

Work on other proposals

While you will have seen information that relates to Manakau, Ohau, the Ohau to south of Levin connection and potential Levin Bypass at our open days or in our newsletter, there are a number of other projects included in the Ōtaki to North of Levin section of the Wellington Northern Corridor.

We received feedback on these other projects from our last round of consultation in May. They are still being considered and are at a different stage of investigation. Our focus needed to be on the other proposals at this time.

The other projects are:

- Forest Lakes,
- Waitarere Curves and
- Whirokino Trestle & Manawatu River Bridge

Manakau to Ohau Bridges

As noted, our proposal for this section has been combined with the SH1/SH57 Connection. As a reminder, we previously proposed two options:

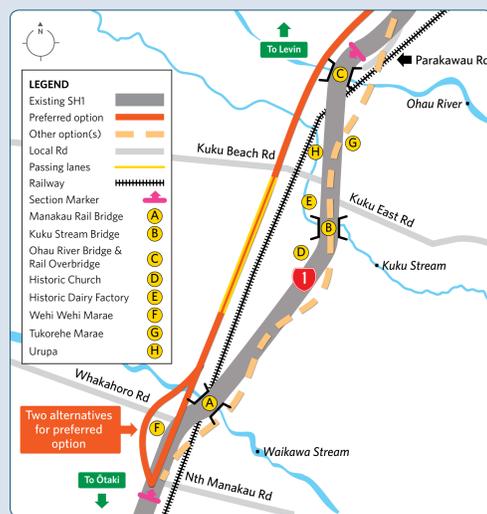
Make various safety and efficiency improvements along the existing SH1, or

Divert the highway along the western side of the railway line.

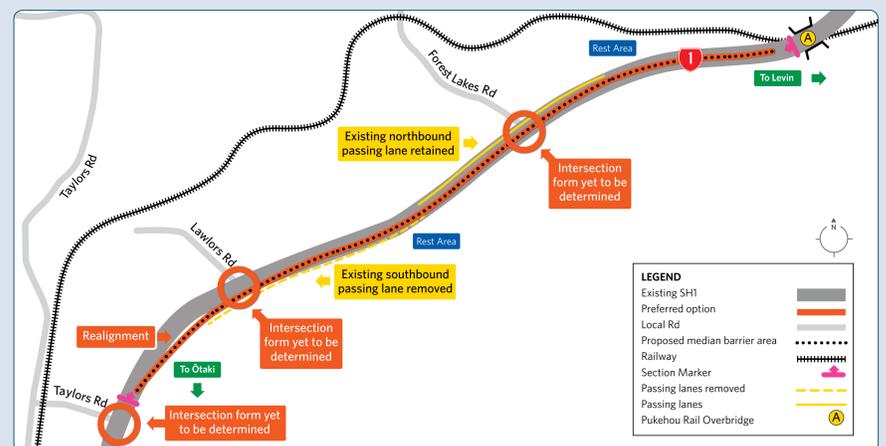
Our preference is to divert the highway and this has become part of our preferred option for the SH1/SH57 Connection. This option avoids having to build replacement bridges over the railway line, provides a more direct route (reducing journey times), affects fewer properties and avoids listed or cultural buildings of significance, which are generally located alongside the existing highway.

The new route can be built to provide four lanes in future, and would involve constructing passing lane in a section divided by a wire rope median barrier. Three bridges would be constructed at Waikawa Stream west of the existing bridge, over Kuku Stream and at Ohau River west of the existing bridge.

In the meantime, here is a reminder of what we are proposing for the other projects:



Forest Lakes



In order to address the safety issues along this section of SH1, we propose the following improvements:

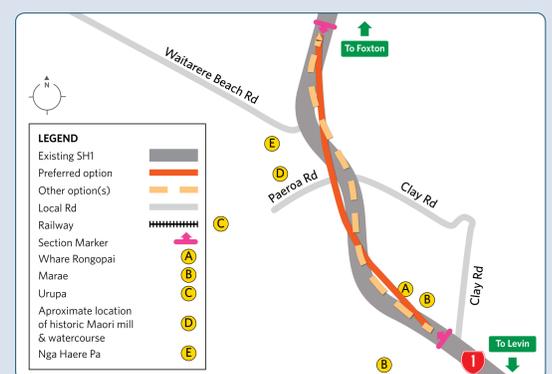
- a wire rope median barrier
- 1.5 metre median strip
- realigning the curve north of Taylors Road
- maintaining the current speed limit
- removing the southbound passing lane (as the Peka Peka to Ōtaki Expressway to the south provides passing opportunities)

Waitarere Curves

Two options were considered to improve the area from north of Clay Road to north of Waitarere Beach Road. The two options were:

- Improving the existing three curves on the road, or
- realign the road.

Our preferred option is to realign the road making this section 330m shorter and creating a new Waitarere Beach Road intersection.



We will also consider installing a section of median barrier with appropriate local road connections in this area to reduce the risk of crashes caused by cars crossing into opposing traffic.

Whirokino Trestle

We are considering upgrade and replacement options for both bridges. Our initial investigations show that the Manawatu River Bridge could be upgraded or replaced, but it is more than likely that the Whirokino Trestle will need to be replaced.

If both bridges are replaced, we need to consider if we keep them more or less on their existing alignment or choose a new alignment for them. The form of the bridges also needs to be considered further.

