

Drury

New Opāheke North-South Connection and upgrade to Waihoehoe Road

We're proposing two projects that will connect current and future communities and make travel within this area easier:

- A new north-south connection from Hunua Road in the north to Waihoehoe Road in the south, which will provide a link between the Opāheke industrial area and Drury East (Opāheke north-south connection).
- An upgrade to the section of Waihoehoe Road between the Drury Town Centre and the proposed Opāheke north-south connection (Waihoehoe Road upgrade).

This new north-south connection and road upgrade will support a growing population in the area and their travel choices in the future. It will enable better movement of people within the area by providing access to employment, residential areas, town centres and a proposed train station. It'll also give the community better access to public transport, walking and cycling networks.

We are also investigating future upgrades to Opāheke Road, Ponga Road and Waihoehoe Road (east). We will have more information on these sections, including what our preferred option is in March or April 2020. We considered widening on the north, south or both sides of the road. We believe widening on the northern side is the preferred option as it better supports the proposed train station and future rail upgrades and reduces the impact on properties and homes.

These projects are part of the transport network proposed to support the population growth of Auckland's south. More information on this network is available at supportinggrowth.govt.nz.

What we've done to date

In 2018 we asked for your feedback on two options for a new north-south connection:

- A new road from Waihoehoe Road north to Opāheke Road and upgrading part of Opāheke Road.
- A new road through the proposed industrial area connecting with Hunua Road.

We also asked for your feedback on options to upgrade existing east-west connections, including Waihoehoe Road, Ponga Road and Fitzgerald Road.

We considered this feedback alongside further technical investigations by the Supporting Growth team. In July 2019 we released the South Indicative Strategic Transport Network which showed a new Opāheke North-South Connection from Hunua Road to connect with Waihoehoe Road as well as an upgrade to Waihoehoe Road. At this time, we spoke with a number of property owners within the study area of these projects.

What you said

You supported the north-south connection and the need to provide frequent and efficient public transport, walking and cycling options.

Some property owners expressed uncertainty about the need for both this new north-south connection and the proposed Mill Road Corridor. We consider both projects (along with other projects across the transport network) are needed to support the planned urban growth of this area.

There was strong sentiment both for and against the potential upgrades to Waihoehoe Road.

What we're proposing

New North-South Connection (the Opāheke North-South Connection)

We're looking to provide for frequent public transport, vehicles, walking and cycling through a four-lane corridor.

We've considered three ways in which the north-south connection could extend from Hunua Road to Waihoehoe Road.

Option A (A new north-south connection from Hunua Road to Waihoehoe Road) is our draft preferred option at this stage. This is because it:

- Improves public transport access in future residential areas
- Crosses the floodplain at the narrowest point meaning fewer bridges are required, so it's more resilient and better value for money
- Reduces impact on land that could be developed for houses and industry
- Connects to the proposed local centre on Ponga Road so better aligns with Auckland Council's future growth plans
- Reduces the impacts on network utilities

Upgrade to Waihoehoe Road

Widening and urbanising Waihoehoe Road will provide a four-lane east-west connection between the Drury Town Centre and the proposed Opāheke north-south connection. This means a proposed train station at Drury Central can be connected to new communities to the east, providing public transport, walking and cycling facilities.

We considered widening on the north, south or both sides of Waihoehoe road. We believe widening predominantly on the northern side is the draft preferred option as it better supports the proposed train station and future rail upgrades and reduces the impact on properties and homes.

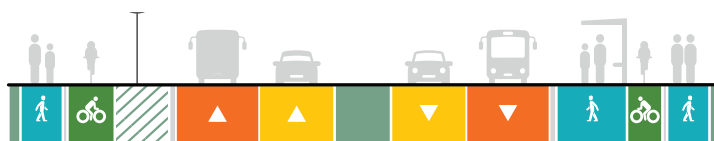
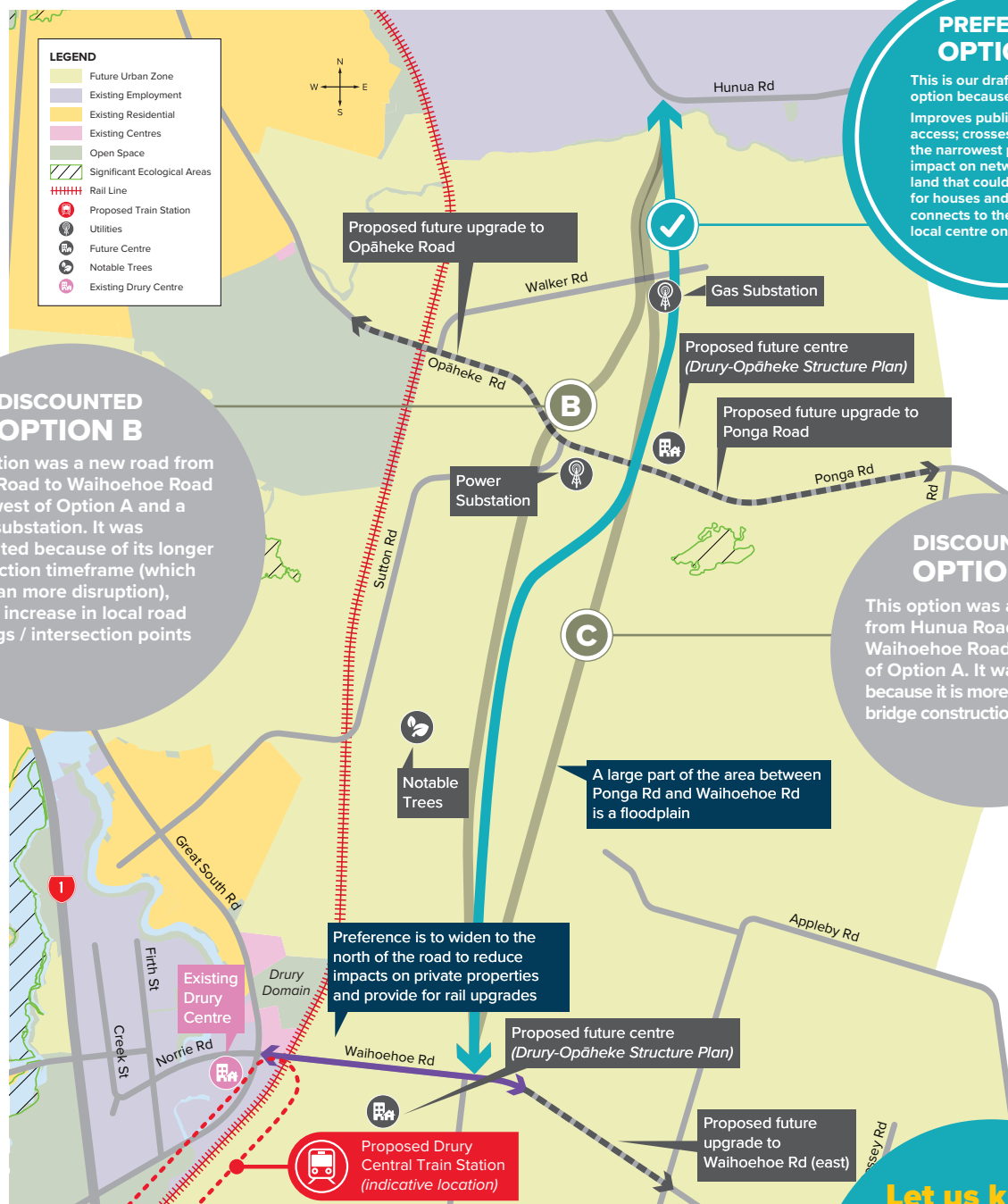
Upgrade to Opāheke Road, Ponga Road and Waihoehoe Road

We are in the early stages of considering how we might upgrade these three roads in the future. We do not have information about a draft preferred option at this stage, but will be able to share more information with the community, and what it might mean for properties, in March or April 2020.



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What a new or upgraded 4-lane road could look like

The project shown on this map has been identified by an indicative business case and will require further technical investigation and engagement before its final detail, location or land requirement is confirmed. It is also yet to be prioritised for funding for delivery over the next 10-30 years.

Let us know...

As a community member, your feedback is important to us. We use it to check we haven't missed anything important. Use the enclosed feedback form to have your say on the preferred option and share anything you think we should consider.

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