



JOURNEY TIMES BETWEEN WELLINGTON AND LEVIN WILL BE 40 MINUTES SHORTER BY 2031

What's next - Ōtaki to North of Levin

FEEDBACK RECEIVED

ROUTE 5A PREFERRED

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

5 MINUTE READ

In November last year, we asked for your feedback on four key locations between Ōtaki and north of Levin. These projects are part of our long-term plan to create a four-lane route as far north as the SH1/SH57 intersection. Thanks to your input, we can now confirm how we intend to improve these areas.

You'll find a summary for each project here, including what some of the next steps will be. A copy of the full consultation report is available in the publications section at www.nzta.govt.nz/otaki-levin-project



→ Manakau to south of Levin

There were mixed views on the proposed routes for the SH1/SH57 connecting road. We've taken all of them into account, and are now confirming Option 5A as our preferred route.

The highway will be moved to the west of the railway line between Manakau and Ohau, before crossing the Ohau River and rail line itself. It will then run south of the totara bush reserve in the Ohau vineyards. This minimises the impact on the landscape, on a potentially significant archaeological area and on productive land. It also minimises the impact on property south of Kimberley Road.

We understand there are some concerns regarding access to Kimberley Road and are considering how we can address this. We'll keep working with Horowhenua District Council and the community on these and other decisions. You'll have another opportunity to share your thoughts later in the year.

Current timeline

Late 2015	Lodge Resource Management Act applications for the Ōtaki to North of Levin section
2016-2018	Detailed Design
2019	Construction

→ Manakau and Ohau

Your feedback showed you'd like to make safety improvements through Manakau and Ohau as soon as possible. Changes will include:

- reducing the speed limit through the townships to 80km/h
- making changes to the entry of the townships at either end to make it clear drivers are entering a different speed zone
- refining how we reinforce the lower speed area through the townships to improve the highway's safety and provide more space for cyclists and turning vehicles, and
- removing passing lanes (southbound ending north of Manakau and northbound ending south of Ohau).

We are now designing the improvements and hope to begin construction later this year. We'll give you more information as soon as possible.

→ Future Levin bypass

We have considered all your feedback on a possible Levin bypass. As a result we will make sure our current proposals are future-proofed for a bypass before making a final decision.

We'll continue working with Horowhenua District Council and let you know if we have any new information.



→ Contributing to Wellington Northern Corridor

The improvements from Ōtaki to North of Levin will form the upper end of the Wellington Northern Corridor. Once finished, the corridor will deliver a number of benefits to road users and our wider region:

- journey times between Wellington and Levin will be 40 minutes shorter by 2031
- 30% fewer serious crashes in the five years after the route is finished
- up to 31km of new walking and cycling facilities
- creation of 8,000 construction jobs
- 865 additional permanent jobs in our local region
- economic benefits as a result of businesses being more closely connected.

For an update on other Wellington Northern Corridor projects, **PLEASE VISIT** www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wellington-northern-corridor

→ What's coming up?

FOREST LAKES AND WAITARERE CURVES

Proposals for the Forest Lakes and Waitarere Curves areas are continuing to be refined. We expect to have more details on these at the end of the year.

WHIROKINO TRESTLE AND MANAWATU RIVER BRIDGE

We're looking for the best long-term decision for the Whirokino Trestle and the Manawatu River Bridge. Improvements to these bridges will give people wider lanes and safer road edges, capability for longer and/or heavier trucks, safe and convenient travel for cyclists and easier flood management.

The team working on these bridges will have more information available later in the year.

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