

SH1 Drury to Bombay Improvements

Franklin Local Board Feedback

Q. This project seeks to manage existing and future growth by improving the Southern Motorway's capability to move people and freight along the corridor between Papakura and Bombay and to make it easier to travel across the motorway. What are your thoughts on this approach?

A. Franklin Local Board believes the proposed improvements will improve access to employment, services, education and leisure opportunities for the growing population in Franklin and across the wider southern sub-region. In particular, the project will support the development of key business and housing developments, such as Drury South, Auranga, Hingaia and Paerata Rise.

Q. We would like to know your thoughts on the following proposed improvements for this section of SH1:

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A shared walking and cycling and cycling path along the western side of the motorway	We support this as it will increase transport choice for local residents seeking to access services and employment, in particular if it joins with the path being built presently between Papakura and Takanini.
An additional northbound and southbound lane	There has been significant growth at Pokeno and in the number of people choosing to live in North Waikato and commute to work in Auckland. This has led to a sustained increase in traffic using this stretch of SH1 as there is not presently an alternative to using the private car for these journeys. The provision of additional lanes in the short-medium term is therefore vital for safety and economic reasons. Retention of an additional south bound slow vehicle lane on the northern side of the Bombay incline should be retained blending into the off ramp at Bombay.
New or upgraded interchanges	The existing junctions at Drury and Bombay are not designed to take the volume of traffic now using them. The safety of motorists at the Bombay junction and the northbound service station is jeopardised as a result of the right turn movements that the majority of existing traffic needs to make. Junction improvements should therefore be a critical element of any SH1 improvements in this area. The Bombay interchange requires urgent attention by NZTA and AT collaboratively.
Intelligent Transport Systems, such as managed motorways and variable speed limits	Where technology will help to manage the flow of traffic and improve safety and highway capacity, it should be a central part of any proposed highway improvements.

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New local road connections	The SH1 improvements, and the implementation of the wider 'supporting growth' programme, will enable the provision of a new road link to Pukekohe and the southern extension of the Mill Road-Redoubt Road link. Both of these improvements to the local road network are supported.

Q. Do you have any other comments about the project?

A. We very much appreciate and support the commitment and intention as it will, alongside other initiatives, mitigate issues related to the rate of development. We would like to be kept up to date with information in regard to planning and implementation and engaged with meaningfully during those processes.

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