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Ōtaki to north of Levin

PROJECT UPDATE

February 2018



Have your say

We are asking people for their feedback on a shortlist of corridor options for the Ōtaki to north of Levin (O2NL) project.

The O2NL project will improve the safety and resilience of State Highway 1 (SH1) and State Highway 57 (SH57) and support regional economic growth by delivering a state highway that meets current and future transport demands.

After our community engagement last June, we developed a long list of options which we then assessed to produce a shortlist of options. During this process we met regularly with the Project Reference Group. We will provide more information on the option assessment process at the community information sessions being held in February in March and also at our pop-up shop which will be open from 7 February 2018.

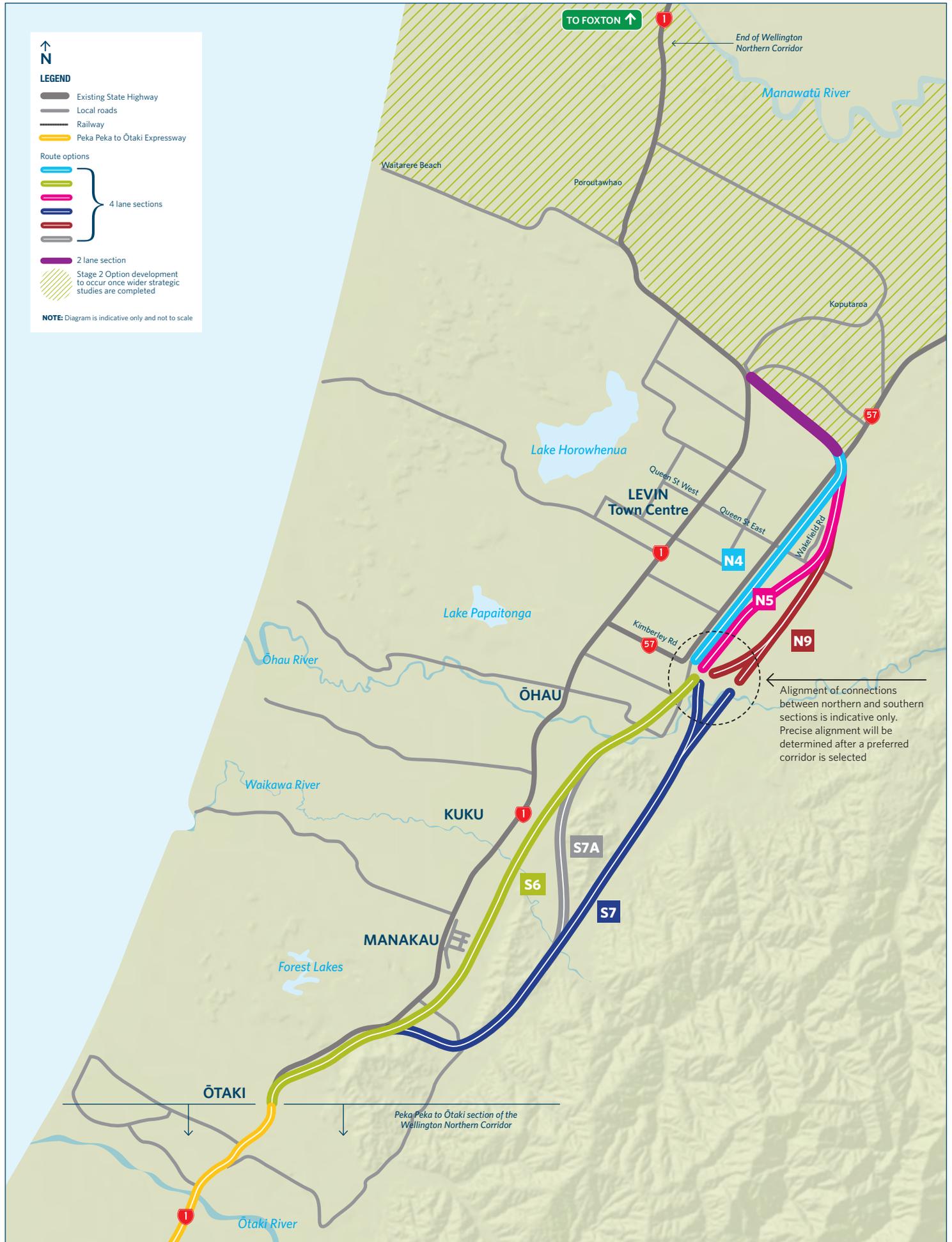
Project objectives

- to reduce deaths and serious injuries on the state highway network
- to reduce travel times on the state highway network
- to enhance the resilience of the state highway network
- to provide appropriate connections that integrate the state highway and local road networks to serve urban areas.

Community knowledge

- In June 2017, we sought the various perspectives of people who live, work and travel in the area. This has helped us understand community values and interests, including cultural, environmental, business and social issues, to help us to achieve the best outcome for the region and for road users who travel through the region.
- In early 2017 we asked members of the local community, iwi and relevant stakeholders to join the O2NL Project Reference Group (PRG). The purpose of the PRG is to provide information and a community voice as part of the O2NL project investigation process, helping us understand local issues and opinions and provide feedback directly to their whanau and community. The project team and the PRG meet on a regular basis and this is planned to continue throughout the life of the project.
- In late 2017, the Waiopahu College Year 13 Geography class investigated the potential form of cycling infrastructure that could be provided as part of the project. The students collected data from the community by undertaking a survey. They provided the O2NL project team with their assessment and recommendations. Copies of the students' research can be found on the project website (www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wellington-northern-corridor/otaki-to-north-of-levin/technical-reports).

The shortlisted options



The options

We want to hear your views on the shortlisted options.

Community input is an important part of this project and we encourage everyone to give us their feedback.

When you give your feedback, please reference your comments to the specific option(s). We'd like to know more about why you like or dislike an option so we can understand what's important to you. Providing reasons with your feedback will help us to better understand the issues or benefits associated with a particular option.

Southern and northern options

Each corridor between Ōtaki and north of Levin is made up of a southern option (S6, S7, S7A) and a northern option (N4, N5, N9). Each of the three southern options can be linked with each of the northern options to form nine potential corridors for the O2NL project.

All of the corridor options:

- comprise a 300 metre wide corridor in which a road could be constructed. The final width of the road is likely to be between 60 and 100 metres. This includes room for stormwater runoff treatment, embankments and planting. Additional width is likely to be needed at interchanges and where new local road connections need to be provided
- are to the east of the existing State Highway 1
- begin at Taylors Road north of Ōtaki, linking to the Peka Peka to Ōtaki section of the Kāpiti Expressway currently under construction
- rejoin the existing SH1 just north of Levin.

What about options to the west?

Route options to the west of Levin were considered as part of the option assessment process. However, none of these options were shortlisted due to the following factors:

- some of the options have more significant environmental effects than options located to the east of SH1
- people traveling to Levin or Palmerston North are not likely to use a western option due to the longer traveling time
- they would have significant cultural effects.

Potentially affected properties

In late January 2018, we sent a letter to all property owners who are potentially affected by any of the shortlisted options. We are available to talk to property owners in person and discuss the corridor options and answer any queries they may have.

If you believe your property may be affected by any of the shortlisted options and have not received a letter from us, please contact the project team at O2NL@nzta.govt.nz or phone **0508 625 4636**.

Interim safety improvements

We are considering investigating further interim safety improvements to the sections of SH1 and SH57 that run through the O2NL project area. These investigations will consider small scale improvements to the current roads to provide immediate safety benefits ahead of construction of O2NL.

More information about the improvements will be available at our upcoming community information sessions and our pop-up shop.

Interchanges and local road access

All of the proposed options cross local roads and properties. Local road access to all properties would be maintained as part of the construction of any of the options, and all local roads would be reconnected to the existing network. This level of design would be undertaken after a preferred corridor option has been selected.

New interchanges will provide access on and off the new state highway, however, the number, location and form of the interchanges will depend on the preferred corridor option.





Have your say

We would like to hear your views on the shortlisted options.

You can give feedback by:

- speaking to us and providing feedback at one of our community information sessions or our pop-up shop
- completing our printed feedback form
- having your say online: www.nzta.govt.nz/O2NL
- emailing us: O2NL@nzta.govt.nz
- writing to us: Ōtaki to north of Levin Project Team, PO Box 5084, Thorndon, Wellington 6145
- phoning us: **0508 625 4636**.

Please provide your feedback by Friday 16 March 2018.

We will use your feedback to help us select a corridor option between Ōtaki and north of Levin.

Community information sessions

We are holding eight community information sessions during February and early March and we'd love to meet you and hear your thoughts on the options. Please drop in and see us!

Manakau

Saturday 10 February, 10am-2pm

Manakau Community Hall, 12 Mokena Kohere Street, Manakau

Koputaroa

Wednesday 14 February, 2pm-4pm

Koputaroa Community Hall, 399 Koputaroa Road, Koputaroa

Levin

Saturday 17 February, 10am-2pm

O2NL Project Pop-up shop, 183 Oxford Street, Levin

Ōhau

Thursday 22 February, 3pm-7pm

Ōhau Public Hall, Muhunua Road West, Ōhau

Family Fun Day

Saturday 24 February, 10am-4pm

Levin Adventure Park, 93 Oxford Street, Levin

Levin

Thursday 1 March, 4pm-6pm

Waiopahu College, 74 Bartholomew Road, Levin

Poroutawhao

Wednesday 7 March, 2pm-4pm

Poroutawhao Community Hall, 800 State Highway 1, Poroutawhao

Levin

Friday 9 March, 4pm-8pm

O2NL Project Pop-up shop, 183 Oxford Street, Levin



O2NL Project Pop-up shop

Our shop at 183 Oxford Street, Levin, will be open every **Tuesday**, **Wednesday** and **Friday** from **10am-4pm**, and **Thursday** from **12pm-6pm** starting **7 February** until **9 March 2018**. Feel free to drop in to speak to a member of the project team. No appointment is required.

For more information visit www.nzta.govt.nz/O2NL

