



Wellington Northern corridor

Ōtaki to North of Levin section

Forest Lakes (Taylors Road to Pukehou Railway Bridge)

This 2.8km section of SH1 covers the area from Taylors Road to the Pukehou Railway Overbridge and connects with the Peka Peka to Ōtaki section to the south.

Why do we need to improve this section of SH1?

Safety is a key issue for this section of SH1 because of its history of serious crashes, most occurring when cars cross into opposing traffic. In the five year period between July 2007 and June 2012 there were 20 crashes, five of them serious. However, there have been other serious and fatal crashes outside that timeframe that need to be considered when making improvements to this section.

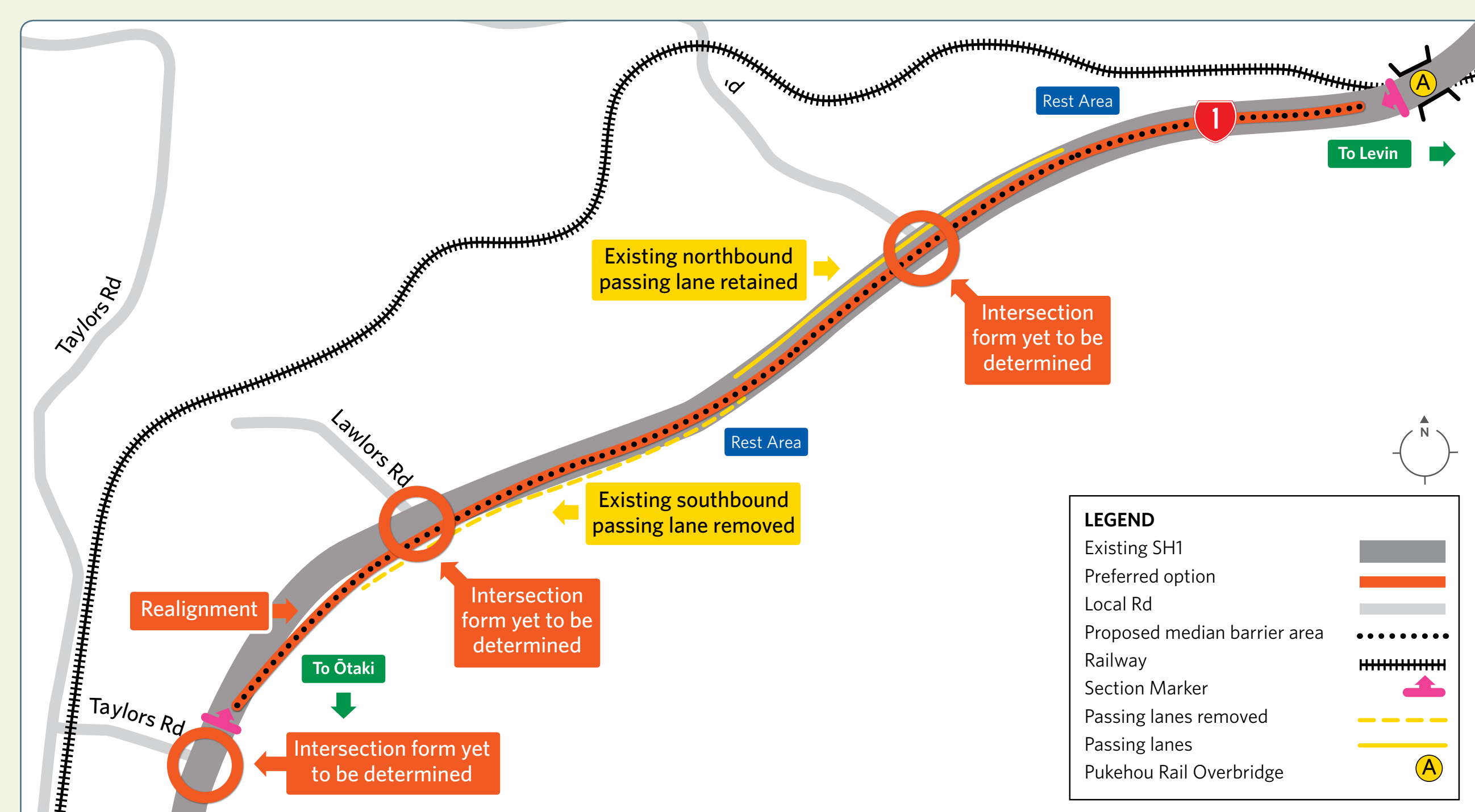
The following issues have been identified as key safety concerns:

- No median barrier
- Narrow carriageway – lanes are less than 3.5m wide
- Narrow shoulder widths
- Dangerous curves
- Short passing lane lengths
- No right-turn bays on side roads or rest areas.

How do we propose to address these safety issues?

Our proposals to improve safety along Forest Lakes include:

- Installing a wire rope median barrier to reduce the number of vehicles crossing the centreline and to prevent dangerous right turns out of side roads
- Widening the median strip to 1.5m
- Widening the shoulder
- Realigning dangerous curves
- Removing the southbound passing lane (the Peka Peka to Ōtaki Expressway to the south will provide passing opportunities)
- Providing safe right-turn bays and turnaround areas.



How changes will affect the community and the way you travel

Installing a wire rope median barrier means vehicles may not be able to cross the barrier at Forest Lakes, Lawlors and Taylors Roads. Instead, right-turn bays and turnaround areas will need to be provided along the route. These changes will significantly improve safety at the three intersections, particularly at Forest Lakes, which has a high crash history.

Issues you may want to consider in this area are:

- Property impacts – we may need to purchase property to provide for the wider road space
- Property access – we may need to change how some properties access SH1
- Intersection changes – we will need to change the layout at Forest Lakes Roads, Lawlors Road and Taylors Road
- Connectivity to the Peka Peka to Ōtaki Expressway – how will we ensure a safe and efficient connection to this project?

Questions to consider in your feedback

What are your thoughts about our proposals?

What sort of intersection layout will allow you to stay connected in your community?

How do you feel about connections to the state highway being spread further apart?

Is there anything else we should consider at this location?



Looking south at Forest Lakes the mix of traffic that use the highway is clear.