

Baypark to Bayfair link upgrade

Project update July 2014

Issue



Final option given approval

The investigation phase for the project, formally known as Maunganui-Girven intersection improvements, is now complete.

After thorough analysis and consideration of the public feedback the NZ Transport Agency has confirmed that Option 3A is the desired solution for the project. This option is a modification of Options 2 and 3 which were presented at the Open Day in April 2013. It will provide improvements from Baypark (State Highway 2 / State Highway 29 intersection at the Te Maunga roundabout) to Bayfair (Maunganui Road / Girven Road / Matapihi Road intersection).

Option 3A presents the best long term solution to managing traffic congestion, reducing travel time and addressing safety through this area.

This option will now proceed through the approvals process under the Resource Management Act (RMA). The Transport Agency will apply for design funding which is likely to happen after the RMA approvals have been attained.

Come and find out more

When:

Tuesday 15 July 2014.

Open Day

Where: ASB Arena, Baypark, Truman Lane.

Two sessions will be held:

11.30am - 1.30pm or 4.00pm - 7.00pm.

At the Open Day the project team will be available to discuss the option in more detail; the construction timings, earthworks and stormwater effects, and the future use for the Liftan Place walkway.



What will the solution provide?

- A flyover will take SH2 over the Maunganui-Girven intersection.
- A flyover will take SH29 over the railway line and the Te Maunga intersection.
- There will be direct access from SH29 to Baypark and Truman Lane.
- The East Coast Main Trunk railway line will be relocated to behind Owens Place
- A shared pedestrian and cycle path from Owens Place to Baypark.
- Pedestrian and cycling facilities will be placed at road level at the Maunganui-Girven intersection, to replace the current underpass.

The overall project benefits

- Reduced congestion on Maunganui Road, Girven Road and at Te Maunga roundabout.
- Improved safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.
- An improved route to the Port of Tauranga.
- Separated local and state highway traffic.



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