Northern end – The details of what we are proposing

**Description**
- Between Te Moana Road and Ngarara Road, the expressway would be aligned to avoid the nationally significant and QEII covenanted Te Harakeke Wetland.
- The expressway would cross Ngarara Road and generally follow the existing Western Link Road designation except south of Peka Peka Road.
- A new access road would be required to service Ngā Manu Bird Sanctuary and the eastern end of Smithfield Road which would be disconnected by the expressway.
- At Peka Peka Road, the new expressway would join with the corridor of the existing state highway, linking with the new Peka Peka to Otaki Expressway.
- Southbound travellers on the expressway would be able to exit off and drive south towards Waikanae township on the former state highway, or connect with Peka Peka and Hadfield Roads.
- Travellers from Peka Peka, Hadfield Road and the former state highway would be able to join the expressway and head north.

**Considerations**
- Avoids most wetlands.
- Removes part of redevelopment area for Waikanae North growth area.
- Uses Western Link Road designation to greater extent.
- The design of local road connections is still being developed and other configurations may be considered.

We also considered taking the alignment east of the designation to avoid a wetland. However the wetland is not of such significance to outweigh the increased impact on adjacent properties.