

**Email Update 7 April 2015**

We wanted to let you know what's happening with the Petone to Grenada Link Road as you may have recently seen or heard comments made about the project in the media.

Since last year we have been working with the Chief Executives of the Local Councils considering more detailed proposals for options to improve the capacity north of Tawa. This included the timing and nature of any improvements, as we indicated in our email in December 2014.

We have been sharing our investigation work through a series of briefings with the Local Councils from Wellington City, Hutt City, Porirua, Upper Hutt, Kapiti Coast District and Greater Wellington Regional Council. These briefings were held last month and were at the invitation of their Chief Executives. As a result of these briefings, the Chief Executives prepared a report for the Regional Transport Committee, which was discussed at their meeting on 9 March. Among other things, their report indicated a preference for a Takapu Link Road for the project.

As there has been some media coverage about these discussions and the briefings held in February, we wanted to assure you that no decisions have been made about whether we prefer a Takapu Link. There is still further work we need to do before making a decision. We will consider the feedback from the Chief Executives and the Regional Transport Committee as part of our decision making process. Ultimately, the decision lies with the Transport Agency, who will consider the views of the Councils as well as other criteria, before making a decision that is supported by the region.

A final decision is still expected to be made in the middle of the year. Once this decision is made, we will finalise the finer details of the Link Road and then begin the process to get consents for the project in late 2015/early 2016. At this stage, assuming the project is consented, we expect to begin construction of the Link Road in 2019.

We appreciate that the delays in the process have been difficult for some, so if there's anything we can do to help during this time, please give me a call. The project team and I are always available to talk with anyone who would like to hear from us directly. Please either email me at [Josephine.Draper@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Josephine.Draper@nzta.govt.nz) or contact me on (04) 894 5432 and 021 270 4516, or call Linda Chamberlain on 0508 P2G INFO (0508 724 4636) or email the project team at [petone2grenada@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:petone2grenada@nzta.govt.nz).

More information can be found on our website <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/petone-grenada-link-road/index.html?r=1>. We have recently added some frequently asked questions which you can see here: <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/petone-grenada-link-road/faqs.html>. The presentation and booklet we gave to the Chief Executives can be seen here: <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/petone-grenada-link-road/publications.html>

Yours sincerely

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