist safety – make walking and cycling safer.
- Link- up key community destinations such as schools, parks, and town centres.
- Encourage people to walk or bike more and help reduce emissions.
- Enhance the overall quality of life for Franklin residents. - Improve everyday life for residents.
- As part of this programme, we are constructing a pedestrian refuge crossing facility on Reynolds Road.

The changes happening near you:

- **Install a new pedestrian refuge crossing with side island and footpath** outside Rosa Birch Park to provide a safe crossing facility across West Street, especially for children, students and parents accessing the park's sports clubs and recreational facilities.
- **Install tactile pavers** (yellow guidance marker) at the planned pedestrian crossing to help visually impaired people find their way and safely cross the road.
- **Repaint road marking** in the area to improve safety by minimising risk of collisions and ensures compliance with traffic regulations.
- **Paint no stopping at all times** (broken yellow lines) on approaches to the crossing to improve visibility for motorists using this section of the road.
- **Reallocate road space** by removing for 14 on street carparks on West Street to ensure better visibility for approaching motorists.
- **Improve street lighting** to enhance visibility of the crossing.

A drawing showing the changes has been attached to this letter.

Benefits to your community:

- Establish a safe connection and place to wait while cross West Street outside **Rosa Birch Park**.
- Improves safety for everyone with different accessibility needs providing a facility to safely cross West Street.
- Pedestrian refuges encourage drivers to slow down and take extra care when approaching the crossing. They provide better access and connections to public transport, helping with bus reliability and frequency.
- New road markings and signs improve safety by minimising the risk of collisions and ensuring compliance with traffic regulations.
- Walking is good for the environment and good for your health. It helps reduce reliance on cars for local trips, decreasing traffic congestion and reducing our carbon emissions.

What happens next:

- We are planning to implement these changes by April 2026 and will be in touch with local residents before any construction takes place.
- Any change to the plan will be updated on our website.

For more information and updates, please visit: www.franklinpathsandtrails.org

Ngā mihi,
 Auckland Transport

