

1 ŌTAKI TO NORTH OF LEVIN NEW HIGHWAY

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is working to make travel from Ōtaki to north of Levin safer and more resilient by building a new highway for regional and through traffic by the end of the decade.

We're now eight months in to an 18-24 month process to identify the preferred alignment for the new highway. We have progressed from the 300m wide preferred corridor to the narrower draft preferred alignment we're sharing with you now.

FIND OUT MORE AND HAVE YOUR SAY:

Your feedback and local knowledge can help ensure the new highway serves your community effectively. Find out more and have your say by coming along to one of our drop-in sessions or visiting our website before **22 September**.

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Draft preferred alignment and connections to the new highway.

WHY BUILD A NEW HIGHWAY?

The new highway will dramatically improve safety for those moving around or through the Horowhenua District and lower North Island. In the last ten years, there have been about 100 deaths and serious injuries along the existing SH1 and SH57 in the region, making it one of the country's most dangerous sections of road to drive.

The NZ Upgrade Programme will spend \$817 million on a new 24-kilometre four-lane highway to support the Horowhenua and the surrounding regions as they continue to grow. The new highway will also enhance efficiency and journey time reliability along the state highway network.



ABOUT THE DRAFT PREFERRED ALIGNMENT

The draft preferred alignment for the new highway has been assessed as the technically preferred option from our work to date across multiple fields, balancing project objectives, environmental and social impacts and ability to implement.

This process began with a long-list of options that went through rigorous analysis that compared potential effects of different options against a range of criteria. A short-list was then created from these outcomes across three infrastructure components: alignment, interchanges and local roads.

Technical specialists have conducted investigations in multiple areas such as ecology, heritage, social, noise, and engineering, assessing the options for where the new highway could be placed within the preferred corridor

Following this consultation, we'll use your feedback, along with our technical assessments and fieldwork, to consider refining the draft preferred alignment for the Ōtaki to north of Levin project.

CONNECTING THE NEW HIGHWAY AND THE COMMUNITY

Connections to and around the new highway will create an integrated network to support local journeys as well as regional and through traffic.

HIGHWAY CONNECTIONS

Regional and through traffic using the new highway will be able to connect to local roads in the area using interchanges or large roundabouts. These would be:

- Tararua Road interchange
- New SH1/SH57 roundabout - located between Roslyn Road and Heatherlea East Road.
- New SH1/existing SH1/Heatherlea East Road roundabout - located north of urban Levin.



LOCAL ROADS

Working closely with local councils, we've looked at options to provide connections to integrate the new highway and local road network. This includes creating new local road links, intersections and cul-de-sacs.

At this stage, we're sharing concept sketches, which you can see on our website or at drop-in sessions. We'd like your views on how you like to walk, ride or drive around the area so this can be considered as further design work is carried out.



WALKING AND CYCLING

As part of this project, we'll create a shared path for walking and cycling on the western side of the new highway with improved links to central Levin, other townships and key recreational areas.



