

Western Bypass

We looked into a western airport bypass to see if it would be a better option for State Highway 1 than upgrading Russley Road (SH1).

We found it would not work as the State Highway because:

- Less than 15% of traffic on Russley Road (SH1) is going beyond the Hornby area and could use a western airport bypass. This small decrease in traffic on Russley Road (SH1) would not solve congestion and the upgrade of Russley Road would still be needed
- Making the western airport bypass into a State Highway quality road has a high cost that outweighs the benefits it would provide at this time
- Land purchase and groundwater contamination are also issues that would need more work with this plan.

Project background

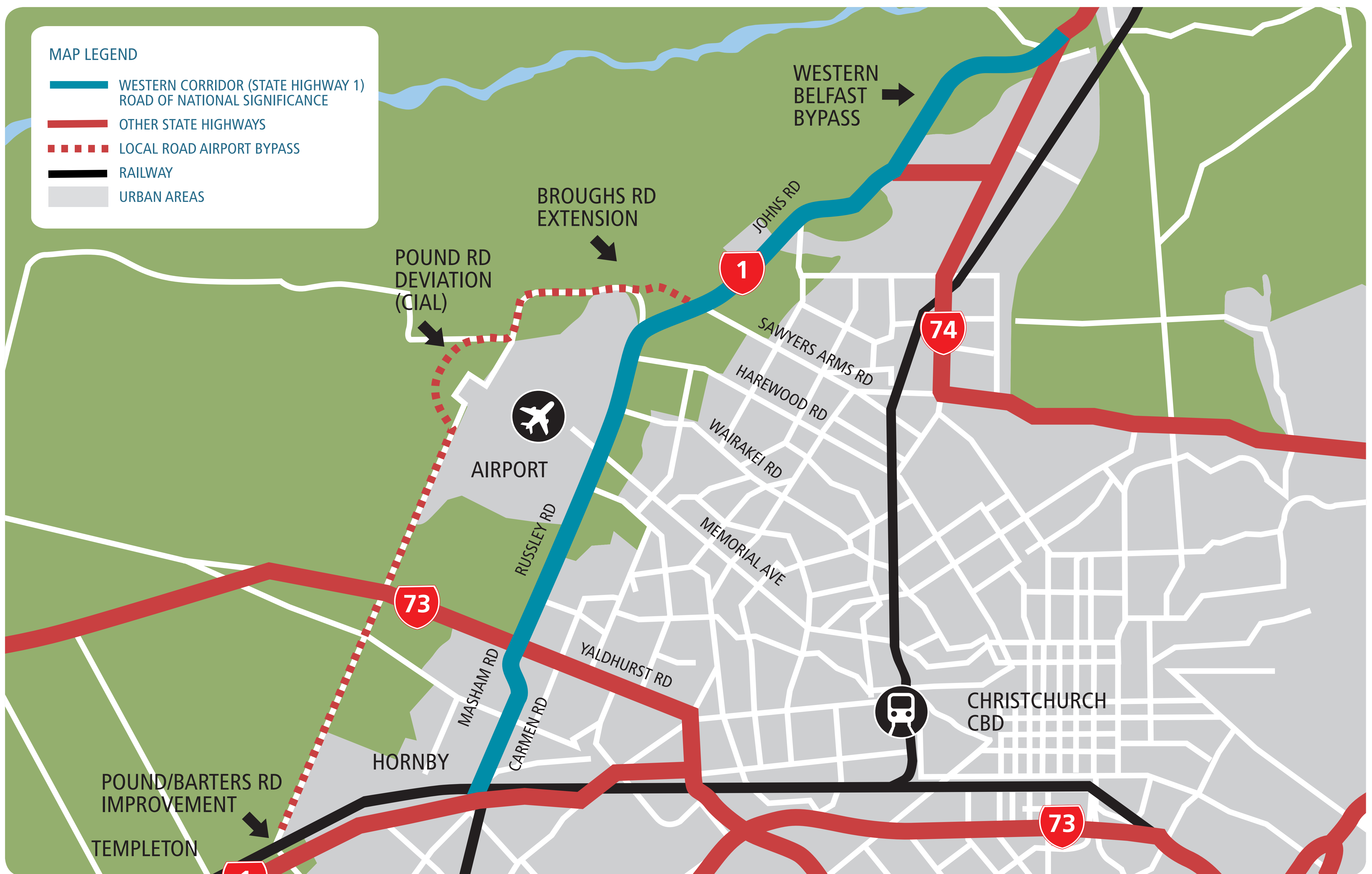
To be a State Highway, this route would need to be a high quality, high speed (100 km/hr) route with limited entry and exit points. It would need a grade separated interchange at Sawyers Arms Road and a tunnel under the east-west runway of the airport.

What we are doing

A western airport bypass from Johns Road (north of Sawyers Arms) joining into Pound Road is still possible but not as an alternative State Highway.

We are working with the CCC to make some smaller changes to Pound Rd and other local roads to make this route easier to use for those drivers who wish to use it – Just not as State Highway 1.

None of the planned changes on the Western Corridor or local roads would rule out a future State Highway Western Airport Bypass.



This panel shows a local road western bypass and explains why it will not work now as SH1