# SH75 Halswell Road improvements project

# Our emerging option (April 2021)

#### What do we want to achieve

- Reduced journey times and improved journey reliability for buses along Halswell Road, especially during busy peak travel periods
- Improved safe and convenient access to bus stops
- Improved comfort and convenience of public transport
- Bus travel to be an easy choice for people travelling to the city centre from the south-west suburbs.

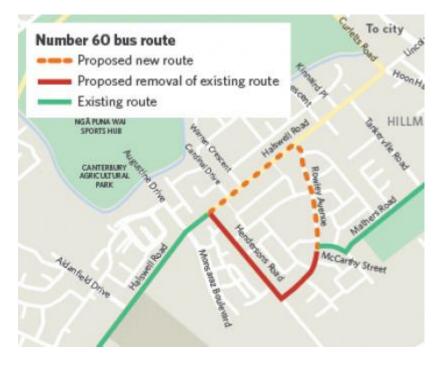
## Key features

- Bus priority, through bus lanes, to reduce delays and be more competitive with car travel time
- Bus stops that are evenly distributed at about 400m spacing to improve accessibility
- Bus stops located close to side-streets to maximise accessibility
- Improved safety and crossing at key intersections for pedestrians
- Improved road safety by removing right-turns from driveways and some side-streets
- Improved road safety with 1.0m wide raised median strip along Halswell Road from Augustine Drive/Monsaraz Boulevard to Curletts Road
- Integration with existing facilities such as schools and Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub, and the future development of commercial activities along Halswell Road
- Ability to do U-turns at intersections with traffic lights to ensure safe access to the properties along Halswell Road.

## What would need to happen

- Removal of on-street car parking along parts of Halswell Road where on-street car parking is currently available.
  - This would enable the bus lanes to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week and allow buses to travel along the bus lanes without the obstruction of parked cars.
  - This would help to achieve improved and more reliable bus journey times.
  - It would also be safer for cyclists using the bus lanes as they wouldn't be exposed to the risk of opening car doors.
- A change to the number 60 bus route.
  - The 1.0m wide raised median strip along Halswell Road, from Augustine Drive/Monsaraz Boulevard to Curletts Road,

would prevent potentially unsafe right turns across multiple lanes. This would require rerouting the number 60 bus. We would recommend instead of travelling along Hendersons Road, the bus would travel along Rowley Avenue. The bus would have traffic lights at Rowley Avenue to safely turn onto and off Halswell Road.



- Tree removals and new trees planted along the southern side of Halswell Road, between Tankerville Road and Hendersons Road to widen the road for the bus lanes.
  - There are 135 trees along Halswell Road. About 36 trees would need to be removed between Hendersons Road and Tankerville Road and would be replaced with about 27 trees in broadly similar areas. Not all 36 trees could be replaced because some are in locations which don't comply with safety design standards such as being too close to driveways, poles, bus stops and intersections.

