



## Maunganui-Girven intersection improvements

This newsletter provides an update on the NZ Transport Agency's (NZTA) investigation to improve the Maunganui-Girven Road intersection (MGI).

### Progress

Since our last newsletter there has been a great deal of work completed on the options for the Maunganui-Girven Road intersection. As a result of the investigation, it has become clear that safe and efficient designs for the intersection affect the future design of the State Highway 2 (SH2) and State Highway 29 (SH29) intersection at Te Maunga, some 800 metres to the east. Therefore the investigation was expanded to consider both intersections.

The NZTA is investigating options to reduce congestion and travel time, and improve safety for all road users. A number of options have been considered to address the anticipated long-term traffic volumes, including options to move the railway into the Matapihi rail corridor behind Owens Place to free up more land on Maunganui Road.

The NZTA has identified three potential options for further investigation. Before selecting a preferred option, the NZTA seeks your feedback on the three short-listed options. An open day is being held to explain and discuss the options and to hear your thoughts.



### MGI - three options are being investigated

Many options for the Maunganui-Girven Road intersection and SH2/SH29 corridor were developed and six were considered in detail. They were either at-grade (at ground level) or grade separated (above ground level, eg Hewletts Road flyover) and were assessed against their ability to deliver the outcomes expected on this important state highway corridor.

The three best-performing options (see over) are being investigated further as they deliver the following benefits:

- Improved travel time and journey reliability.
- More efficient connections.
- Ease congestion by separating state highway and local traffic.
- Improved safety by reducing conflicting travel movements at intersections.
- Best long-term solution to meet the future needs of the state highway.

### OPEN DAY

*When*

**Thursday 18 April 2013**

**3-7pm**

*Where*

**ASB Arena, Baypark,  
ASB Suite 1**

### OPTION 1

Flyover at MGI, flyover at SH2/SH29, railway retained in current Maunganui Road alignment. Road widening on Maunganui Road (eastern side).



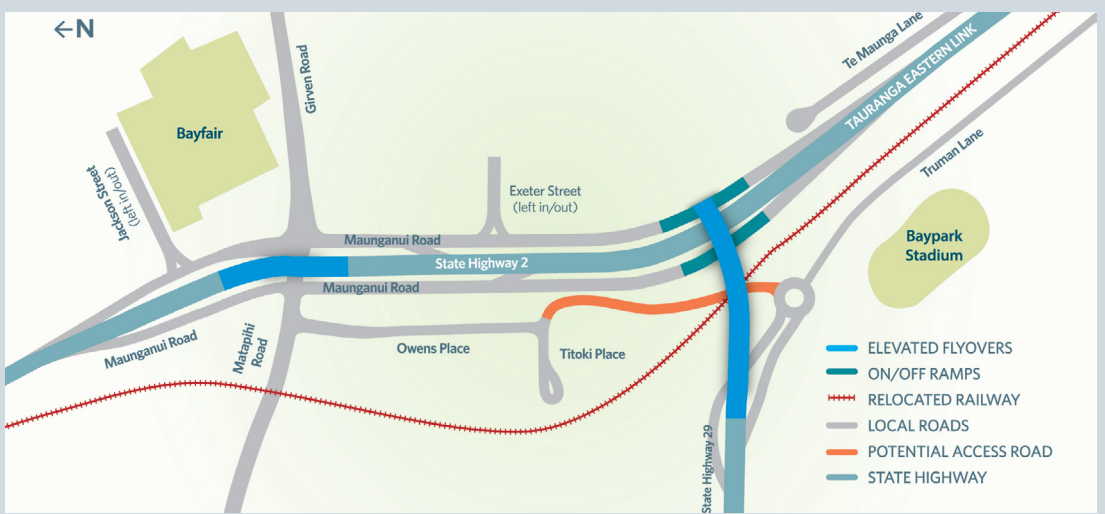
### OPTION 2

Flyover at MGI, flyover at SH2/SH29, railway relocated to the alternative existing Matapihi rail corridor behind Owens Place. Road widening on Maunganui Road (western side).



### OPTION 3

Flyover at MGI, SH29 bridge over railway and SH2, railway relocated to the alternative existing Matapihi rail corridor behind Owens Place. Road widening on Maunganui Road (western side).



## What happens next?

### Complete the investigations

Further work is required on the traffic, social, economic and environmental assessments of the above options to determine the overall solution. Of particular importance is the rail and road noise mitigation required through the Maunganui Road area and/or along the Matapihi rail corridor. Other factors

which will be considered include pedestrians, cyclists, and the visual effects of any flyover structure.

### Gain planning approvals

Once a preferred option is selected (anticipated early 2014), a Notice of Requirement will be prepared for the designation.

### What is a Notice of Requirement?

A Notice of Requirement is prepared by the NZTA and submitted to the

Tauranga City Council to include a designation for the new road in the Tauranga City Plan.

Following this process, the NZTA will seek funding for the design phase.

### Your feedback

The NZTA would like to hear your views on the three options by 10 May 2013. You can provide feedback at the open day, by phone or email (see contact details below).



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