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Kia ora Laurence,

The information you requested - CAS-849328-Q059L1

Thank you for your request for information dated 21 January 2024 relating to the Litten Road Pedestrian Improvement Project.

Auckland Transport (AT) have received several requests from the community to upgrade the existing flush pedestrian crossing on Litten Road. Our observations confirmed a need to slow speeds at the crossing. There is a high pedestrian demand originating from two schools in the area, Howick College and Cockle Bay School as well as the nearby local shops, Papanoa Park and a Rugby Club. Slow speeds are essential to ensure pedestrian safety, especially where they are most vulnerable. Consultation of this project has shown significant support from the community.

The number of accidents recorded at the site over the past 5 years.

There have been three reported crashes in the vicinity of the crossing in the past five years. All crashes were vehicle related, 2 minor-injury and 1 non-injury.

- Minor – Car on Litten Road approaching the roundabout collided with a parked vehicle.
- Minor – Car on Sandspit Road failed to manoeuvre, hit the street sign pole and continued into the wooden fence.
- Non-injury – Car on Litten Road lost control and went off road, hit parked vehicle and pushed it through a wooden fence.

Though, crashes are not the only reason for installing this type of crossing. Raised crossings are an effective way to slow vehicles down to 30km/h or less which significantly reduces the risk of a death or serious injury when an accident happens.

The cost of installing non-slip tactile pavers and the remaining cost, including raising the height of the crossing and reshaping the footpaths to include the central reservation.

The Cost Estimate for this project is \$272,543.16 (including 30% contingency). Of this, it is estimated to spend \$4,360 on Tactile Ground Surface Indicators. These are the most recent cost estimates based on the scheme design. The Howick Local Board have been consulted on this project; we are awaiting a response from the Board.

