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Wellington Northern Corridor

MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway

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Project update

Welcome to the first regular newsletter on the MacKays to Peka Peka Expressway. The purpose of these newsletters is to let you know how the project is progressing, what we've been doing since the last consultation and what we are currently working on.

Expo 2 consultation

The alignment of the expressway and the location of the four interchanges were confirmed in May 2011. Following this, we held further public consultation around the design of the expressway and its surrounding environment. We received 216 submissions, covering a range of feedback. Common themes included:

- Accessibility for alternative forms of transport
- Environmental considerations
- Interchange design
- Health and safety
- · Impacts on private property
- General feedback on the overall design.

The design team have reviewed the comments, feedback and ideas, and they have been taking these into account as we finalise the design.

Along with the expos, two focus groups were held. One was to discuss the expressway design at Waikanae, including the Te Moana interchange, and the other centred on provisions for walking, cycling and bridleways.

A full summary of the submissions received in this consultation is available in the 'Part 2: Design Development Consultation' report on the NZTA website. You can also email us at info@m2pp.co.nz or call us on 0508M2PP INFO (0508 6277 4636).





Consultation report

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Statutory Process

We intend to lodge statutory consent applications with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in the first quarter of 2012. If the Minister for the Environment then directs a Board of Inquiry hearing to take place, the process should take about nine months. Public submissions will be sought as part of this process.





Peka Peka Interchange

After further design work and assessment, the proposed layout of the expressway interchange at Peka Peka has been modified from the one presented at the May 2011 expos.

The modified design provides the same connectivity as the previous design, allowing traffic to access the Expressway heading north and to exit heading south. Hadfield Road is not realigned (it was in the earlier scheme) and the level crossing of the railway is retained.

When the layouts were originally assessed there was little difference between them. However, the modified design will cost less, have reduced visual impact on neighbouring properties and directly impact two fewer properties.

Site Tests

In the last few months we have carried out specific investigations on the soil and groundwater conditions adjacent to Wharemaku Stream and in Raumati South Peatlands.



Other geotechnical investigations have assessed the foundation conditions for the northern Peka Peka interchange. Further geotechnical and groundwater investigations will be undertaken in the Mountain Bike Park in the next few months.



SH1 Consultation

Expos were held on 7 and 10 August, to seek input on potential concepts for the future of the current SH1 when it becomes a local road.

174 residents attended the expos and provided lots of constructive feedback over the two days.

Written feedback was accepted up to 5 September, and we received a total of 271 submissions. These are currently being collated and a summary of the submission feedback will be available on the NZTA website by the end of November.

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