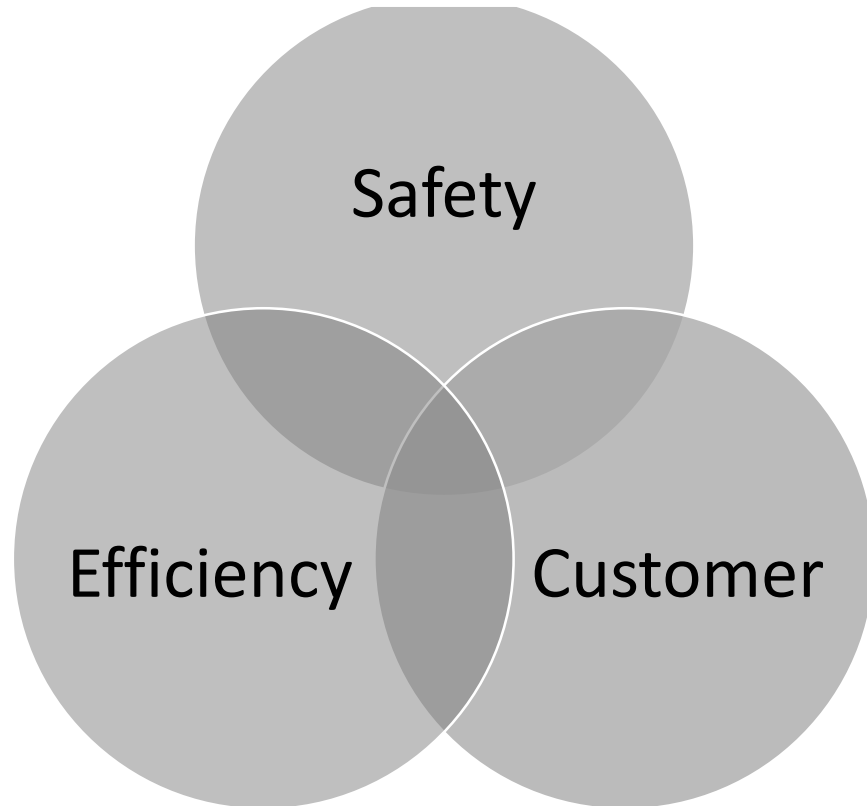


# Whangaparaoa Dynamic Lane Customer Feedback



*Being a bus commuter I have noticed the difference of having the dynamic lanes on at night. The lanes are a huge success!*

*I am a bus commuter and drive to park and ride and i am committed to investigating better ways to travel to and from work. This initiative has had a significant change to the congestion along the road. I await the morning trial. **Well done AT for looking at alternatives. keep up the great work.***

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Hibiscus Coast-raised actress Heather Wilcock has scored her dream role as the Wicked Witch of the West in the Wizard of Oz Broadway spin-off Wicked. See P4 for the story.  
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## Lane trial hailed a great success

JAY BOREHAM

The dynamic lane trial to quell congestion on Whangaparaoa Peninsula has been labelled a 'great success' by Auckland Transport.

The transformation of the dual median to a second lane saw traffic flowing smoothly for the days to four peak traffic period operation.

"The scheme worked effectively without incident and has resulted in improved travel times and reduced queues on Hibiscus Coast Highway," AT's

Mark Hannan said.

The success of the first night's trial was reflected by commuters pleased with their easy trip home along the normally clogged stretch of road.

Dominic Duncan of Gulf Harbour, said he found motorway traffic a 'bit solid' on his commute home from Albany, but once he reached Silverdale there was no queue up the hill on the Hibiscus Coast Highway to reach the peninsula turn off at Silverdale.

"I haven't seen that at rush hour for many years. It was awesome."

**"It was awesome. A 20 minute crawl to Red Beach reduced to a couple of minutes."**

Dominic Duncan via Neighbourly

"A twenty minute crawl to Red Beach reduced to a couple of minutes."

Commuter Joanne Pickering said it "was fantastic" being able to drive straight through because of the system.

Motorists Jessie Vee and Christie Marie both said it was much faster for their trips, with Vee pleased she was able to drive at the speed limit.

Hannan said while driver behaviour was generally excellent, some minor incidents were observed with right turning vehicles.

One of these incidents was witnessed Pono Castle of Manly who raised concerns about the system.

"The second car in line was too impatient to wait, and pulled in front of the turning vehicle in to

two lanes of oncoming traffic. Someone will be seriously hurt," he said.

Victoria Hawkins said trying to pull into North Haven hospital at 4.15pm, from the single lane, was a "complete nightmare".

When the system was switched off at 5pm and reverted to a single vehicle flow onto the peninsula quickly changed to a continuous line of slow moving traffic, Hannan said.

The option of extending the trial time beyond 5pm was very much on the Auckland Transport table, Hannan said.

*Now that the lane control system is in place, my journey homeward is almost unimpeded as soon as I have passed through the Silverdale traffic, which means I arrive home in a better mood, calmer, and with a sense of having left the troubles and stresses of my day behind me at the motorway off-ramp.*