



Maunganui-Girven intersection improvements



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

Project overview

The Maunganui Road-Girven Road intersection is currently a two-lane, four-arm roundabout located on State Highway 2 near Te Maunga. It carries a high volume of both local and inter-regional traffic. This project is investigating the best long-term solution to ease congestion and improve safety for all road users at this busy intersection.

Understanding the problem

Earlier this year the NZTA began gathering information to better understand the complexities of this intersection. This involved geotechnical investigations, traffic surveys, investigating when/how the road is being used and the nature of any accidents. This helped to identify what demand there is for the road and how to accommodate future growth or change.

In March 2011, the NZTA held an open day to find out from road users, local residents and stakeholders how they use the intersection and what's important when travelling through the area.

The open day provided an opportunity for the community to share their concerns and issues when using the existing intersection. Many methods to improve the intersection were discussed and the feedback from this open day has helped compare over 12 different design options. The number of options have since been narrowed down and analysis is continuing.

What's the best solution?

To figure out the best solution we had to look at the big picture and the investigation has highlighted the impact some design options may have on future changes along this transport corridor. For example, there is limited space available on State Highway 2 between the Girven Road and Te Maunga intersections and some options would make lane changing difficult or potentially impossible in the future. Therefore, the NZTA is exploring the possible effects of these design options on the wider roading network, so that the best long-term solution is selected.

Understanding future demands and testing different scenarios like the one outlined above will allow us to identify a preferred option for the Maunganui-Girven intersection and provide assurance to all road users that the solution is 'future proof'.

We will then progress the environmental effects assessment and carry out further consultation with directly affected landowners and the general public.



Preferred option and public consultation

Your feedback is important and we expect to be in a position to hold an open day in early 2012 to present our preferred option designs along with the environmental assessment results and environmental mitigation measures.

Consulting directly with affected landowners during this phase will be an integral part of the project.

It is hoped that the Maunganui-Girven intersection improvement project would then proceed to applying for planning approvals under the Resource Management Act in 2012.



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