

IMPROVING CONNECTIONS TO RIVERHEAD

Riverhead will see further urban growth over the next 30 years. To support this growth, existing connections from Riverhead to surrounding areas will need to be improved, with a particular focus on safety, strengthening the connection with Kumeū and providing access to the future rapid transit network.

1 Strengthening the Kumeū-Riverhead Connection

An improved connection between Kumeū and Riverhead is likely to remain 'rural' in form but could include new walking and cycling facilities and alignment upgrades to provide a more direct connection. Two options are being considered:

1a Upgrade Oraha Road, Deacon Road, and Riverhead Road:

- Provides a direct connection between centres
- May require intersection upgrades at Old North Road and Deacon Road
- May include realignment to straighten corridor.

or

1b Upgrade Riverhead Road and Lathrope Road:

- Less direct connection between centres
- Includes an extension of Lathrope Road to Coatesville-Riverhead Highway
- Could connect with new Riverhead-Whenuapai Connection (see option 4).

Coatesville-Riverhead Highway Upgrade

Coatesville-Riverhead Highway provides a regionally significant north-south connection to Dairy Flat Highway. It also connects Riverhead to SH16 and will provide a connection to the future rapid transit network. As such, upgrades to the alignment are being considered in two sections to reflect the different strategic functions:

2 SH16 to Riverhead:

This could include:

- Improvements for better public transport services to the future rapid transit network
- Upgrades to walking and cycling facilities
- Upgrades to traffic capacity.

3 Riverhead to Dairy Flat Highway:

- Likely to focus on safety improvements
- Widening and capacity upgrades are not considered appropriate due to environmental constraints
- May include walking and cycling facilities.

4 New Riverhead - Whenuapai Connection

A new connection between Coatesville-Riverhead Highway and Whenuapai is being considered to provide a more direct link between Riverhead and Whenuapai. This would be a new transport corridor through mostly rural land and would require a new bridge crossing the Brigham Creek Inlet, as this is an ecologically sensitive area. This option:

- Would provide a more direct connection between Riverhead and Whenuapai
- Could be a walking and cycling only connection, or could be a combination of traffic, public transport facilities, and walking and cycling.

What issues and opportunities do you see with these connections?



Refer to the 'What Could The Connections Look Like in the North West?' poster for information about the potential form of these corridors.

Projects within the programme will be prioritised for delivery over the next 30 years, subject to funding approvals. Projects will require statutory approvals and will be subject to the Resource Management Act, and Land Transport Management Act. All projects will be subject to further investigation to confirm land requirements, this will include further consultation on these options.