

Appendix A : History of Consultation on the Peka Peka to North Ōtaki Expressway

To help understand the scale and length of consultation provided over the development of the Expressway Project, this section outlines some of the key consultation events before 2011 when the current consultation phase started. All previous consultation reports are available on the Project website (www.nzta.govt.nz/pp2oProject).

2001 Consultation

The objective of the consultation in 2001 was to focus on specific Project development and effects on the environment and properties.

The consultation process started with a presentation to the Ōtaki Community Board in July 2001. This was followed by the general distribution of a Project newsletter that was also printed in the Kāpiti Observer of 23 July 2001, and a public open day in Ōtaki on 25 July 2001. A second Project newsletter was distributed in June 2002.

The 2001 consultation raised awareness of the expressway options in the Ōtaki and Te Horo communities. Over 150 people attended the open day. Written submissions were received from about 50 people and groups, while others made telephone enquiries.

2002 Consultation

The 2002 consultation process was undertaken to focus on the Ōtaki – Te Horo Expressway preferred route. This followed on from the 2001 consultation on alternative options. The purpose of the 2002 consultation was to provide widespread public knowledge of the preferred route for the Ōtaki – Te Horo Expressway and a range of opportunities for potentially affected landowners and interested people to meet with the then Transit representatives to discuss the Project and its effects.

Key features of the 2002 consultation process included:

- Letters were sent to all landowners whose land could possibly be directly affected by the preferred route
- Follow up meetings were held with landowners who asked for more detail
- A newsletter was distributed widely advising people about the preferred route
- Letters were sent to local authorities, Government agencies, and utility companies advising them of the preferred route
- A website provided information and plans of the Project
- The media were briefed in a tour of the preferred route and a media kit was distributed
- Two open days were held: at the Rotary Hall, Ōtaki on 4 December 2002 and at Te Horo School on 5 December 2002
- Graphic displays, along with comment forms, were set up in the New World supermarket, Ōtaki Library, Ōtaki Information Centre and a storefront window in Mill Road
- A presentation was made to the Ōtaki Community Board.

2009 Consultation

As part of investigations into improvements into this section of State Highway 1 forming part of the Wellington Northern Corridor road of national significance, it was announced on 20 August 2009 that the NZTA would be consulting on four-lane expressway options from MacKays Crossing to Peka Peka and from Peka Peka to North Ōtaki.

The NZTA's objectives for consulting on the expressway proposal were to:

- Inform affected communities, key stakeholders, iwi and the general public about the expressway proposal

- Provide an opportunity for these parties to give feedback to the NZTA on the expressway proposal
- Provide the NZTA Board with an understanding of the views of the affected community, key stakeholders, iwi and general public regarding the expressway proposal
- Provide a method of community, stakeholder and general public engagement on the preferred route for a four-lane expressway from Peka Peka to North Ōtaki, which meets the requirements of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

The consultation ran for 10 weeks from 24 August to 30 October 2009. It included sending brochures to over 26,500 postal addresses in the Kāpiti Coast District, open days and meetings with stakeholders. These included potentially affected property owners and key stakeholders such as KCDC and local iwi.

A total of 1,720 submissions were received on the expressway proposal for Peka Peka to North Ōtaki.

2011 Consultation

The six-week consultation took place from 7 February to 18 March 2011 and included sending brochures to over 23,000 postal addresses in the Kāpiti Coast District. It also included two public open days and meetings with key stakeholders, including potentially affected property owners, the Kāpiti Coast District Council (KCDC) and local iwi.

A total of 473 submissions were received and the content of the submissions reflected a number of views and interests ranging from support to opposition to the proposals, and a combination of both.

The feedback from the community on the proposals for the interchanges and local road connections suggested a high level of support for the interchanges to the north and south of Ōtaki. At Te Horo, there was a clear preference for a connection across the expressway around Te Horo Beach Road (Proposal B from the consultation brochure), and a desire to maintain the existing vehicular link to the Mill Road roundabout via Rahui Road.

Other key themes by the community through submissions included environmental effects such as flooding, noise, business viability, and safety, along with some concerns about the design for local access and interchanges being raised.