Community Forum

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Meeting notes for the meeting of the Community Forum 7 May 2015, 6pm

Cambridge Room, Canterbury Club, Christchurch

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Present:	Community Forum members: Weng Kei Chen, Phil Clearwater, Martin Evans, Ruth Jones, Tom McBrearty, Trevor McIntyre, Lesley Murdoch, Faye Parfitt, John						
	Peet, Patricia Siataga, Emma Twaddell, Brian Vieceli, Rachel Vogan, Amanda Williams, Siong Sah (John) Wong, Darren Wright						
Apologies:	Community Forum members: Leah Carr, Gill Cox, Wendy Gilchrist, Maria Godinet-Watts, Deborah McComick, Jocelyn Papprill						
	Hon Nicky Wagner, Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery						
	Benesia Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy and Governance, CERA						
	Sheridan Smith, Ministerial and Executive Services Director, CERA						
Chair:	Darren Wright						
In Attendance:	, CO						
	Emma Jacka, Built and Natural Manager, Policy, CERA (first and second items only) Christing Toper Consultation Leader, Christopurch City Council						
	Christine Toner, Consultation Leader, Christchurch City Council (third item only) Richard Holland, Team Leader Planning Transport, Christchurch						
	City Council (third item only) Michael Blyleven, Transport Planning Manager, New Zealand						
ind	Transport Agency (third item only) Colin Mackay, Roads of National Significance Programme Manager, New Zealand Transport Agency (third item only) Shannon Boorer, Senior Strategy Adviser, Environment						
9/11.	Canterbury (third item only) Ken Stevenson, Roading Manager, Waimakariri District Council (third item only)						
5	\$9(2)(a), Project Stakeholder Advisor, Christchurch Central Development Unit, CERA (until 7pm)						
	s9(2)(a), Advisor, Ministerial and Executive Services, CERA						
Agenda							

Introduction of new Community Forum member

Darren Wright – Community Forum Chair

Discussion:

1. Darren Wright introduced Amanda Williams, a new Forum member. Amanda spoke about herself, her interests and explained how she hopes to contribute to

the Forum's work. The Forum members introduced themselves to Amanda.

Update from CERA

Emma Jacka and s9(2)(a), CERA

Discussion:

- The Forum was updated by Emma Jacka on the preliminary Residential Red Zone Offer Recovery Plan that CERA has drafted. The preliminary Recovery Plan is to assist the Crown in determining whether it should make new offers to buy vacant, commercial and uninsured properties in the residential red zone and, if so, how such offers should be structured.
- 3. The document has been notified for public consultation and the presenter invited Forum members to make submissions via the CERA website. She also asked the Forum to use their networks to encourage others to make submissions on the document. The Forum discussed the early reaction to the draft document.
- 4. The Forum was updated by \$\frac{\sqrt{9(2)(a)}}{2}\$ about the draft Community Forum Report. The Report has been drafted to provide a record of the Forum's contribution to earthquake recovery, from its establishment to the present. The draft Report was given to the Forum for their feedback which will be discussed at the next meeting on 21 May 2015. The feedback will be incorporated into a final version to be supplied to the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery and the public.

Decisions taken:

1. The Community Forum agreed to supply \$\frac{\sqrt{2}(a)}{(a)}\$ with feedback on the draft Report before 21 May 2015.

Presentation on the northern transport system

Richard Holland – Christchurch City Council

Michael Blyleven and Colin Mackay – New Zealand Transport Agency

Ken Stevenson, Roading Manager, Waimakariri District Council

Shannon Boorer – Environment Canterbury

Discussion:

- 5. Michael Blyleven introduced the joint presentation (**Attachment A**) on the northern transport system. The Forum heard about the Greater Christchurch Transport Statement, created after the earthquakes to support growth in Canterbury, earthquake recovery and unify transport partners. It is also designed to connect people and places. The transport partners for the northern transport system are the Christchurch City Council, New Zealand Transport Agency, Environment Canterbury and Waimakariri District Council (the partners).
- 6. The partners' top five transport priorities were discussed two of which are within Christchurch's northern transport system. The Northern Arterial development has been under consideration since the 1960s.
- 7. Following the earthquakes household growth in Waimakariri doubled and traffic volume grew 6 per cent in 12 months. Eighty-four per cent of vehicles are occupied by one person (data on vehicle occupancy is gathered twice a year). A short term response to improve access to Christchurch from the north was developed for implementation in 2015/2016.

- 8. The maximum number of vehicles that can cross the Waimakariri bridge in an hour is 3,000 and once this threshold is crossed, significant time delays start occurring. The aim is to reduce the number of vehicles crossing the bridge in peak traffic by 10 per cent by increasing vehicle occupancy and public transport use. The sudden change in speed limit (for motorists travelling south at end of the motorway in Belfast) from 100 kilometres per hour to 60 kilometres per hour also creates delays. Variable speed limits will be put in place to slow traffic down sooner, creating less of a bottle neck.
- The Forum heard that bus delays at peak traffic times deter people from using them. The presenter explained that to increase bus patronage improvements are being made to road shoulders, prioritise buses on the road and increase bus services.
- 10. The 2013 census showed that Waimakariri residents are still commuting to the central city but are also commuting in large numbers to the airport, Hornby and Addington, which is another challenge for transport planners.
- 11. The Forum was interested to know about park and ride options and was assured that commuters will not have to pay for car parks. The park and ride option at the shopping centre in Silverstream was also discussed.
- 12. The Forum discussed the funding for the work on Cranford Street, given that the project accommodates commuters who do not pay rates in Christchurch City. They also discussed if the proposed plans would solve the transport problems. The presenter spoke about encouraging a culture shift to get people to live closer to where they work and shop and to get them to use public transport.
- 13. The Forum spoke about initiatives such as rail and using traffic light signals to ease congestion. They also spoke about bus timetables and increasing passengers numbers. It was noted that commuter behaviour is changing, with more vehicles on the road between 5am and 6.30am.
- 14. The Forum spoke about the change in designation for Cranford Street and asked if the presenter could provide more information about the reason for the change.
- 15. The next presenter, Shannon Boorer, spoke about short term public transport options, particularly rail. Rail was investigated as an immediate solution for traffic congestion but it was concluded to be too difficult in the short term.
- 16. Auckland's old trains are available to use, however, maintenance and specially trained drivers would be needed. There would have been timetable restrictions due to freight activity (Kiwi Rail's freight, because it owns the single line, would get priority). Investment would be needed to make stations usable and some of the single track sections are controlled manually. There is no rail link to the central city and buses would need to be used as links.
- 17. Making rail work successfully in the short term was unlikely and the decision was made not to pursue it. It is still a long term option.
- 18. The New Zealand Transport Agency, Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council are working together to provide and fund a bus system the preferred short term public transport option.

- 19. Before the earthquakes there were 40 bus routes into the central city. Now there are five high-frequency, core routes with other routes that feed into them. The key to encourage people to take two buses is making sure that the buses on the core routes come often. In the northern transport system, Papanui Road is an important bus link, especially for express routes.
- 20. The Forum discussed park and ride options and the placement of bus routes with the presenter.
- 21. The next presenter, Richard Holland, spoke to the Forum about cycle routes and the importance of encouraging people onto bicycles. Three per cent of commuters go by bicycle.
- 22. One important link is the Waimakariri bridge and planning is being under way to make this better for cyclists.
- 23. The next presenter, Colin Mackay, spoke about the Northern Arterial route and QEII Drive. It will be the South Island's biggest roading project at a cost of \$260 million. The design is almost complete and enabling work (building embankments) will begin later in 2015.
- 24. The Forum also heard about the Western Bypass. The contract has been awarded and work is beginning.
- 25. The next presenter, Richard Holland, spoke to the Forum about the Northern Arterial Extension, Cranford Street Upgrade and Cranford Basin Stormwater projects. The Forum heard about the options considered to link the Northern Arterial to the Christchurch City Council owned road network and the criteria they were weighed against.
- 26. The Cranford Basin is part of the stormwater project for the Dudley Creek diversion.
- 27. The predicted vehicle volumes were discussed. The importance of keeping traffic on Cranford Street to stop vehicles from taking short cuts was considered, particularly in St Albans.
- 28. The Forum discussed the level of community engagement in the decisions made on the Northern Arterial Extension and Cranford Street Upgrade. The presenter said it would begin when the concept and scheme design are in place. Certainty, the Forum commented, was important and presenter spoke about balancing engagement with progress. The Forum explained that community engagement is crucial for the public to support projects.
- 29. The Forum then had the opportunity to ask questions of all the presenters.
- 30. The Forum asked about safety for pedestrians and cyclists and was concerned about the narrow width of the proposed median strip on Cranford Street. The Forum was disappointed there was no community consultation and questioned the testing process.
- 31. The Forum discussed a three lane road option and acknowledged the connectivity that would be lost with pedestrians and cyclists if this option was chosen. The loss of on street parking, especially with residential density

- increasing in St Albans is an important consideration. The Forum also asked about traffic calming options and discussed their preferences to discourage motorists from entering side streets to help stop short cutting.
- 32. The Waimakariri District Council was asked if it had considered giving preloading bus cards to residents and suggesting they try using the bus service. The Waimakariri District Council said they are currently exploring a campaign to increase commuter numbers and that was an option.
- 33. The Forum asked if a separate lane for vehicles with passengers had been considered and it was explained that it had been ruled out because of the volume of traffic that needs to make the right hand turn into Johns Road. Many vehicles would need to cut across the traffic flow to make the turn, making it too dangerous.
- 34. The Forum was concerned about the hierarchy of roads in St Albans and the length of time since those hierarchies have been updated. The status of Courtenay Street was of particular interest to the Forum and they asked for more information on the subject.
- 35. The quality of the bus fleet was discussed, particularly the plans for a more comfortable service on the airport bus.
- 36. Buses that could travel on train tracks had been considered and rejected by the partners.
- 37. The presenters were urged to think about the disabled population, especially considering reliable data about their numbers is unavailable. The disabled community needs to be consulted, especially on public transport, because they rely on it. Segregation is a real risk for the disabled community, especially when young disabled people become adults.
- 38. The monitoring of the roading projects was discussed.
- 39. The Forum commended the co-governance and co-management of the approach taken by the Christchurch City Council, New Zealand Transport Agency, Environment Canterbury and Waimakariri District Council and reiterated the importance of community participation in decision-making and communicating the whole process to the public.

Decisions taken:

- 1. The Community Forum agreed that:
 - More information would be provided to members about the change in designation for Cranford Street.
 - More information would be provided to members about street statuses in St Albans.
- The Community Forum asked to have it noted that the Christchurch City Council, New Zealand Transport Agency, Environment Canterbury and Waimakariri District Council had displayed excellent co-governance and co-management and the Community Forum commended their teamwork to the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery.

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Next meeting	: 21 May 2015	
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Presentation	on the northern transport system	
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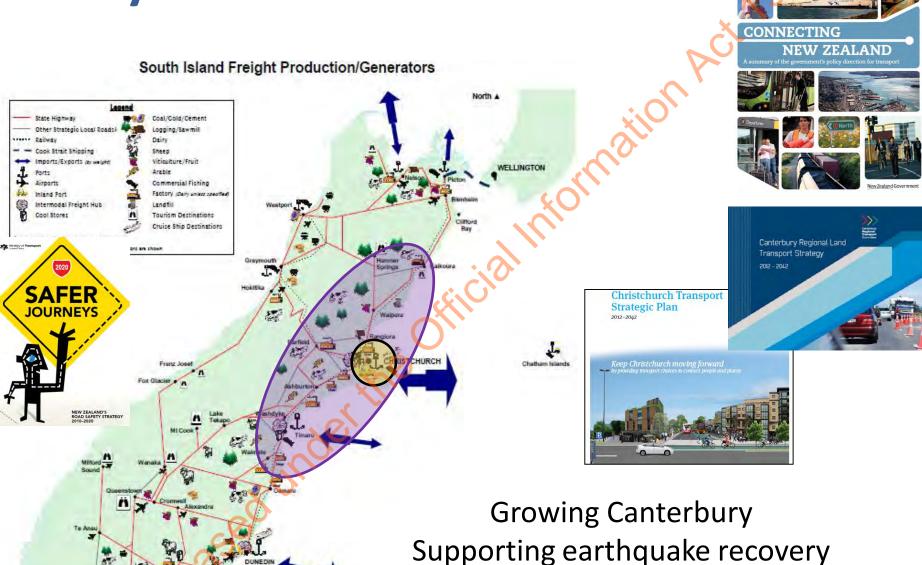


Greater Christchurch Transport Statement

Northern Access Update

Community Forum, May 2015

Why the GCTS?



Unifying transport partners

The key transport providers are working together to deliver a seamless transport system over the greater Christchurch area that:

- Supports earthquake recovery and the growth of Canterbury.
- Connects people and places with a range of affordable transport options.

This will be achieved through:

- Integrated transport and land use decision making.
- Aligning our transport investments to achieve better value for money.



New Zealand Transport Agency

Michael Blyleven, Transport Planning Manager
Colin Mackay, Roads of National Significance programme manager

Christchurch City Council

Richard Holland, Team Leader, Asset & Networks Michael Ferigo, Transport Planner, Sustainable Transport

Environment Canterbury

Shannon Boorer, Senior Strategy Adviser

Waimakariri District Council

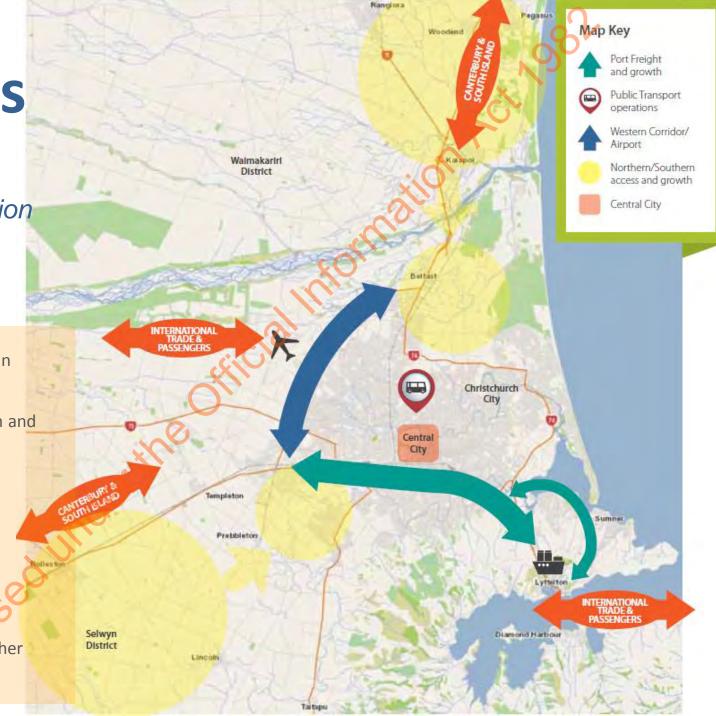
Ken Stevenson, Roading Manager



Top Priorities

The most pressing strategic transport issues needing action in the short term

- Efficient Access to Lyttelton Port
- Public transport operation and growth
- Western corridor, airport access and overall freight growth and opportunities
- Northern and south-west access, future growth and changing land use
- Central City linkages to other key places.

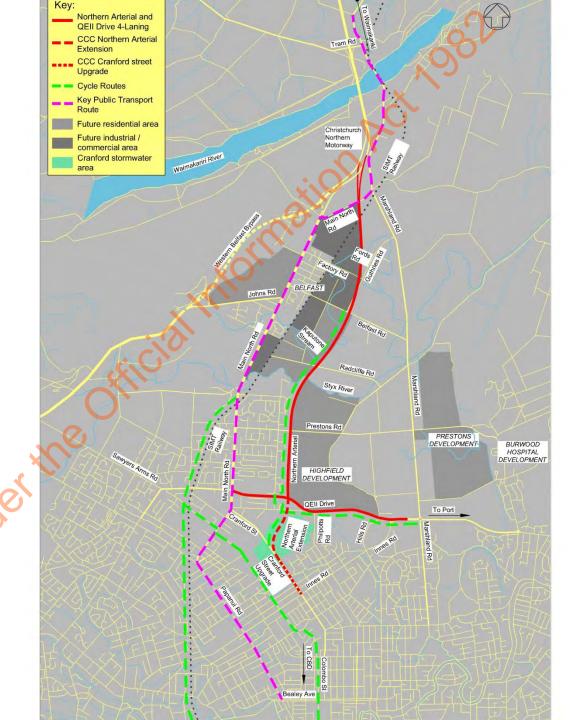


Northern Arterial development

Long planning history since the 1960's

- Urban designation uplifted in 1990's
- NROSS 2002
- UDS Enquiry by Design alignment review 2008
- Christchurch Northern Access Package 2008
- Christchurch Roads of National Significance 2009
- Post EQ CTM update and travel demand review 2011
- Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy 2012
- Christchurch Transport Strategic Plan 2012
- LURP land-use growth into RPS 2013
- Northern Arterial investigation 2014
- NAE/Cranford Street investigation 2014

Part of a wider package



Northern Access short term response

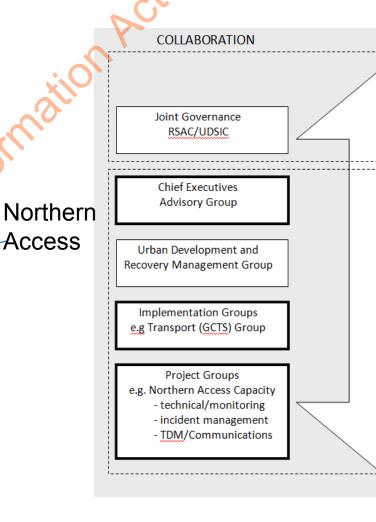
• Chief executive and staff working groups established.

Short term response package assessed

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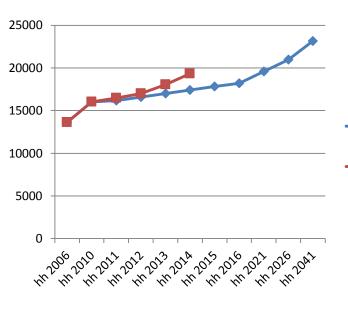
NORTHERN ARTERIAL

• Implementation 2015/16



The Problem –

Accelerated household growth results in increased traffic demand that exceeds supply



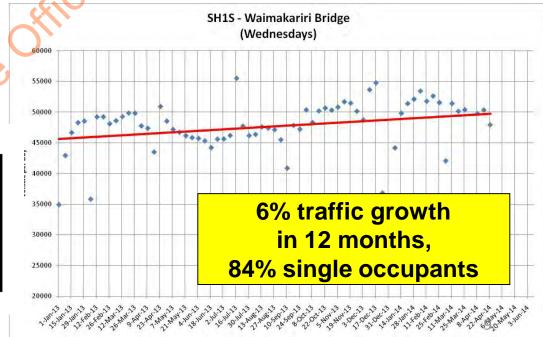
Waimak HH consent usually around 500 pa, Accelerated to over 1000 pa for 2012 and 2013

■ Waimakariri HH consents

Forecast HH

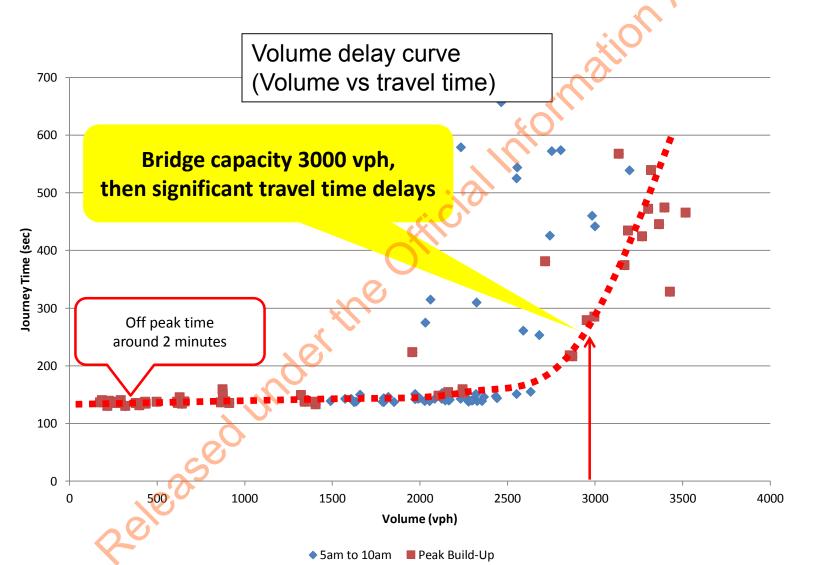
Vehicle Occupancy Survey Summary Statistics

	Total	% of Occupants			
	Veh	1	2	3	4+
Tram Road	887	86%	13%	0%	0%
Lineside Road	1049	85%	12%	2%	1%
Main North Road	1126	82%	15%	2%	2%
Weighted Average	1021	84%	14%	2%	1%



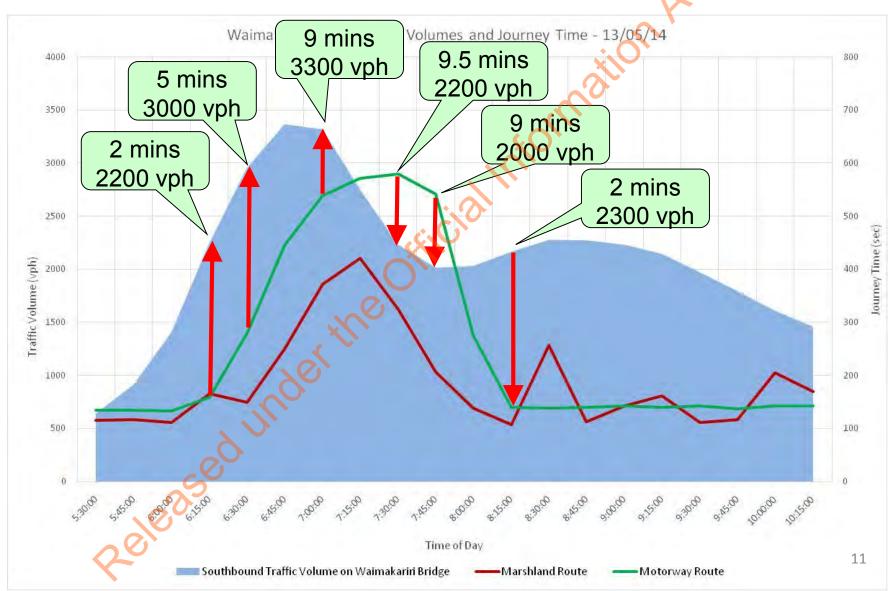
The Problem –

Travel demand exceeds network supply leading to delays and travel time unpredictability

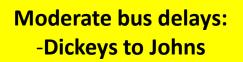


The Problem -

Variable travel times across Waimakariri River



The Problem – bus travel time delays



8:16:40 a.m.

Bus travel times and percentile change between Kaiapoi and Belfast

Departure Scheduled

67 km/h

7:12:39 a.m

7:23:22 a.m

7:27:57 a.m.

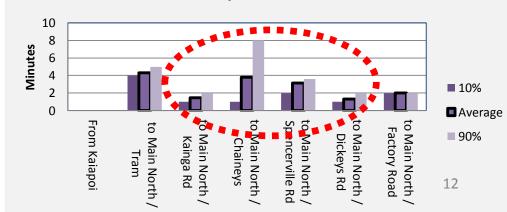
7 km/h (on route)

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Moderate bus delays:

- Johns to QEII Drive

Trips scheduled to be at Kaiapoi at 7:06am, Mon-Fri, 12th-30th May

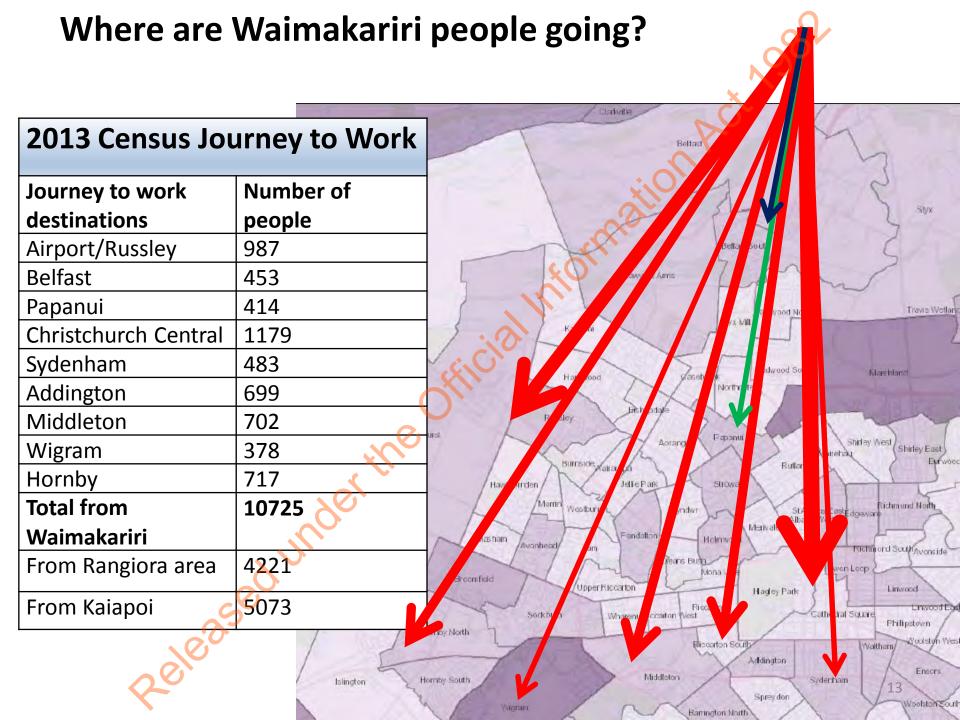


Highest bus delays,

Kaiapoi to Belfast –

base 7 minutes,

Up to 32 minutes



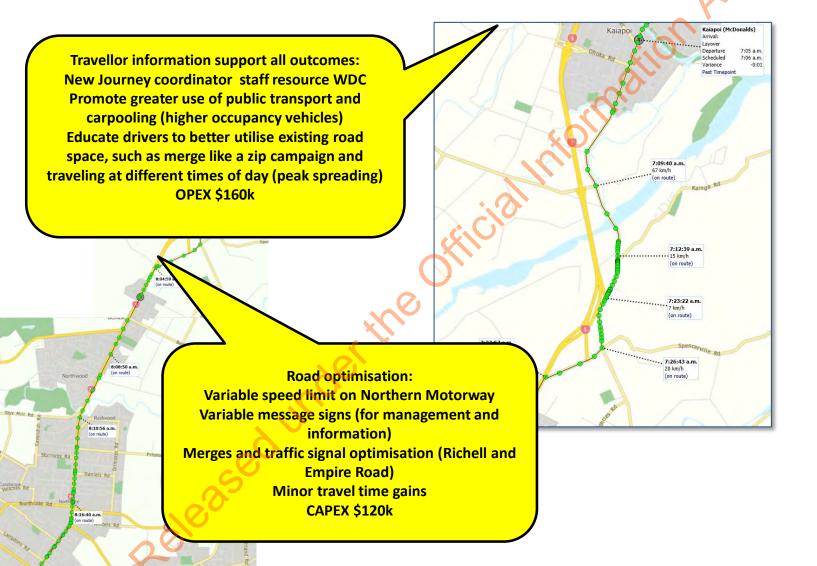
Bus Package (\$1.95m)

8:16:40 a.m.

Increase Blueline frequency
OPEX \$360k pa
Improved Pegasus shuttle services
OPEX \$210k pa
Minor improvements to parking in Rangiora
(White St and Mainpower site)

Kaiapoi (McDonalds) Scheduled Variance Addition commuter bus service - Rangiora, Silverstream, Kaiapoi, Belfatst, Airport/Russley, Hornby OPEX \$380k pa New park and ride - Silverstream (captures Ohoka and rural residents) Chaneys bus lanes, approach to Low cost, needs agreement from developer **Empire Road with bus jump at signals** CAPEX \$800k **Travel time saving: 2-4 minutes** 7:23:22 a.m. 7:27:57 a.m. 7:29:28 a.m. Extension of bus lanes - Richell to Donegal CAPEX \$180k **Business owner consultation required** Travel time saving: 1 -2 minutes

Road optimisation (\$120k)and traveller information (\$160k)

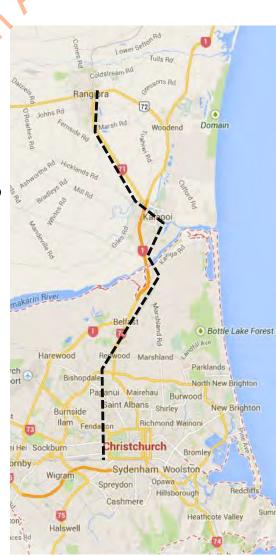




Public Transport - Short term rail options

Key findings:

- Single track restricts schedule
- Signals ok but level crossing issues
- Stations needed at Kaiapoi, Belfast, Riccarton
- No access to central city
- Auckland trains suitable
- High costs for short term



Short term rail options

Travel demand:

- Waimakariri residents commute to Airport (684 trips), South CBD (597), Belfast (311)
- Feeder buses = transfers and congestion
- Would need 20% mode share (currently 1%)

Outcome = rail not viable in short term



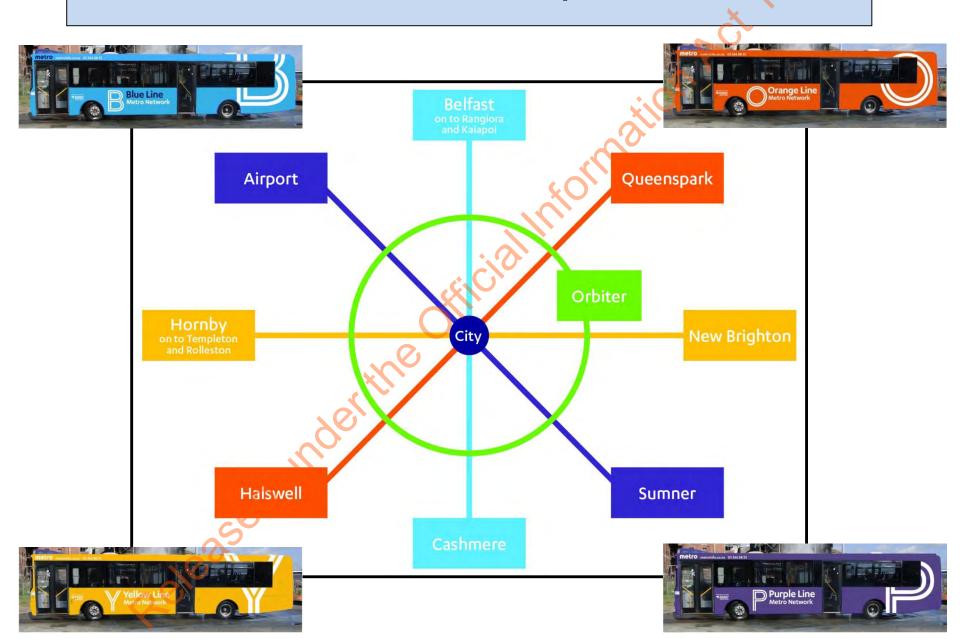
Agreed short term response

Bus based package:

- Aim = Reduce XX car trips (NZTA data?)
- Bus lane improvements
- Park and Ride Silverstream and Rangiora
- Bus service improvements
 - Increased frequency
 - Reviewing routes
 - Airport commuter service

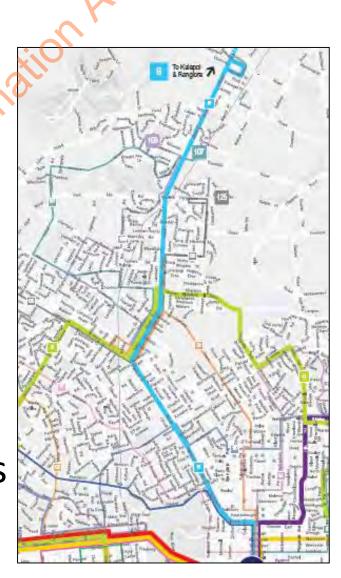


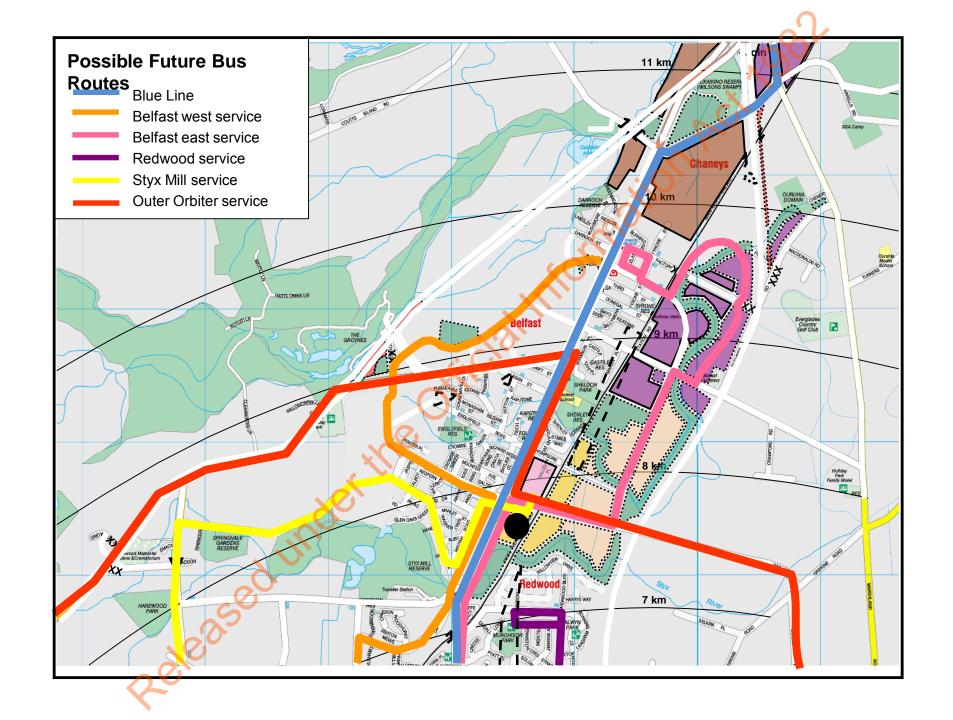
Public Transport



Public Transport

- Papanui/Main North Road = key corridor
- Blue Line 10% March 2015
- Over 500 passengers commute over Waimakariri bridge on buses each day
- Northlands hub important
- Northern Arterial express trips

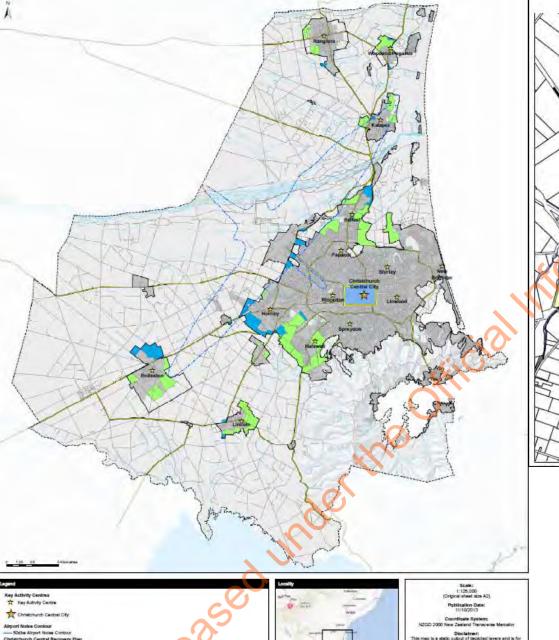


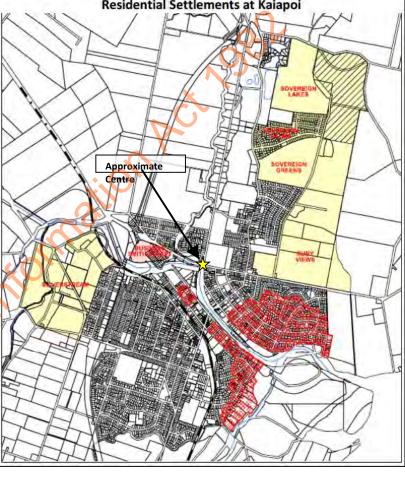


Park & Ride

- Aim = to encourage commuters to use public transport for part of their journey to reduce congestion and transfer parking demand from busy areas to fringe locations
- Locate in outer areas upstream of congestion e.g. Rolleston, Waimakariri, Lincoln
- Complement not compete with public transport
- Funding in WDC and SDC Long Term Plans

Northern Arterial Cycleway Priority Cyclewa Projects April 2013



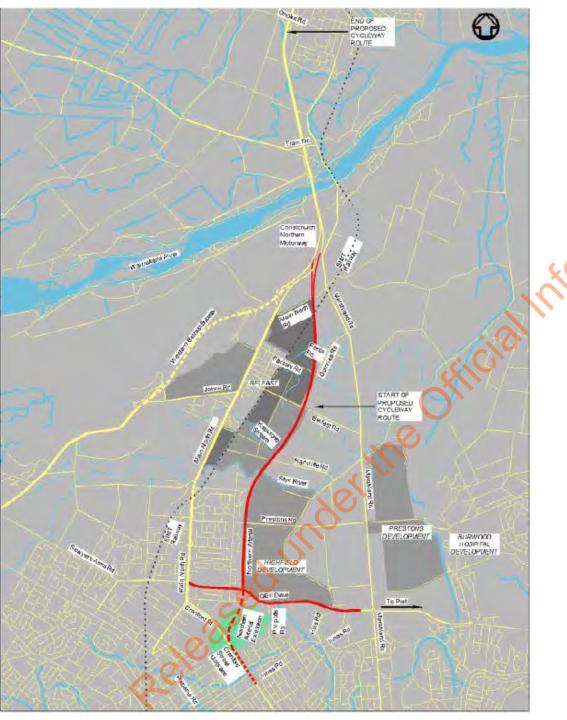




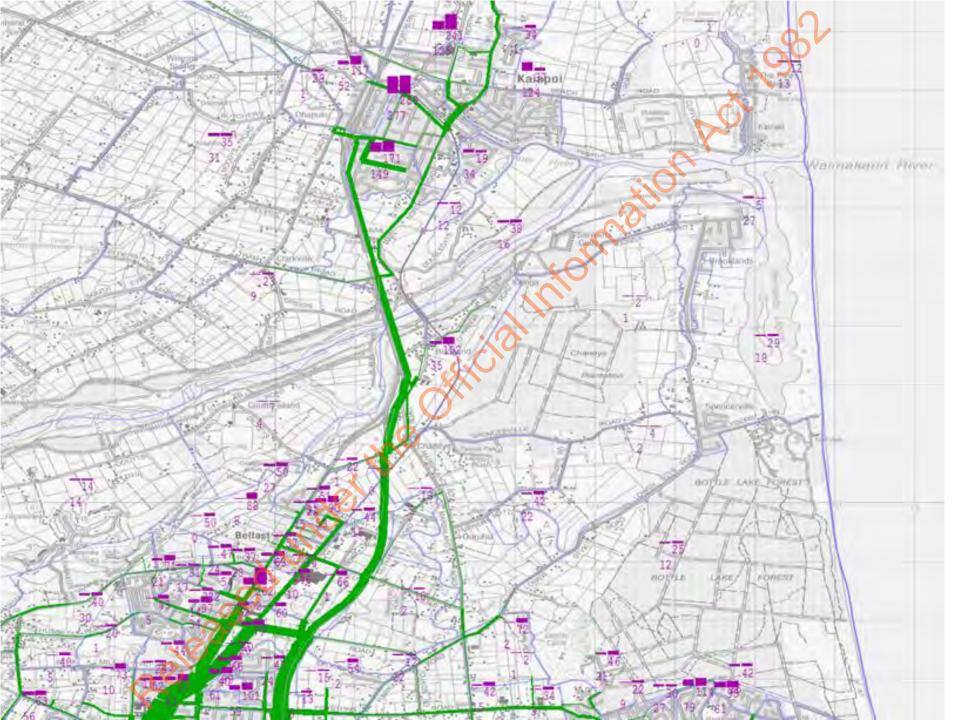


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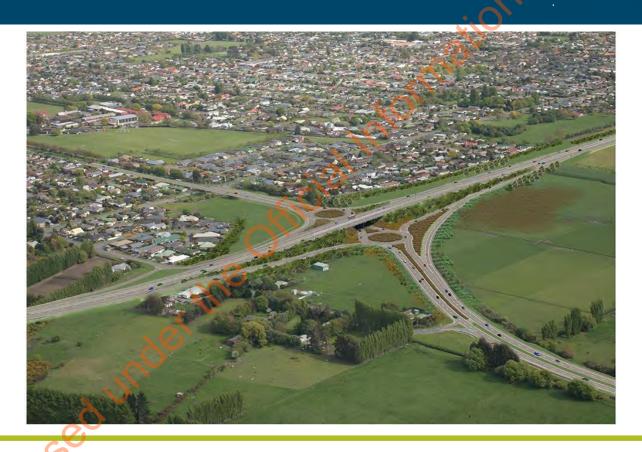




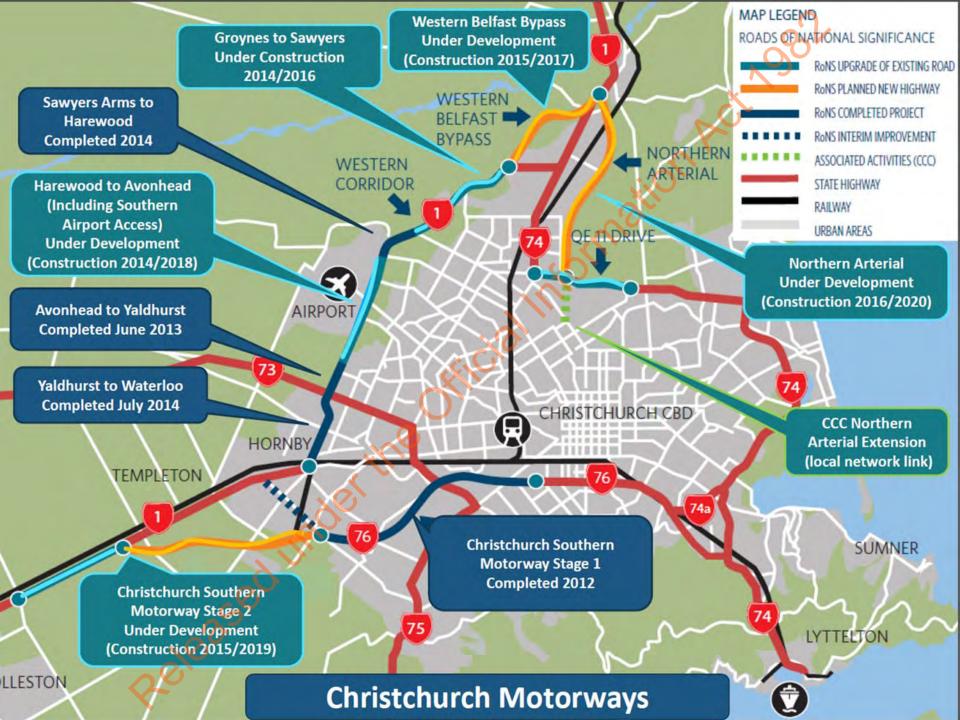
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 Christchurch Northern Arterial & QEII Four Laning







Outline of Project



- New 4 lane Greenfields motorway from the Northern Motorway to QEII Drive
- Includes 3rd Northbound lane over Waimakariri River and as far as Tram Rd
- Includes 4 laning of QEII Drive between Main North Road and Innes Road
- Full access interchanges at Northern and Southern ends
- Local Road crossing at Belfast Road is grade separated with south facing ramps only
- Local Road crossings at Radcliffe and Prestons Roads are grade separated with no access to the Arterial
- Expected construction phase cost = \$260M.



Current Status

- Specimen design is nearing completion
- Consent Hearing held at end of April
- Property purchase negotiations are on going with 38 out of 84 purchases still to be concluded.



Construction Procurement Model

- Enabling works Traditional M&V Construct Only
- Rest of Project Competitive Alliance.



Programme to Opening

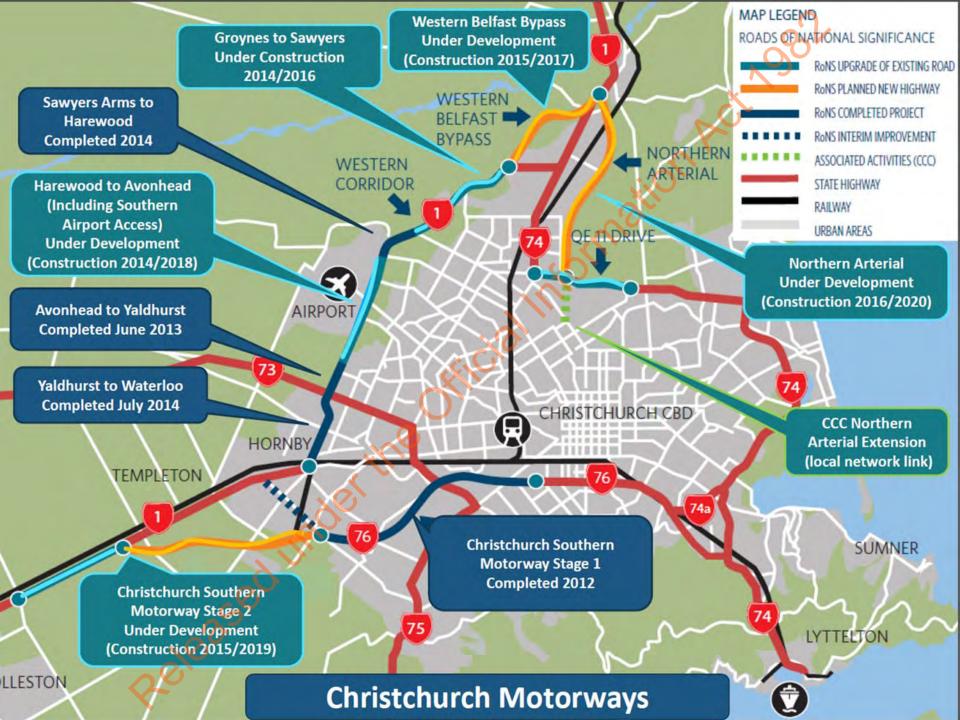
- Enabling works Tendering Aug 15 to Sep 15
- Enabling works Construction Oct 15 to May 16
- Main Contract Tendering Nov 15 to Mar 16.
- Main Contract Detailed Design Apr 16 to Aug 16
- Main Contract Construction Sep 16 to Dec 19.



Western Belfast Bypass







Outline of Project



- New 4 lane Greenfields Bypass from the Groynes entrance to the Northern Motorway
- Full access interchange at Northern and Southern ends
- Local Road crossing at Dickeys Road is grade separation with no access to the Bypass
- Expected Construction phase cost = \$120M.



Current Status

- Detailed Design Complete
- Consenting Complete
- Property purchase Complete
- Construction Contract Awarded 1 May 2015.



Construction Procurement Model

Traditional Construct Only M&V Contract.



Programme to Opening



- Complete Stoneyhurst Sawmill Reconfiguration on going to Feb 16
- Construction of Bypass May 15 to Dec 17.



Northern Arterial Extension, Cranford Street Upgrade and Cranford Basin Stormwater projects



Proposal

- Link to NZTAs Nart over Qe2 Drive
- Roundabout on Cranford
- 4 lane Cranford
- Wider intersection at Innes

NAE/CSU Options Considered

- ✓ Six reasonable practical options were considered as alternative options for connecting the Northern Arterial to the Christchurch City Council owned road network.
 - ✓ Do Minimum
 - ✓ Northern Arterial Extension and Cranford Street Upgrade
 - ✓ Philpotts Road Upgrade
 - ✓ Hills Road Connection
 - ✓ Innes Road Connection
 - ✓ Marshland Road Option
- ✓ Analysis Criteria
 - ✓ Optimal Network (i.e. total travel time, travel distance, queues and average speed)
 - ✓ High quality route into CBD
 - ✓ Potential for Public Transport/High Occupancy Vehicle lanes
 - ✓ Safety Improvements
 - ✓ Objective of Christchurch Transport Plan

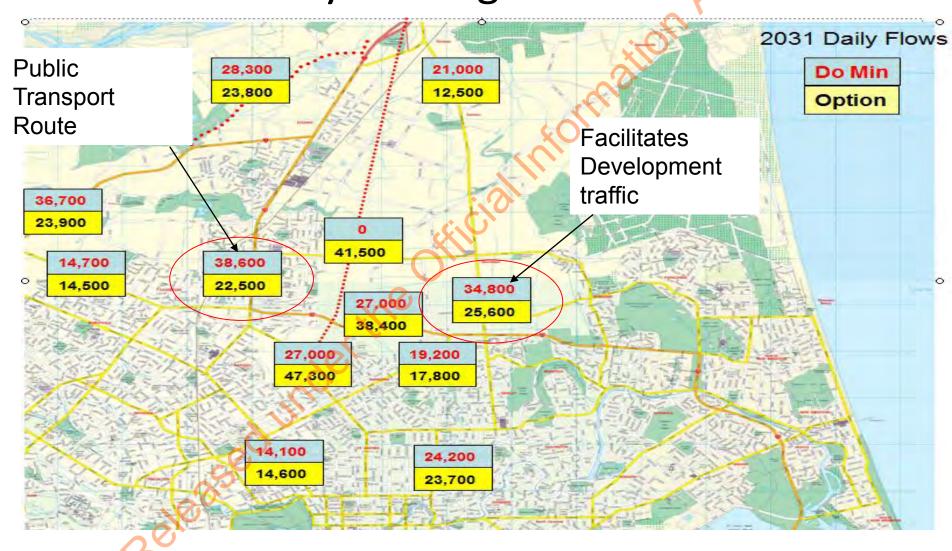
Option Conclusions

- Philpotts Road Upgrade Option: Failed an initial "fatal flaw" exercise due to its proximity to the Northern Arterial southern interchange and its potential for high accident risk, caused by vehicles need to weave sharply between left turn off Northern Arterial and the right turn from QE2 Drive to Philpotts Road.
- Marshland Road Option: This option has not been further investigated due to its very minor benefits when compared to "Do Minimum" (i.e very few benefits in terms of travel time and distance benefits).
- > Innes Road Connection Option: This option will have negligible travel time savings and distance benefits compared with the Do Minimum option.
- ➤ Hills Road Connection option: Shows positive benefits, although has roughly half of the total travel time savings and total travel distance benefits compared to the NAE&CSU option. Taken forward to multicriteria analysis
- NAE & CSU Option: Provide the maximum benefits under all project objectives and was taken forward to multi-criteria analysis.

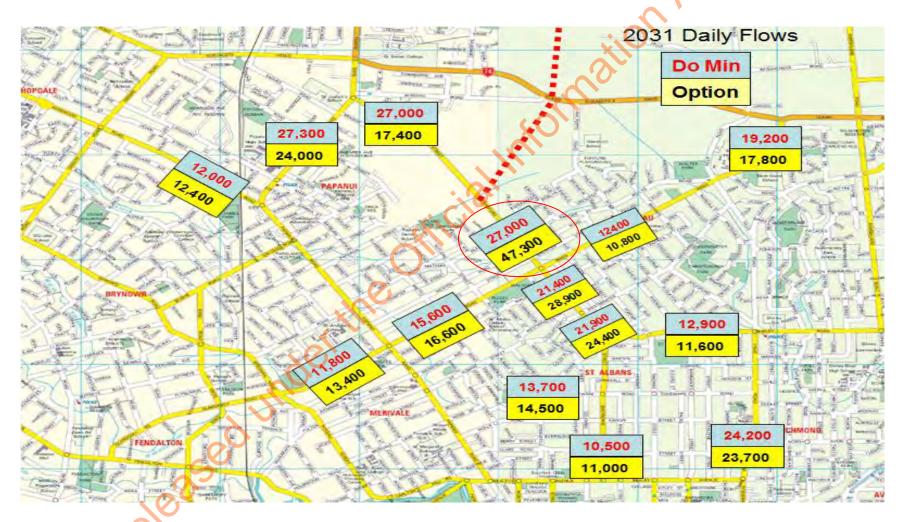
Multi-criteria analysis

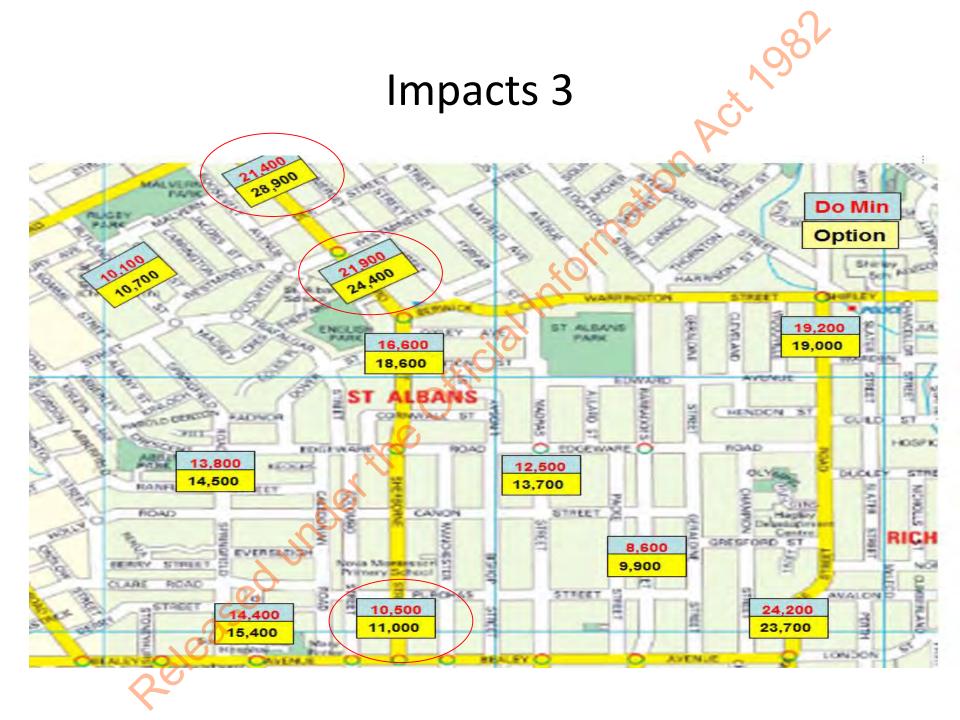
- Do Min, NAE/CSU and East Ellington/Hills Road connection considered
- Critical issue Cranford an Arterial Road, East Ellington/Hills a Local/Collector Road
- Environmental implications of Cranford preferable to East Ellington/Hills

Impacts 1 - Moves traffic off key strategic routes

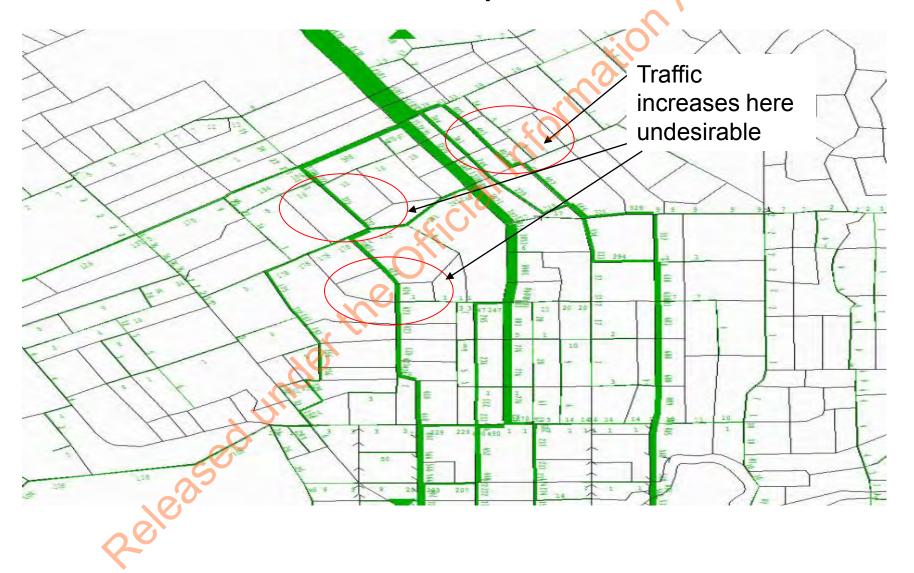


Impacts 2- increases on Cranford, North of Innes





Why do flows decrease further south? – Traffic disperses



Downstream effects

- Need to ensure traffic stays on Arterial Routes and doesn't "rat run"
- Some uncertainty re traffic flows south of Cranford/Innes
- Flow increases on Cranford significantly less than further north
- 4 laning probably not necessary
- Key issue ensure Cranford Street and other arterials remain attractive routes, so people don't "rat run"
- Pattern of Arterial roads to the north of Bealey does help to "spread the load"

Downstream effects - cont'd

- Likely requirements peak hour clearways, intersection upgrades at Westminster, Berwick and Forfar
- Possibly allied to traffic calming regime in residential areas if required
- Uncertainty means cant be included in NOR, but will be delivered through Capital Programme – consultation stage to be included
- A "Management Plan" likely to be included as part of any consent process

NAE Conclusions

- Proposals as part of UDS, CTSP and LURP critical to network in north of city
- Increasingly necessary as a result of huge resi and industrial growth
- Positive impacts on wider area in north of city
- Offers opportunities to encourage PT and cycle use on other routes
- NAE/CSU still best option
- Localised significant impacts to north of Innes
- Less significant impacts to south of Innes less intervention required
- "Downstream effects" projects manage issues

Future

- Once roading infrastructure in place we can start/continue investing in other modes
- Cycling –Papanui Parallel + Northern Arterial route – (in place at time of NArt)
- Public Transport Enhanced Bus Priority along Main North & Rail investigations, potential P+R
- TDM
- Intention to "Promote Modal Choice"