

MIN-2956: Update on the Melling Transport Improvements Project

NZTA to provide an update on the Melling Interchange by the end of the week

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- The Transport Agency Board has agreed with the re-evaluation recommendations of the Melling Transport Improvements Project.
- The recommendations proposed completing the detailed business case and to advance the pre-implementation phase work (designation and consenting) to enable joint procurement and integration of this work with the Riverlink Partners (Hutt City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council).
- Funding of the recommended work will require a variation to the 2018-21 National Land Transport Plan.
- BRI-1560, provided to your office today, outlines a number of scenarios to consider for the programming and funding of the re-evaluated corridors, including the Melling Transport Improvements Project.
- While Riverlink project partners have publicly stated that they hope to start construction of flood protection and city revitalisation works in 2021, funding for implementation works (construction) of the Melling Transport Improvements will be considered in the long term, beyond the year 2028. This aligns with the previous Board decision in 2016 to consider implementation of this project beyond the year 2026.

Announcement opportunity

- Any announcement on the Melling Transport Improvements Project will be subject to a variation to the 2018-21 NLTP (as outlined in BRI-1560) to provide funding for the detailed business case and pre-implementation phase.

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