



Wellington Northern corridor

Ōtaki to North of Levin section

Ohau to south Levin – New SH1 link

The proposals outlined below are suggested in addition to the changes indicated for Ohau Township. Depending on which option is preferred, other changes may be required through Ohau Township.

Other options considered

A number of other options were considered and discarded at an early stage because they didn't provide enough benefits or would create other problems. These included:

- Traffic signals at SH1/57 intersection
- Improving and reclassifying Tararua Road as SH57
- Creating a new state highway alignment from SH1/57 to Tararua Road/SH57.

We have considered options for the SH1 link road to start to the south of the Ohau River Bridge. Although these options are feasible they are considerably more expensive to construct because they would require two new river crossings rather than just the one needed for a link road to the north of the Ohau River Bridge. It would also mean that the proposals for the Manakau to Ohau Bridges section would be affected as it is unlikely that SH1 could be realigned to the west of the rail line. This would result in two new rail overbridges also being required along this section.

Issues to consider regarding the different options:

- Property impacts – we may need to purchase properties affected by any of the options
- A new SH1 link road north of Ohau River Bridge may affect more properties
- Intersection changes – this would ensure safety is significantly improved, but to four lane in the future we would need to purchase more properties
- Potential social and environmental effects – there may be impacts from changes required for any of the options
- Cost – we will need to consider what the construction costs would be for the options
- Future highway needs – we need to understand how the options would fit within our long-term approach to provide a four-lane highway.

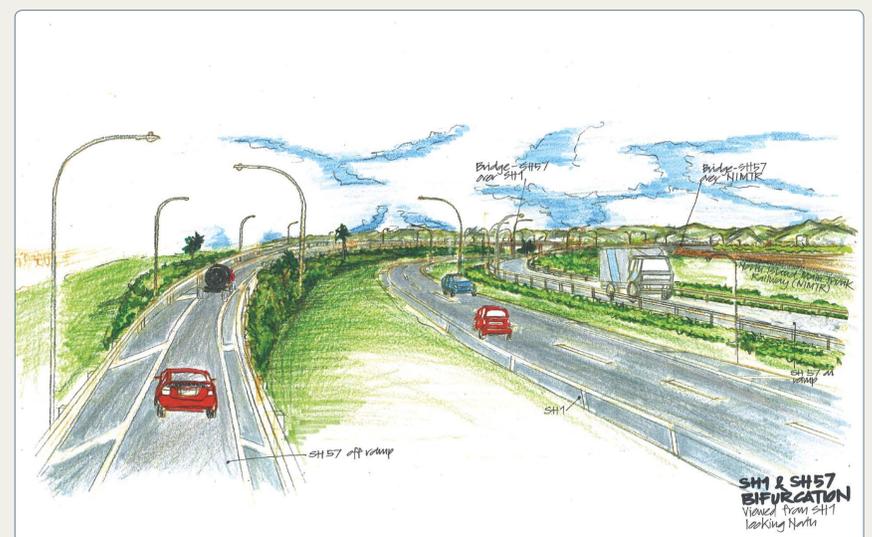
Questions to consider in providing your feedback

What are your views on the different options?

What improvements will best meet the district, regional and national current and future needs?

What are your views on our combined approach for Ohau to south Levin?

Is there anything else we should consider in this location?



Another artists' impression of the highway sweeping to the right and then travelling over the existing SH1 and rail tracks if a new link road were constructed.



The SH57/ Arapaepae Road intersection is seen as problematic from a safety and efficiency perspective.