



# Waikato Expressway



## Hamilton Section

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## Information Day

The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) will be holding two Public Information Days in May to present information on the Hamilton Section of the Waikato Expressway.

The Hamilton Section is part of the Waikato Expressway, and will pass to the east of Hamilton City, between Lake Road and the existing Tamahere Interchange.

The Information Days will be held at Horsham Downs Community Hall on Tuesday 7 May 2013, and at the Hamilton Marist Rugby Club on Wednesday 8 May 2013. Both Information Days will run from 2pm – 7pm.

Over the past two years the project team has carried out a significant amount of work including detailed assessments of planning, traffic, road network connectivity, geotechnical, stormwater, environmental and cultural issues. There has also been significant work done to tie in with changes that have emerged since the original designation, including the Ruakura, Rototuna and Tamahere Structure Plans, as well as other significant roading projects in and around the city.

The team has carried out consultation with the community throughout this process, including previous Information Days presenting interchange options to the east of the city (around Greenhill Road and Fifth Avenue), and options for the Southern Interchange. We have carried out targeted consultation with affected communities, held meetings with individual landowners and had detailed discussions with the Hamilton City and Waikato District Councils. We are also working closely with local iwi on issues of concern, with a particular focus on the gully crossings in Tamahere.

Following the investigations and consultation outlined above, we are now in a position to present the key features of the project before lodging statutory applications for resource consent and alterations to the designation. We are interested in community feedback on the project before we lodge the applications.

Everybody will also have the opportunity to be a submitter through the formal statutory process.

We hope to see you at the Information Days.

### Come and view the latest information and talk to the project team.

To ensure the Information Day is accessible to all those who are interested, it will be held at two locations, with the same information being presented at both.

**Date:** Tuesday 7 May 2013

**Location:** Horsham Downs Community Hall

**Address:** Martin Lane off Horsham Downs Rd

**Time:** 2pm -7pm

**Date:** Wednesday 8 May 2013

**Location:** Hamilton Marist Rugby Club

**Address:** 147 Old Farm Road Hamilton East

**Time:** 2pm-7pm

## Project benefits

When complete the Waikato Expressway will be the key strategic transport corridor for the Waikato region, connecting Auckland to the agricultural and business centres of Waikato and Bay of Plenty. The Expressway will improve economic growth and productivity through more efficient movement of people and freight.

Other benefits of the Waikato Expressway include:

- Reducing travel times between Auckland and Tirau by 35 minutes
- Reducing significantly the number of fatal and serious injury crashes
- Reducing fuel costs
- Reducing traffic congestion within smaller communities like Huntly, Ngaruawahia and Cambridge
- Increasing the highway's capacity and passing opportunities.

The Hamilton Section will:

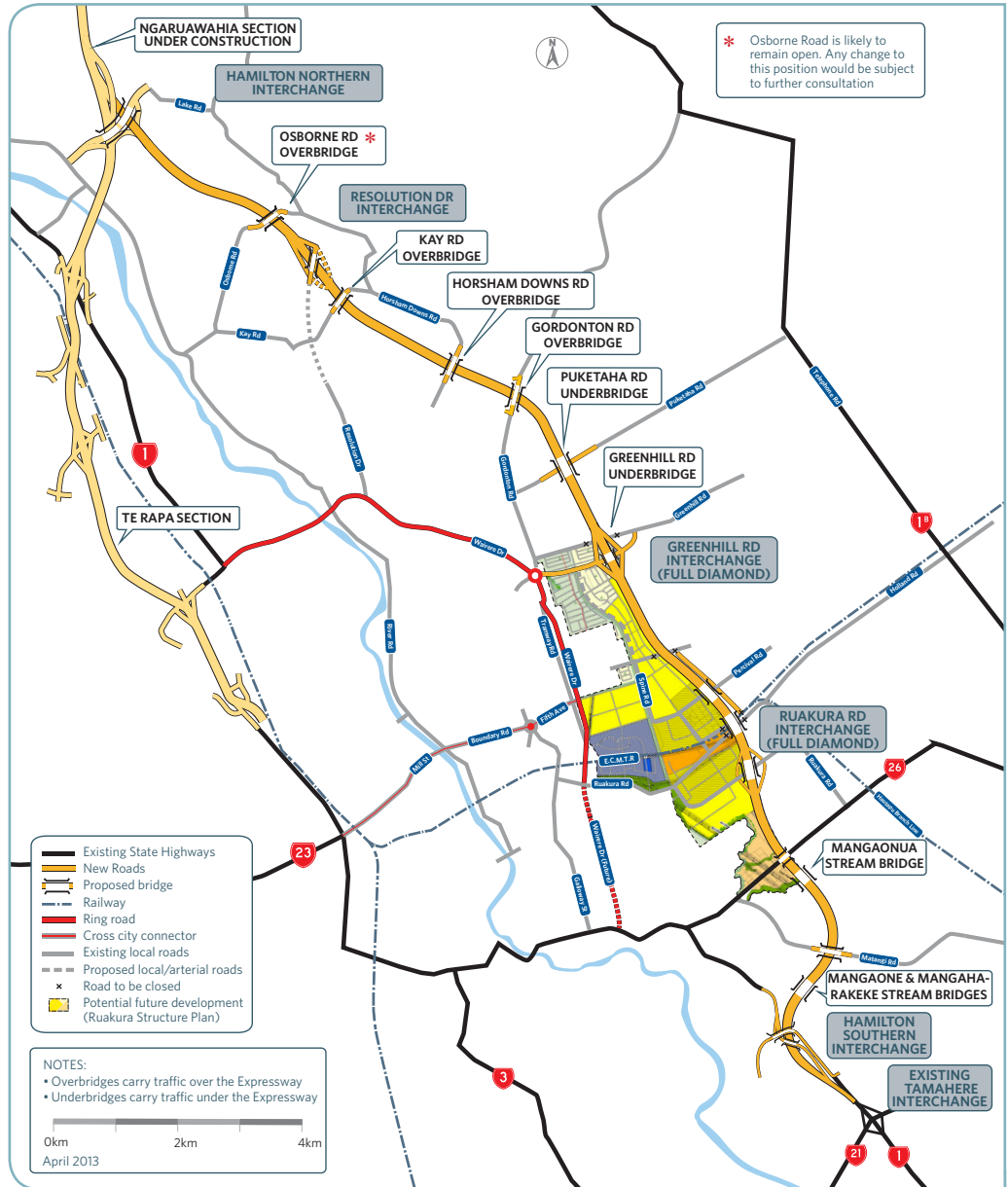
- Connect the Ngaruawahia Section of the Expressway, due for completion in late 2013, to the existing Tamahere Interchange
- Reduce traffic congestion and improve safety on Hamilton's local road network by significantly reducing the volume of through traffic including trucks.

This project is part of the larger Waikato Expressway programme of work. The Waikato Expressway is one of seven Roads of National Significance for New Zealand. When completed it will be 102 km long, running from the Bombay Hills to south of Cambridge.

# Process and indicative timeframes

The current programme for the Hamilton Section is as follows:

When	What's happening...
May 2013	Information Days
July 2013	Finalise Scheme Assessment Report
May - September 2013	Prepare Assessment of Environmental Effects and Statutory Applications
September 2013	Lodge Applications with Waikato District Council, Hamilton City Council and Waikato Regional Council
October/November 2013	Public Notification of Applications
December 2013	Public Hearing of Statutory Applications



Hamilton Section: Recommended scope of works



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