

SH1/SH57 Connection - what we are proposing

We are continuing to propose a new connecting road, between SH1 south of Ohau and SH57 at Arapaepae Road. This new road will significantly improve safety and provide efficiency benefits by removing traffic from Ohau Township, reducing conflicts at SH1/Kimberley Road and replacing the Kimberley Road/Arapaepae Road intersection.

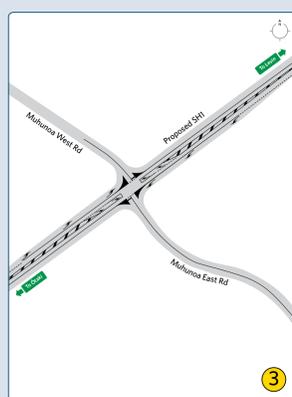
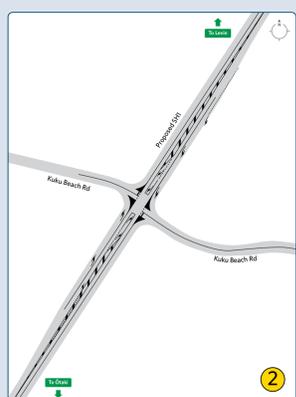
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As indicated in May, a new road will be easier to turn into a four-lane road in future, compared with making upgrades and intersection improvements to the existing state highway.

The location of the new road is yet to be confirmed, however, we have a preference for Option 5A which moves the highway to an alignment south of the Totara bush reserve located within the Ohau vineyards. Our preference minimises the landscape and visual impact of the road in this area, minimises impact on a potentially archaeologically significant area and on productive land. It also minimises property impacts south of Kimberley Road but still achieves a suitable route that maximises transport benefits. The constraints map on this board shows you the key historic and cultural landmarks we have to be mindful of when considering locations.

While we feel that Option 5A is the best option, we could also consider Option 4A should there be sufficient support for it.

We have illustrated how this new road might connect into the local roading system in future and the layout of some key intersections. We will continue to work on these details next year.



Issues to consider

Property impacts - the new alignments being considered mean there will be different property requirements. Some new properties will be affected.

Potential social and environmental effects - there will be impacts as a result of the new proposals, with further work required to fully identify all the effects.

Cost - we will need to undertake more detailed investigations to clarify what the potential costs of our preferred route would be.

Future highway needs - we need to understand how these proposals will fit with our long-term approach of eventually providing a four-lane highway.

We are close to making our decision on a preferred option. At this stage 5A is our preference.

Is there anything else we should know about these routes before we decide?

What are your thoughts about the different local road intersections we have illustrated?

