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Local Avondale Volunteers  
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Dear Michelle,

Customer Reference Number: Auckland Transport CAS-290059-W9S8H5

Subject: Great North Road –Speed Limit Reduction and Speed Bumps  
Request

Thank you for contacting Auckland Transport, requesting a reduced speed limit and speed bumps to be installed on Great North Road. Your request was passed onto our Road Corridor Operations Department for investigation.

Avondale School has recently been assessed for a reduced speed zone as part of a wider investigation for speed management around schools within the Auckland region. The assessment considers both a reduced school speed zone and active warning signs in addition to other measures to improve traffic safety at the school gate. This assessment has recommended the installation of active warning signs. Flashing school warning signs, designed to raise awareness of the presence of school related activity, would be beneficial at this location.

The installation of the active warning signs is subject to a detailed design process and prioritisation with other schools in the region which are currently waiting for electronic warning signs. This prioritisation takes into account risk factors to determine the schools with the greatest needs. It is expected that the prioritisation for the next financial year, beginning in July 2014, will be completed by the end of June 2014.

However a reduced speed zone is not warranted due to low speeds at school travel times that were recorded along Great North Road and near the school. For this reason we regret that we are unable to proceed with your request for a reduced speed limit.

Moving to your request to install speed humps along this road, please note Great North Road is a scheduled bus route and an Arterial Road, primarily designed to accommodate high traffic volumes of all forms and to facilitate movement between key destinations. This type of road is expected to receive greater amounts of traffic than a residential road, while installing speed humps would affect the capacity and level of service on this route and cause discomfort for bus passengers, resulting in

on-going maintenance costs due to the high stress the speed bump would endure. Therefore speed humps are not appropriate for Great North Road.

With regards to your request for a Pedestrian Crossing on Ash Street near Wairau Street, we are currently undertaking detailed investigation into the feasibility of installing signalised pedestrian crossing facilities here. Many factors are carefully considered in determining the suitability of such a facility, its location and wider ranging effects. Included in our consideration will be; pedestrian volume, desire line, traffic volume, speeds, visibility, road width, topography and a suitable location for the facility. This matter is being treated with some urgency and should the proposals and plans be approved, the pedestrian crossing facility should be installed by December 2014.

An over-bridge will be an expensive solution and may potentially require additional land purchase to provide landing areas. Such a treatment cannot be justified with the current pedestrian demand and therefore no detailed investigations have been carried out for this option.

Kind regards,

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**Feedback Coordinator**

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