
Penrose Business Association – Summary of Feedback to Auckland Transport Strategic Programmes Team

Meeting Date: 13 May

Thank you for meeting with the Penrose Business Association (PBA) in May. As discussed, we would like to emphasise the following key points and concerns raised by our members:

1. Great South Road / Industry Road Intersection – HVT2 Lane

The intersection at Industry Road includes traffic lights, and trucks frequently turn right from this location. Also, vehicles waiting to turn right into businesses along Great South Road, block the vehicles behind, as they are unable to go into the HV/T2 lane on the left. If the HVT2 lane is actively enforced, vehicles are left with no legal way to get around these turning trucks and waiting vehicles. This creates congestion and frustration. At Church St/Mount Wellington Highway, for example vehicles turning right can wait in the painted median. This opportunity does not exist on Great South or Sylvia Park Roads. We ask that these issues be considered in your planning to ensure the lane functions safely and efficiently.

2. Mt Wellington / Clemow Drive / Vestey Road Roundabout – T2 Monitoring

There are two lanes through the roundabout, followed shortly by a T2 lane. We question whether the planned monitoring will be sufficient to ensure driver compliance with the T2 designation, especially given the complexity of this stretch of road.

3. Sylvia Park Road – T2 & Freight Lane Turning Safety

Vehicles turning left from Great South Road onto Sylvia Park Road must cross three lanes, which include T2 and freight lanes. The rule regarding broken (dash) lines here is unclear to many drivers. This is also a free turn left into Sylvia Park Road however many vehicles stop rather than merge. Rules need to be clarified through better signage or markings to improve safety.

Turning the Sylvia Park Road left lane into HV/T2-raises concerns for the Mount Wellington Highway intersection - left turning (to SH1) HV/T2 vehicles cutting across traffic; standard vehicles going north on SH1 cutting across HV/T2 traffic heading south on SH1; right turning HV/T2 vehicles crossing over the standard lane.

4. Pedestrian Crossing – Mount Wellington Highway (Pacific Rise to Sylvia Park)

There is an urgent need for a safe pedestrian crossing between the Pacific Rise side of Mount Wellington Highway and Sylvia Park.

In 2018, PBA met with an AT engineer who confirmed that a pedestrian crossing investigation was warranted, after recording multiple instances of people running across the highway at lunchtime. A job number was issued (CAS-762457-KJHIB5), but the matter later dropped off the AT work programme. In 2021, the local MP's office attempted to follow up on our behalf, without success.

This crossing remains a critical issue. People using public transport to access Sylvia Park often have business appointments on Pacific Rise, but there is currently no safe pedestrian route. PBA believes this is a dangerous situation, and it is only a matter of time before a serious incident occurs. We request that this crossing be reinvestigated and prioritised.