

Cobham Drive to Buckle Street transport improvements

Public engagement

Ruahine Street widening

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What is proposed

Ruahine Street needs to be widened to cope with present and future traffic demands. It also needs to connect to key local streets.

The proposal:

- Provides traffic signals at the Ruahine Street/Goa Street intersection and at the corner of Wellington Road and Ruahine Street
- Provides additional traffic lanes at these intersections to ensure they operate efficiently
- Widens Ruahine Street. Up to seven lanes are needed at some intersections.
- Provides traffic signals at the Goa Street/Moxham Avenue intersection, to improve the efficiency of traffic (including buses) travelling along Moxham Avenue.

Key features

A separate pedestrian and cycle path is to be provided along Ruahine Street.

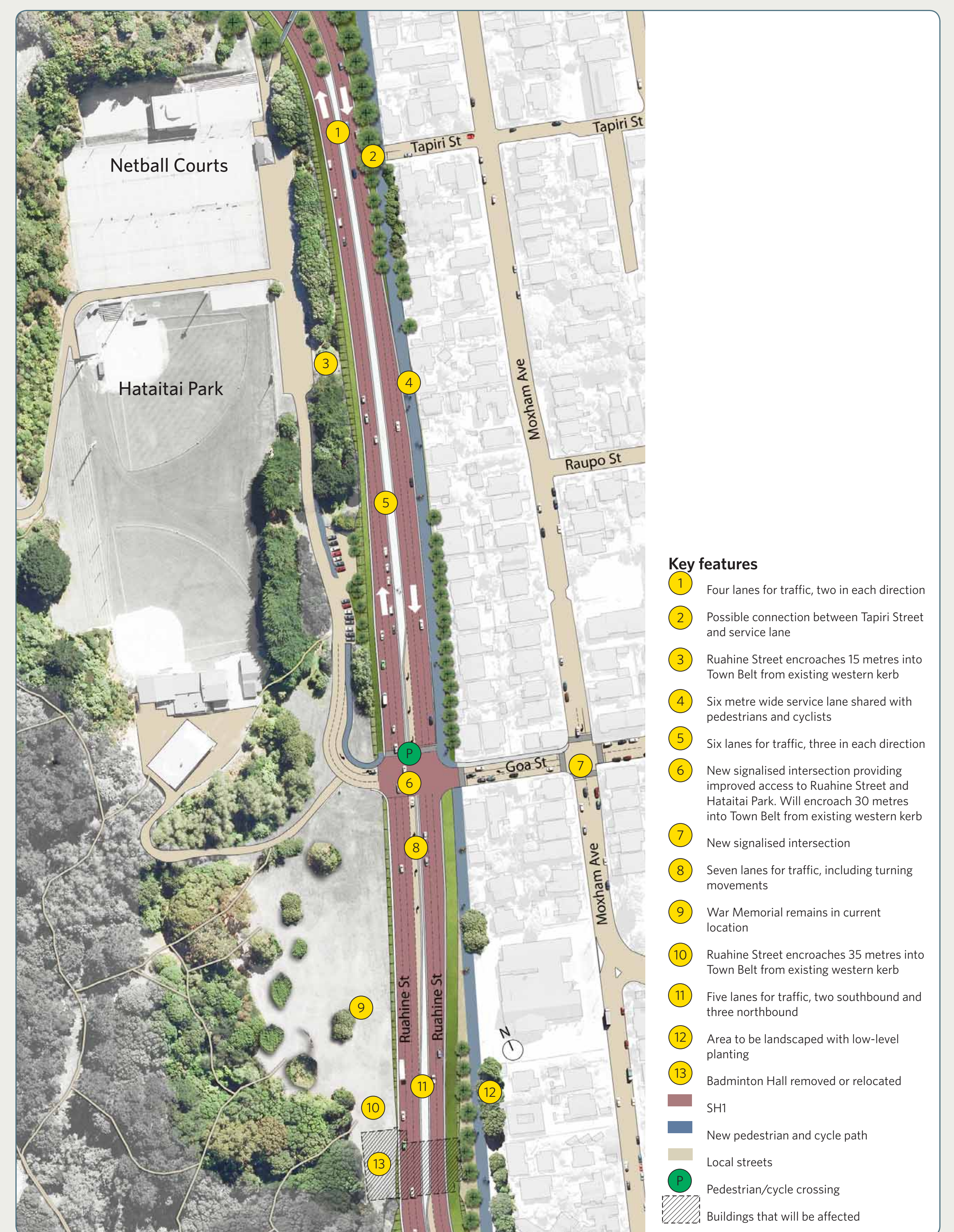
- This six metre wide pedestrian and cycle path will be shared with vehicles that need to get to the few properties that have access to Ruahine Street.
- We'll do more design work on this in the next phase of the project. We welcome your views.

Ruahine Street needs to be widened to accommodate the additional traffic lanes and the service lane.

- We proposed widening it to the west into the Town Belt.
- This will exceed the existing 25 metre widening designation in the WCC District Plan by up to 30 metres.
- We'll need to acquire about 1.6 hectares (between 2% and 3%) of Town Belt land to accommodate the additional lanes for traffic and the service lane.
- The NZTA plans to acquire some adjoining former Town Belt land to preserve the amount of open, green recreational space in the Town Belt.
- We'll also explore ways to reduce the impacts of the widening, such as creating a green corridor linking the Town Belt with Kilbirnie Park to the south of Wellington Road.
- Wellington's Town Belt is governed by a deed of trust and a number of Acts. Town Belt land can be compulsorily acquired under the Public Works Act for roading purposes. You can get more information on this process by visiting our website.

Other features

- A signal-controlled intersection at Goa Street will improve connections between Hataitai and the Town Belt, and improve the safety of pedestrians crossing Ruahine Street.
- By widening Ruahine Street to the west we'll minimise the project's effects on Hataitai - particularly its historic western boundary.
- People living in and visiting properties that have access to Ruahine Street will have better and safer access using the service lane parallel to Ruahine Street.
- We'll need to use most of the Town Belt land currently occupied by the Badminton Hall.
- The widened Ruahine Street will provide a more attractive and welcoming gateway to the CBD from Wellington Airport.



Before
Ruahine Street from the pedestrian bridge looking towards Wellington Road.



After
The improvements from the pedestrian bridge looking towards Wellington Road. A pedestrian and cycle path is located between Hataitai and the widened Ruahine Street.