

Appendix H Media Statements



Peka Peka to Otaki Expressway consultation dates announced

16 Dec 2010 | Wellington Regional Office

The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) has announced that public consultation on proposals for the Peka Peka to Otaki Expressway will begin on Monday 7 February 2011.

The public consultation period will run for six weeks until Friday 18 March 2011 and will incorporate Expo/Open Days as well as presentations and meetings with stakeholder groups and local residents.

NZTA Central Regional Director Jenny Chetwynd said the presentation of the proposals for the expressway is an important milestone for the project and will give the community the opportunity to have their say about the NZTA's route proposal.

"This consultation period will give the community the chance to learn about the route proposal, ask us questions about how they might be affected, and to have their say. Hearing the community's views is hugely important to us, and we encourage people to participate in the consultation process."

The 13km Peka Peka to Otaki Expressway route runs from Peka Peka Road in the south to Taylors Road just north of Otaki. The route has been identified as one of eight sections in the Wellington Northern Corridor (Wellington Airport to Levin) road of national significance requiring improvement to ease congestion and improve travel time reliability for local road users and the national travelling public.

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Editor's notes

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The seven RoNS projects are based around New Zealand's five largest population centres. The focus is on moving people and freight between and within these centres more safely and efficiently. Other RoNS may be added in future but currently from north to south the seven projects are:

- Puhoi to Wellsford - SH1
- Completing the Western Ring Route, Auckland - SH16, SH18 and SH20
- Victoria Park Tunnel, Auckland - SH1
- Waikato Expressway - SH1
- Tauranga Eastern Link - SH2
- Wellington Northern Corridor - SH1
- Christchurch Motorways.

More information is available at www.nzta.govt.nz/rons

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Monday start for Peka Peka to Otaki Expressway consultation

4 Feb 2011 | Wellington Regional Office

The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) will begin public consultation on proposals for the Peka Peka to Otaki Expressway on Monday 7 February 2011.

The consultation, which will incorporate two Project Open Days as well as presentations and meetings with stakeholder groups and local residents, will run for approximately six weeks until Friday 18 March 2011.

All Kapiti Coast district residents will receive a consultation brochure from this Saturday which will include a form to provide feedback on the proposals for the expressway. In addition, a Project Open Day will be held in Otaki on 12 February and also in Te Horo on 17 February. The open days provide an opportunity for people to meet the project team, learn more about the proposals, ask questions and provide feedback in person.

All of the public consultation material will also be made available on the project website www.nzta.govt.nz/pp2oproject.

NZTA Central Regional Director Jenny Chetwynd said the consultation period will give the community the opportunity to find out more about the proposals and to have their say.

"Public consultation is an important part of the investigation phase of this project and we encourage residents and interested groups to participate in the consultation process as their feedback will help result in a better outcome for the community and all users of the expressway."

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Submissions close this week for Peka Peka to Otaki Expressway

15 Mar 2011 | Wellington Regional Office

There is still time left to make a submission on the proposals for the Peka Peka to Otaki Expressway.

The six-week consultation began on Monday 7 February and ends on Friday 18 March 2011. The purpose of this consultation is to gain feedback on the form, function, and location of interchanges and connections.

As well as presentations and meetings with stakeholder groups and local residents, open days in Otaki and Te Horo gave people the opportunity to view the maps and plans, and to ask the project team questions about the proposals and project. Approximately 270 people attended the open day at Otaki and the Te Horo open day attracted nearly 200 people.

NZTA Central Regional Director Jenny Chetwynd said consultation is a vital step in the process and provides the opportunity for the community to give their feedback on the expressway proposals for the expressway.

"The views of the community are very important in helping us to develop a final proposal for the route, and we encourage people to take this opportunity to give us their feedback before submissions close."

Consultation brochures and comments forms were sent to every Kapiti household in February and are still available at libraries and council offices around the district. The brochure is also available on the project website www.nzta.govt.nz/pp2oproject.

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