

State Highway 22 Connection

Fact sheet
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This is a road between the new Drury-Paerata Link and SH22.

This two-lane connection with walking and cycling includes the addition of a new section of road and an upgrade of Sim Road.

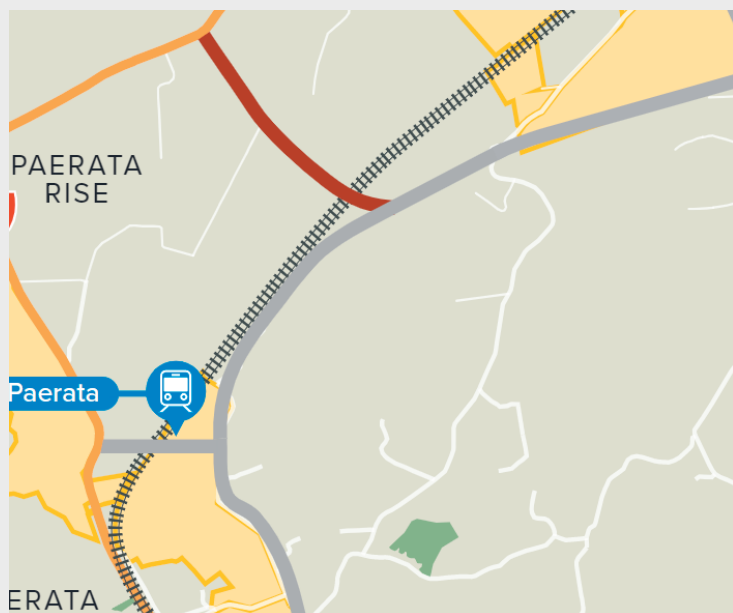
The new SH22 Connection will provide greater access, particularly for freight, to and from the rural areas of Paerata and Pukekohe onto SH1. It will also improve access for trips north and south of SH22.

Reasons the preferred option is favoured include:

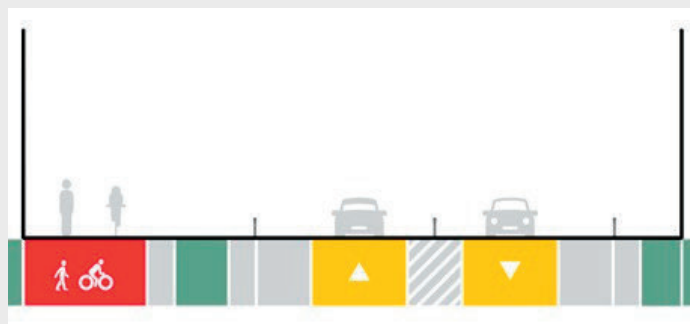
- It provides a significant improvement to the resilience of the transport network.
- The connection to the Drury-Paerata Link and South Drury Connection provides an alternative to SH22 for motorists moving to and from the west. This will reduce congestion in the future town centre and residential development in Drury West.
- It provides improved access between Paerata and Drury West future urban areas.
- It provides access benefits for the existing Paerata Rise connection at Sim Road.
- It uses an existing road (with the upgrade of Sim Road) to reduce impacts to property.

What might the SH22 Connection look like?

Project map:



Cross section:



The proposed speed limit for the new SH22 Connection is 80 km/h as it is located within the rural zone.

Alternative options

Some of the reasons three alternative options were discounted include:

- The options located more to the north-east do not divert enough traffic away from the proposed Drury West centre which would lead to congestion and delays.
- Increased loss of vegetation.
- Potential impact on heritage – Karaka Railway Station (one option).
- Having increased impacts on ecological features including streams and wetlands.

What did the alternatives look like?

