

Improving walking and cycling connections

The \$120 million Baypark to Bayfair Link is designed to reduce congestion and improve safety by separating local and state highway traffic. It will also support economic growth in the region by providing efficient freight access to the Port of Tauranga.

Safer and more attractive urban cycling

Making urban cycling a safer and a more attractive transport choice is one of the Transport Agency's top priorities. In Tauranga, we want to make cycling a safer, more reliable transport option so that more locals and visitors can choose to get about by bike.

We have been working with key cycling groups and stakeholders on the walking and cycling solutions as part of the Bay Link project.

Bay Link cycle and pedestrian connections

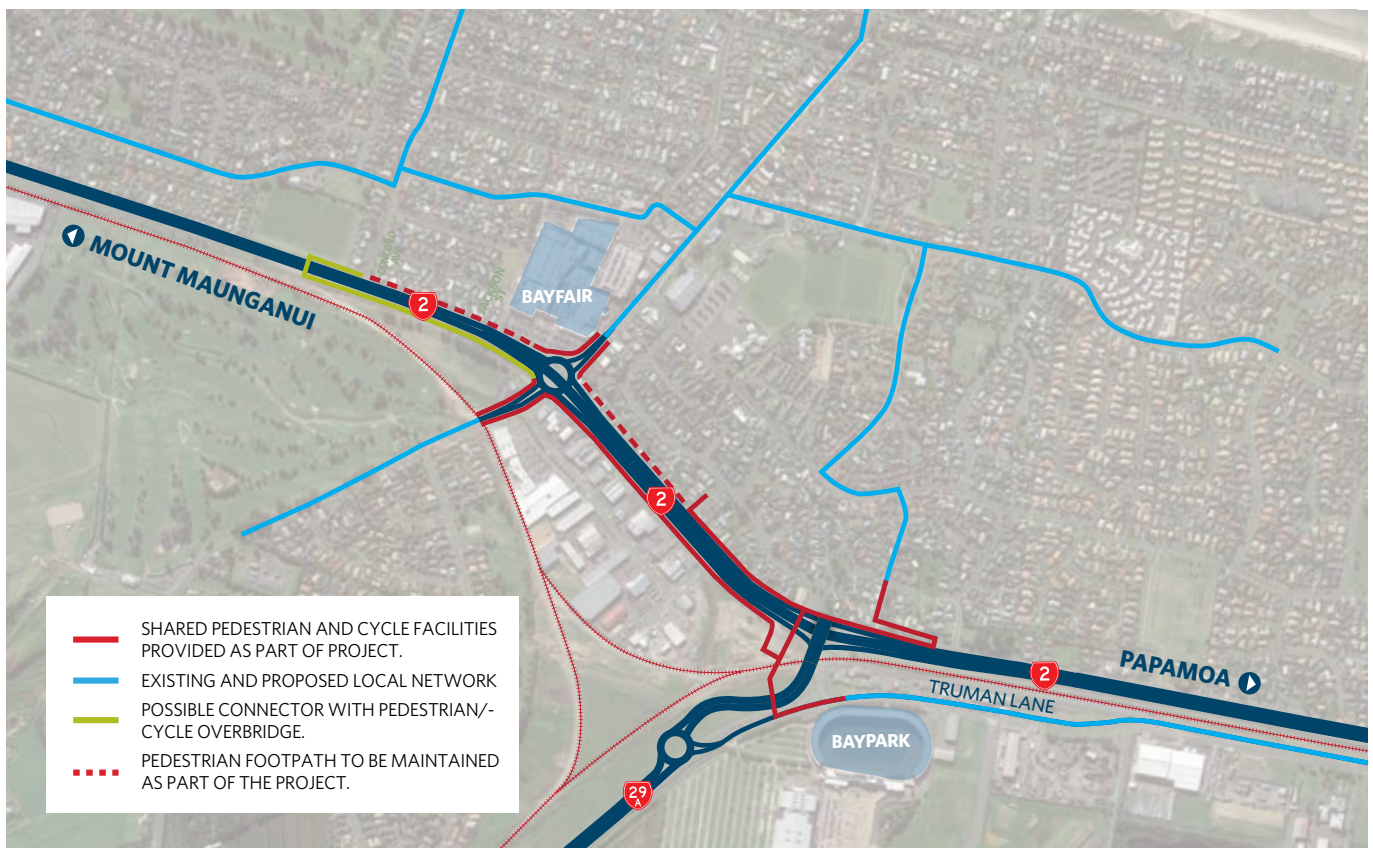
Crossing facilities will be at ground level so that pedestrians and cyclists travelling between Girven Road and Matapihi Road, and accessing Bayfair, will cross using the traffic lights.

To access Baypark, pedestrians and cyclists will cross using traffic signals at the elevated interchange, over State Highway 2 and the railway line.

The pedestrian and cyclist route across State Highway 2/Maunganui-Girven Road will be through the central roundabout island, with the ability to cross the road at signalised crossings. Cyclists will be able to choose between using the off-road or on-road facilities when moving through the intersection.

Pedestrian and cycling routes will be maintained during construction

All existing pedestrian and cycling routes will be maintained throughout the construction phase. At times, there may be some affects to routes which will be carefully sign posted.




Location of pedestrian and cycle paths


The location of the pedestrian and cycle paths have been selected so that they can link with Tauranga City Council's existing pedestrian and cycling network. We will continue to monitor the outcomes of their Cycle Plan, to understand if any connections need to be altered to accommodate future links.

The Tauranga City Council's Cycle Plan will outline how they propose to make Tauranga a better city for biking during the next 15 years. Investment in cycle routes and projects that are likely to get the most people riding their bike to work, school and tertiary education will be the priority.



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