



# Wellington Northern corridor

## Ōtaki to North of Levin section

### Have your say and stay connected

We need to improve the state highway between Ōtaki to just north of Levin to make sure you can go about your daily lives safely and efficiently.

While the improvements are part of the northernmost section of the Wellington Northern Corridor Road of National Significance, they are also predominantly about making sure people are connected to employment, education, services and recreation. This is why we support and fund more than state highway improvements. We also fund walking and cycling facilities, local safety campaigns, and the operation of public transport facilities, like trains and buses.

The state highway is part of a transport network through the project area that is critical to the quality of people's lives. It's also critical in ensuring freight and agriculture are connected from the farm and factory gate through to our cities and ports through a high performing transport system (including road and rail). This then allows freight and our industries to support economic growth and productivity in the Manawatu/Wanganui and Wellington regions.

#### Why have this open day?

This open day is your chance to learn more about the kinds of improvements we think can improve your travel between Ōtaki and north of Levin.

Transport is at the heart of how we live, whether it's on foot, bicycle, in a car, truck, bus or train and we want you to have your say on our proposals.

We've developed options and, in some places, identified one or two that we think will deliver the best overall outcome. These options are not finalised and need your input before we do.

As you read and discuss the information presented today, think about what you believe we need to know before we do any more work. Tell us how the options will affect you, other ideas you think should be considered, what the issues will be for the community and how best to meet current and long-term requirements for local, regional and national travel.

Have a look at the display material and talk to our project team before completing a feedback form and leaving it at our information desk. Otherwise, have a look at the newsletter we sent to households between Ōtaki and Foxton recently and send your comments to us by email or freepost. Your feedback is important.

Feedback will be summarised into a report that we will make publicly available later in the year. This will inform our next steps and how we develop our proposals for this section of the state highway.

#### Next steps

We expect to refine our proposals further and make key decisions by mid 2014. This will include the order in which different improvements will be made as the projects will be done in order of priority, rather than starting with the southernmost project and working our way north. We will keep you informed of how our plans develop between now and then.

We currently expect to lodge RMA applications for some of the proposals either in late 2014 or in 2015 after further assessments have been carried out for the different projects. Detailed designs are expected to start in 2016 or 2017, and construction is scheduled to start from 2019. If funding becomes available sooner, some of the projects could be constructed earlier than 2019. We know that splitting the full route into smaller projects could give us a better opportunity to do work faster than if we progressed the proposals as one package.

Time	Steps	Activity	Public Engagement
2011	Summer	Investigation started	
	Autumn		Engagement started
	Spring	Scoping options report	
2012	Winter		Revised approach announced
2013	Summer	Revised project investigations	Project update
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	Autumn		Consultation on the package of proposals
	Winter	Scheme Assessment investigations	Ongoing engagement
2014	Summer	Scheme Assessment Report	Package of proposals (identifying staging and priorities) confirmed and advised
	Winter	RMA approvals/consenting applications begin	Consultation on mitigation options



#### Have your say

We would appreciate hearing what your thoughts are on our proposals so please talk to one of the project team members and/or fill out a feedback form.

You can also email us on [info@O2L.conz](mailto:info@O2L.conz) or call us on 0508 O2L INFO (0508 625 4636).

#### Want to find out more?

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