How to use the Kāpiti Road Interchange

If you live in Paraparaumu, Paraparaumu Beach or Raumati, your key connection to the Expressway will be the Kāpiti Road Interchange. Alternatively, you can continue using the existing state highway as your connection in and around the district.

This is a full interchange because it has a full set of on and off-ramps providing access both north and south. To manage these extra movements safely, traffic signals at off-ramps and an ‘intelligent’ control system will continually improve signal phasings and smooth traffic flows.

GETTING ON
If you’re travelling on Kāpiti Road, you can use the on-ramp to head north towards Waikanae on the Expressway.

GETTING OFF
If you’re travelling on the Expressway heading north you can exit using the off-ramp to get onto Kāpiti Road.

In partnership with the Kāpiti Coast District Council, Kāpiti Road is being rebuilt in preparation for the interchange. The new Kāpiti Road layout will feature:

- two lanes in each direction between Te Roto Drive and west of Arawhata Road to keep through-traffic flowing
- two extra turning lanes for vehicles turning right onto the Expressway
- cycle lanes and footpaths on Kāpiti Road to provide space for pedestrians and cyclists
- two-lane off-ramps to separate turning traffic
- a signal-controlled crossing for the new shared pathway that runs alongside the Expressway.

Go to www.nzta.govt.nz/how-to-use-m2pp for video guides on how to use each interchange and more information on the Expressway connections. To stay in the know, sign up for our Express Lane newsletters at: expresslane.buzzit.co.nz/subscribe. For more help or information please get in touch: 0508 INFO (0508 627 746) or info@m2pp.co.nz
A REGIONAL CONNECTION
The Mackays to Peka Peka Expressway will change how people move around the Kāpiti Coast district. Traffic volumes and patterns are expected to change as people get used to getting on and off the Expressway. People living and working locally will be able to use the Expressway, or continue to use the existing State Highway 1 to travel between the town centres and around the district.

GETTING ON AND OFF
There are two places on the 18km Expressway route where traffic can get on and off in both directions. Local traffic can choose to use these interchanges (at Kāpiti Road and Te Moana Road), as well as the existing State Highway 1 route (which will become a local arterial road once the Expressway opens), for regional journeys. Poplar Avenue and Peka Peka have partial interchanges. This decision was made largely due to the Expressway being designed to operate as a regional rather than a local connection. The decision also recognised that the existing state highway should become safer and more reliable for local traffic when the Expressway opens. Another consideration was around managing urban development along the Expressway route. An assessment of traffic impacts was done as part of this process.

WHAT IS AN INTERCHANGE?
An interchange is a grade-separated intersection, usually where one road passes over another, with ramps to connect them. They’re designed to get you on and off expressways smoothly. Interchanges connect with key roads on the local road network and a lot of study and collaborative planning has gone into where these connection points should be. They help to get trucks and other through-traffic on and off local roads as efficiently as possible.

The Mackays to Peka Peka Expressway has four interchanges; two full and two partial. A partial interchange is where you can get off the Expressway in one direction, and onto it from the other. A full interchange is where you can get on and off in both directions. The four Expressway interchanges are located at:

- Poplar Avenue (Raumati South)
- Kāpiti Road (Paraparaumu)
- Te Moana Road (Waikanae)
- Peka Peka

*Within two years of the Expressway opening, the stretch of existing State Highway 1 between Poplar Avenue in Raumati South and Te Kowhai Road in Peka Peka will no longer be required to operate as a state highway. It will become a fit-for-purpose local road.