Baypark to Bayfair Link project: Cycle and pedestrian grade-separated options

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has established a working group made up of partners, stakeholders and community representatives to establish better communication and greater visibility on the Bay Link project.

The first in a series of workshops with the working group was held on 14 November and covered the traffic performance modelling beyond 2040 and the long-list options investigated for pedestrian and cycling access at Bayfair.

Technical detail was provided to the group on the 15 options investigated. Two of the options were supplied by members of the community.

We are actively investigating two of these options; the feasibility of retaining the existing underpass (Option 5) and the grade-separated solution at Concord Avenue (Option 14) in order to make a decision about whether to progress to detailed design.

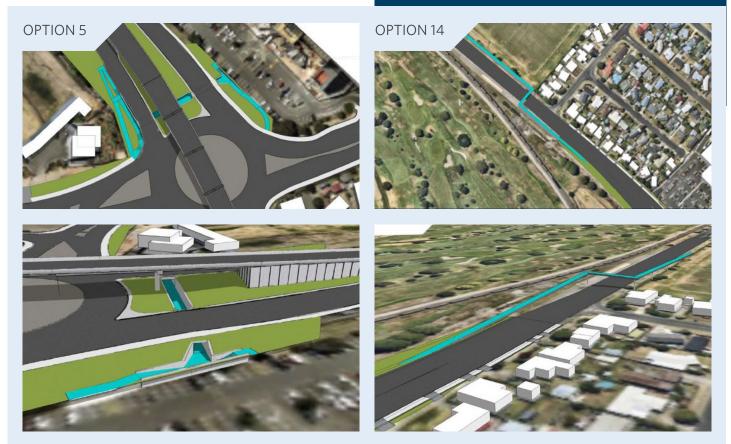
Option 5 is to extend the existing underpass and provide a new bridge span for the SH2 Bayfair flyover. To achieve this, the bridge structure, abutments and ground improvements will need to be retested and redesigned. Retaining the existing underpass structure also has complexities with ground improvements.

We are now progressing at speed to confirm the feasibility of the options, especially given the time constraints around the construction programme.

We will continue to work with our partners and the working group with progress over the coming months.

The project will still include a signalised pedestrian crossing at the Bayfair roundabout, regardless of the outcome of the options.

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