

Give way rules apply on all lights

What you need to do at the metered lights



AMBER

Prepare to stop. Give way rules apply at roundabout.



RED

Stop until red light turns off.



NO LIGHTS

Proceed to roundabout. Give way rules apply.



Standard give way rules apply entering the roundabout and at each light.

There is only a metered light for northbound traffic. All other traffic can approach the roundabout as normal, following the give way rules.



Give way rules at roundabouts

At the roundabout, give way rules will still apply for all users at all times.

When coming up to a multi-laned roundabout:

- slow down as you come up to the roundabout and be prepared to give way.
- be in the correct lane for where you want to go.
- give way to all vehicles that will cross your path from your right as you enter the roundabout.

Here's a reminder of the give way rules.

Giving way to your right

Imagine you are the **blue car**. As you approach the roundabout, slow down and look left and right.

The **red car** is on your right, so you must **give way** to the **red car**.



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Ensuring a fairer flow of traffic through Paremata roundabout

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The NZ Transport Agency and Porirua City Council are making changes to the Paremata Roundabout to balance traffic flows for all road users.

The problem

In the afternoon peak along SH1 uninterrupted right turners from the southern approach of Paremata roundabout cause significant delays for traffic exiting Paremata Train Station, as well as traffic travelling south on SH1.

The creation of 72 more carparks at Paremata Train Station Park and Ride will only increase the pressure on this intersection.

There are some safety and operational concerns caused by traffic blocking the roundabout and vehicles attempting to squeeze into gaps in traffic.

The solution

A metered traffic light on the southern approach to the roundabout is being introduced. This is similar to a traffic light, but it only has red and amber lights. The activation and duration of the red light will be determined by the length of queues going in any particular direction.

The lights will stagger the entry of northbound traffic into the roundabout and create smoother flow for other users, particularly south bound traffic and people exiting the Park and Ride.



Changes to the roundabout

- New road markings.
- New advanced warning signs.
- New metered lights for northbound traffic, approximately 100m back from the roundabout.
- New cameras and radars to monitor traffic at the roundabout.
- 72 more carparks at Paremata Train Station Park and Ride.
- In-road queue detectors for southbound, northbound, and train station traffic.

Timeframes

We are planning to start construction before Easter, and aim to have the metered light operating by mid-July. Greater Wellington Regional Council will also be constructing the additional car parks at Paremata Train Station during this timeframe.

How will I be affected?

At the moment southbound traffic, and traffic exiting the train station, experience significant delays during peak periods. Installing a metered light is intended to provide a better balance for roundabout users. For southbound vehicles, and vehicles exiting the train station, the lights will create more gaps in traffic, allowing easier and safer access into the roundabout. While northbound traffic may experience some minor delays, it will create a safer and less congested roundabout and significant time savings for other users.

We do still need to ensure traffic is flowing well, so once it is operational, we'll be constantly monitoring the flow into the roundabout to see how well the lights are working. If queues get too long in any one direction, we can immediately adjust the timing on the lights, or even turn them off if needed.

It's important to remember that even when the light is operating, give way rules will still apply for all users at the roundabout.

Things to know

1. As you approach the roundabout heading north, be prepared to stop at the lights.
2. The lights are just red and amber.
3. Only stop on the red light.
4. When the light is off, you may proceed to the roundabout, where the give way rule still applies.
5. Even when the lights are operating, **give way rules will still apply for all users at the roundabout.**