

1 Ōtaki to north of Levin local road update

An update on what we heard from the community about preferred local road changes to integrate with the new highway.

In August/September 2020, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency consulted with the community on the draft alignment for the new Ōtaki to north of Levin highway as well as concept sketches of local road connections.

We let you know then that we'd looked at options to provide connections to integrate the new highway and the local road network to serve the community. The concept sketches included new local road links, intersections and cul-de-sacs.

We wanted to share with you some of the feedback we heard, and let you know what's happening next.

In your area we shared two connection options being considered to service the Ōhau and Kimberley Road area. Both options included a new interchange at Tararua Road which would enable east-west movements across the new highway; reconnect Muhunua East Road; disconnect McLeavey Road from Arapaepae Road in the east, but reconnect it up to Kimberley Road.



OPTION A

Favoured option in community feedback

This option has no re-connection of Kimberley Road, but connections from Kimberley Road east up to Tararua Road and down to Muhunua East Road via Arapaepae Road instead. This option will require additional land purchase requirements, some of which would be outside the preferred corridor.



OPTION B

This option is a reconnection of Kimberley Road, which would enable east-west movements along this road. There would be no north-south connectivity parallel to the offline highway.

What we heard

During the August/September 2020 community engagement, most of the feedback we received favoured option A.

Some of the comments we received included:

'Connection across the new highway at Tararua Road and Muhunoa East Road with a new link road to the east of the new highway. This seems like the best option for me personally and also to connect the community to O2NL and Levin.'

'There must be easy access to north west and south west Levin.'

'If unable to access the highway at Manakau then a route to the Tararua Road interchange must be safe and easy, preferably with a safer railway crossing with the current Kimberley or Cambridge street crossings.'

You can read the full engagement summary report on our website. See the Publications page at www.nzta.govt.nz/o2nl-proposed-new-highway

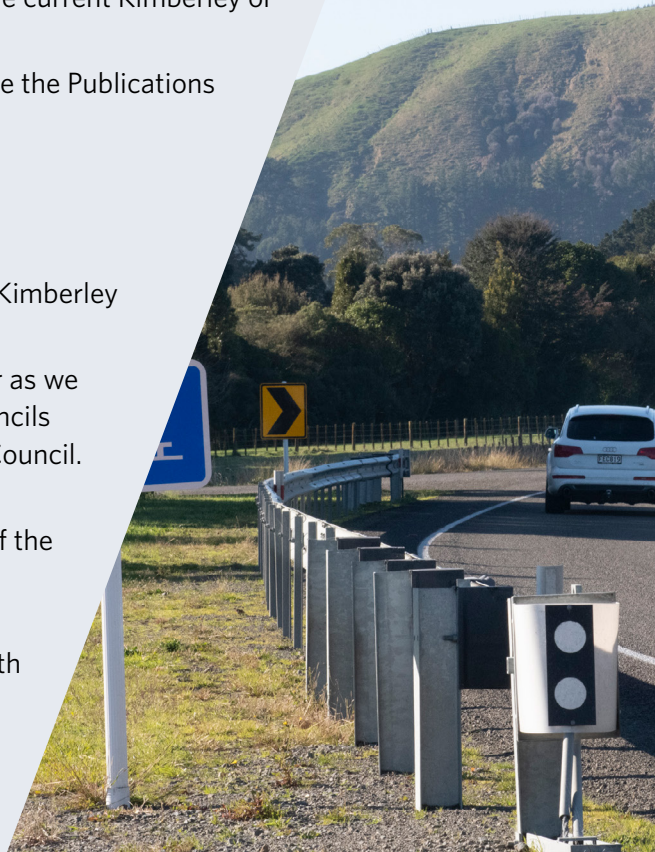
What happens next?

We have heard the support for local road connection Option A in the Kimberley area.

With this in mind, local road connections are being considered further as we progress the detailed business case for the project and work with councils including the Horowhenua District Council and Kāpiti Coast District Council. As work progresses, we'll share designs with the community.

You can expect an update on local road connections around the end of the year.

If you'd like to share any further thoughts on how local roads are reconnected when the new highway is in place, please get in touch with the Ōtaki to north of Levin project team.



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