



Waikato Expressway



Hamilton Section

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Information Day

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) will be holding two public Information Days to present information on the Hamilton Section of the Waikato Expressway, and to seek your feedback.

The Information Days will be held at the Horsham Downs Community Hall on 15th February 2011, and at Newstead Model Country School (Morrinsville Road) on 17th February 2011. Both Information Days will run from 2pm to 7pm.

The Hamilton Section is part of the Waikato Expressway, and will pass to the east of Hamilton City between Lake Road and Bollard Road.

The purpose of the Information Day is to introduce the project to the wider public, give people the opportunity to talk to the project team, and to raise issues that should be addressed during the next phase of the project.

The project team has just begun work on the next stage of work for the Hamilton Section, which will focus on updating and extending the initial investigations, securing resource consents, and preparing a specimen design.

The Hamilton Section route was designated in the Waikato and Hamilton District Plans following an Environment Court Decision in 2005. Thus the preferred route alignment is confirmed. However, there are some aspects of the project which are yet to be finalised, including:

- Environmental mitigation measures (noise attenuation, landscaping etc)
- The possibility of including two further interchanges (one at Resolution Drive, and the other at Ruakura)
- Ecological protection
- Local road connections
- The form of gully crossings
- Stormwater management and treatment.

The Information Day will provide people with the opportunity to express their views on these matters and to identify any additional issues that the project team should take into consideration as the project develops.

Come and view the latest information and talk to the project team

To ensure the Information Day is accessible to all those who are interested, it will be held at two locations, with the same information being presented at both.

Tuesday 15th February 2011

Horsham Downs Community Hall
(Martin Lane, off Horsham Downs Road)
2pm-7pm

Thursday 17th February 2011

Newstead Model Country School
(Morrinsville Road)
2pm-7pm

Please also check the Hamilton Section website for up to date information about the project and the latest plans:

<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/hamilton/>

Properties on the designated route

Inevitably the Expressway will pass through land currently owned and operated by a range of individuals, farms and organisations. Landowners affected by the designation may be contacted over the next few months regarding access arrangements. Processes for managing land purchase or compensation for those affected by the new road are laid out in the Public Works Act and summarised in a useful guide "Landowner's Rights" which is available from Land Information New Zealand via their website www.linz.govt.nz

The purpose of the Hamilton Section...

- Improve economic growth and productivity for Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty through more efficient movement of people and freight between Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga and Rotorua
- Improve the reliability of the transport network through a more robust and safer road between Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga and Rotorua
- Reduce travel times between Waikato and Auckland
- Support the growth strategy for the central Waikato.

The Hamilton Section will:

- Connect the Ngaruawahia Section of the Expressway, due for completion in 2014, to the existing Tamahere Interchange
- Reduce traffic congestion and improve safety on Hamilton's local road network by significantly reducing the volume of through traffic, including trucks.

This project is part of the larger Waikato Expressway programme of work. The Waikato Expressway is one of seven roads of national significance for New Zealand. When completed it will be 102 km long, running from the Bombay Hills to south of Cambridge.

Process and Indicative Timeframes

The programme for the development and implementation of the Hamilton Section is as follows:

- February 2011: Information Day
- Late 2011: Second Information Day (to share progress on the project, and show how public consultation has been used, and to gain input into the next stage of project development)
- Mid 2012: NZTA lodges applications for resource consents and any alterations to the designation
- Late 2012: Waikato District Council, Hamilton City and Environment Waikato publicly notify the applications
- 2012-2013: Hearing of resource consents and potential alterations to the designation.

Construction is planned to commence in 2015, with completion targeted for 2019.

Opportunities for Input

You can provide input into the Project in the following ways:

- Complete a Feedback Form at the Information Day
- Make direct contact with the Project Team. Contact details are provided at the foot of this page.
- Make a written submission for or against the public notice of requirement (for any alterations to the designation) and/or resource consent applications (expected to be notified late 2012)
- If you lodge a written submission during the submission period, you will be able to present your submission in person during the hearing.



Possible bridge crossing of Mangaharakeke and Mangaone gullies in Tamahere (artist's impression of aerial view looking north).

Information Day Displays

The Information Day will have displays to present a range of information, including:

- A plan of the entire Hamilton Section showing the designation in relation to the surrounding landscape
- Key issues to be addressed
- Typical cross-sections to indicate the likely form of the expressway
- Effects on the road network and local road connections

Some aspects of the project are yet to be finalised. This Information Day is focussed on gathering early comment from the community to feed into project development, rather than presenting final designs.



For more information

For further information online visit:

www.nzta.govt.nz/rons

www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/waikato-expressway

www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/hamilton/

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