

Appendix E - Media Releases and Advertisements



MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway

Expo 2 dates announced

You are invited to the MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway - Expo 2

The NZ Transport Agency is presenting its confirmed alignment and interchange locations for the expressway at expos to be held in May 2011. Expo 2 is an opportunity to find out more about the design concept, mitigation measures and the construction of the expressway, and offer your comments to the project team.

We hope you can join us at one of the following sessions:

Sunday 15 May 2011	10am – 4pm	Southward Car Museum, Otaihangā
Tuesday 17 May 2011	4pm – 8pm	Waikanae Memorial Hall
Thursday 19 May 2011	4pm – 8pm	Kapiti Community Centre
Friday 20 May 2011	4pm – 8pm	Raumati South Memorial Hall

We look forward to your attendance.

In the event that you are unable to attend Expo 2, all display material will be on the project website www.nzta.govt.nz/m2ppproject and at the Information Centre in Coastlands.

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MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway

Consultation phase ending soon

The NZ Transport Agency is reminding people who wish to provide comments on the design for the MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway to do so by Monday 27 June 2011.

This round of consultation is an opportunity to provide feedback on the design development phase of the expressway, including walking and cycling paths, the Waikanae Bridge, possible mitigation measures such as landscaped bunds or earth mounds, and local road connections. Information on the project is on display at the Information Centre at Coastlands Mall and on the project website www.nzta.govt.nz/m2ppproject

How to provide feedback

Feedback can be provided by post, in person or online, by filling in a feedback form.

- Post to MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway, PO Box 8044, The Terrace, Wellington 6011.
- Hand to a member of the project team at the Information Centre at Coastlands Mall.
- Go online via the project website www.nzta.govt.nz/m2ppproject

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We welcome your comments on the design for the MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway by 27 June 2011



NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY
WAKA KOTAHĪ

Next phase of MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway project announced

6 May 2011 | Wellington Regional Office

The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) today confirmed the alignment of the MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway and announced that the next round of consultation will be held this month. The six-week consultation period begins with a series of four expos with the first one scheduled for Sunday 15 May.

NZTA Central Regional Director Jenny Chetwynd said prior to the start of the next consultation Kapiti households will receive a newsletter outlining the decisions made in respect of the proposals presented for consultation in November 2010 to February 2011.

"The decisions made confirm the MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway alignment. This means that at the southern end, the alignment proposed in November 2010 and, north of Waikanae River, the western alignment (Option 1 in the November proposals) is confirmed. Interchanges at Kapiti Road and Te Moana road are also confirmed.

"The newsletter will provide the community with details on the confirmed expressway alignment and interchange locations, and will be sent out in the next few days.

"In a project of this importance, the careful consideration of a large number of factors including public feedback must be undertaken before any decision can be made. We fully understand that these decisions will have enormous significance for both individuals and communities in the short term and for generations to follow. This expressway is an important piece of infrastructure that will benefit the local community, region and country in terms of supporting a growing population, improving safety and relieving current and future congestion.

Ms Chetwynd says the NZTA was particularly aware that the decisions would have a significant effect on property owners.

"After careful consideration of community feedback, we've chosen the Western option north of the Waikanae River, which will affect 16 properties, compared to the Eastern option, which would have affected 29 properties. However, we appreciate that the Western option will still impact on those who are directly affected, including the members of the Takamore Trust and property owners such as El Rancho.

Ms Chetwynd said choosing the alignment through Raumati South was the hardest decision, due to the number of directly affected property owners.

"The key factor in our decision was keeping Raumati South together as one cohesive community. If we had gone through Queen Elizabeth Park, more than 100 houses would have been permanently severed from the community and local schools. The feedback we received from residents during consultation told us very clearly that keeping communities connected was of immense importance.

"This decision also means Te Ra School can stay open in its current location, while also minimising the long-term visual impact of the expressway on the community by removing the need for large raised structures through Queen Elizabeth Park and the wetlands".

"We appreciate this is a difficult time for property owners who are directly affected, and we will be working closely with these people to mitigate the impacts as much as we can and to support them through this process.

Ms Chetwynd said the NZTA had been consulting with the Kapiti community since 2009, and that its feedback would continue to be valuable in helping to guide the development of the expressway.

"The next round of consultation will be an opportunity for the community to focus on the design development phase of the expressway, including walking and cycling paths, the Waikanae Bridge, possible mitigation measures such as landscaped bunds or earth mounds, and local road connections," Ms Chetwynd said.

Dates and locations for Expo 2:

- Sunday 15 May 10am–4pm – Southward Car Museum, Otaihanga
- Tuesday 17 May 4pm–8pm – Waikanae Memorial Hall
- Thursday 19 May 4pm–8pm – Kapiti Community Centre
- Friday 20 May 4pm–8pm – Raumati South Memorial Hall

Postcards advising the dates and locations for Expo 2 will be posted to all Kapiti households shortly. In addition to the expos, all project information will be on the website www.nzta.govt.nz/m2ppproject and on display at the Information Centre at Coastlands Mall in Paraparaumu.

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NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY
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Consultation closes soon on MacKays to Peka Peka expressway design

17 Jun 2011 | Wellington Regional Office

The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) is reminding people who wish to give feedback on the design for the MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway to do so by Monday 27 June 2011.

The six-week consultation began on 15 May and focuses on the design of the expressway including noise management, cycling and walking paths, as well as local connections. The project moved into the design development phase following the announcement of the confirmed expressway alignment and interchange locations last month.

NZTA state highways manager Rod James said the consultation commenced with a series of open days, 'Expo 2', held around the district to provide the community with the opportunity to view the expressway design, ask questions and give feedback on various aspects of the design.

"We're grateful to the people of Kapiti for their participation in the open days and subsequent community workshops," said Mr James.

"This has been a really constructive and valuable process that will help us to ensure that landscape design reflects local character, the needs of pedestrians and cyclists are addressed, areas of significant ecological value are recognised, and noise, vibration and air quality are all managed effectively."

"It's really important that the community shares their views with us, and feedback will help to guide our decisions as the design of the expressway takes shape."

At the end of the consultation period all feedback received from the community, workshop sessions and stakeholder group meetings will be collated and will assist the design team in their work as they refine the expressway design.

Information presented at Expo 2 is on display at the Information Centre at Coastlands Mall and on the project website www.nzta.govt.nz/m2ppproject. Feedback can be provided by post, in person or online, until Monday 27 June.

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