# Baypark to Bayfair Link

An effective transport system is essential to connecting people, places and products throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

Every day, approximately 38,000 vehicles travel along the Baypark to Bayfair Link (Bay Link). Comprised of State Highway 2 (SH2) and State Highway 29A (SH29A), it's a busy route with a diverse mix of users.

The Bay Link project will improve safety by separating local traffic from the state highway and rail corridor, provide safer walking and cycling connections, and complete the SH2 Eastern Corridor for the Bay of Plenty.

## Key benefits for our community

**Completion in late 2023** 

Whether you're commuting, travelling or transporting goods, we're improving safety, accessibility and connectivity for all road users between Baypark and Bayfair.

#### **Safety**

- » Bay Link will provide greater safety benefits by separating state highway and local traffic.
- » Traffic has been separated from the rail corridor as a result of Te Maunga interchange taking SH29A traffic over the railway line and the relocation of the East Coast Main Trunk railway line from along SH2.
- » The Bayfair roundabout is being upgraded to a larger version with traffic signals, allowing more controlled flow and movement of vehicles, and improving overall safety for road users.

#### **Accessibility**

- » By separating local traffic from state highway traffic, accessibility will be improved to nearby retail, including Bayfair Shopping Centre and HomeZone.
- » The new SH2/29A Te Maunga interchange will allow traffic to flow more freely onto the Tauranga Eastern Link.
- » The Bayfair flyover and Te Maunga interchange will provide a separate, streamlined freight route from the Tauranga Eastern Link to the Port of Tauranga.

### Connectivity

- » Overall, there will be better connections for people walking and cycling between the city centre, Mount Maunganui and Pāpāmoa.
- » Local residents and school children will have safer and improved walking and cycling connections with surrounding suburbs, including Matapihi and Arataki.
- » The underpass near Bayfair will provide greater connectivity to Tauranga's wider walking and cycling network.



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A new four-span flyover at Bayfair to take SH2 traffic over the Bayfair roundabout



A new walking and cycling underpass under SH2 near Bayfair and a controlled signalised crossing through the Bayfair roundabout, connecting Matapihi and Arataki



A new interchange to take SH29A over the railway line and Te Maunga intersection



A new roundabout at the intersection of SH29A and Truman Lane near Baypark



Improved walking and cycling connections between Baypark and Bayfair



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