

1 Ōtaki to north of Levin: local road update

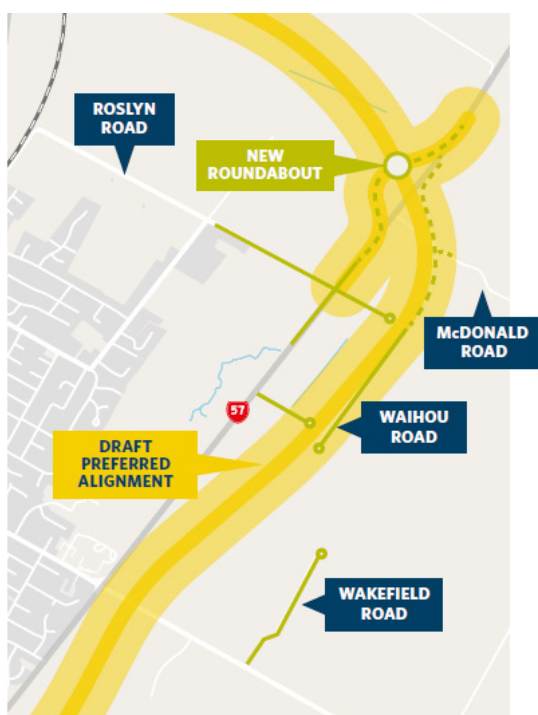
An update on what we heard from the community about preferred local road changes to integrate with the new highway.

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.

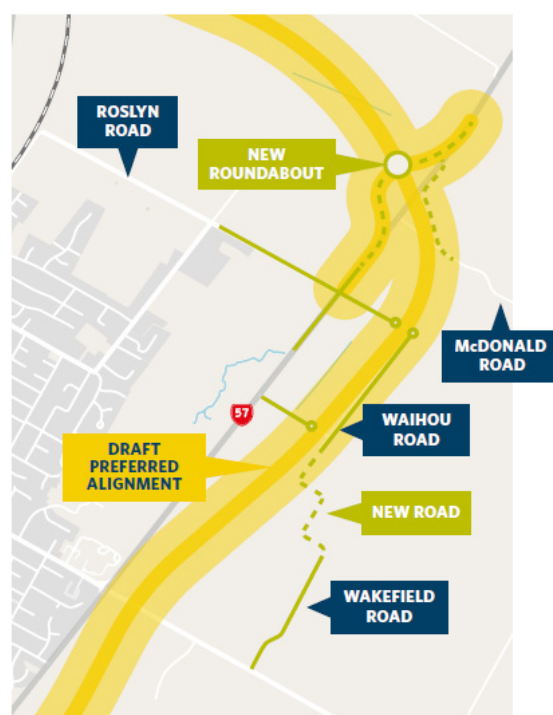
In your area we shared two connection options were being considered to service the Waihou Road and McDonald Road area.



OPTION A

Favoured option in community feedback

This option is to connect Waihou Road to SH57 in the north, near the existing McDonald Road. This option would use a section of the existing McDonald Road and create a new road to connect to the eastern side of Waihou Road. The northern and southern stretches of Waihou Road would become short cul-de-sacs. This option would provide more direct access to SH57 for McDonald and Waihou Road residents.



OPTION B

This option is to connect Waihou Road to Queen Street East using Wakefield Road. A new road would be built at the northern end of Wakefield Road to connect it to the eastern stretch of Waihou Road. McDonald Road would connect with SH57 but not with Waihou Road. This option would provide a more direct route to Levin for Waihou Road residents.

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:

'...Option 1 seems to me more direct and less disruptive to housing. Personally we would travel south into Levin and beyond more than going north, but time wise it seems similar... with either of these options, it is important to ensure there are safe pathways for local families on our road, to continue to enjoy walking and biking and maintain the relatively quiet rural atmosphere...'

'McDonald Road is closer to the central city for community access.'

'As a resident of Waihou road I would prefer the Wakefield link.'

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 Waihou and McDonald roads 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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