

Massey Link – Connecting the Community

Feedback on Outcomes from Consultation Process

Thank you for taking the time to give us your ideas and feedback on ways to improve connectivity between Massey East and West.

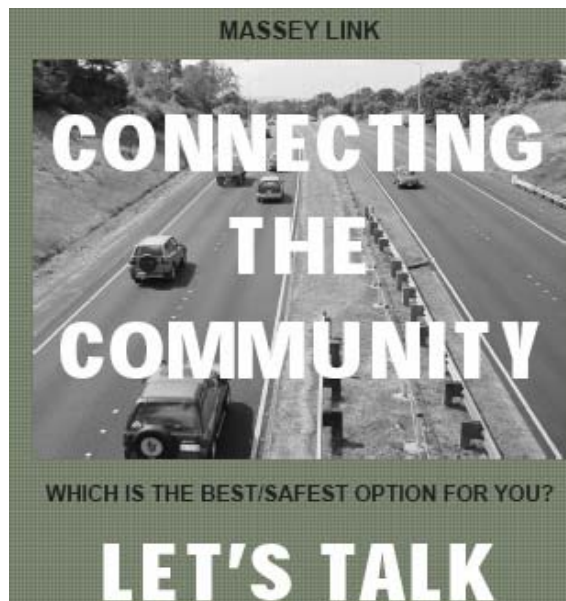
We received 353 responses to our questionnaire with most respondents indicating preferences for a combination of options. For example, many respondents supported a combination of fencing the motorway, as well as a pedestrian bridge.

In summary:

- 53% supported a pedestrian bridge;
- 35% of respondents supported fencing State Highway 16;
- 27% supported a road bridge from Oriel Ave to Westgate Drive
- 27% supported a cycleway from Hobsonville Road to St Catherine Crescent;
- 7% of respondents thought that nothing should be done.

A report on the results of the public consultation process was made to the Council's City Development Committee in September, with the Committee passing the following recommendations:

1. *That Transit New Zealand is requested to ensure that the culvert is effectively blocked off and that a high security palisade fence be erected on both sides of the motorway at the crossing point.*
2. *Approval is given to implement the following short term measures:*
 - *Education to provide information on safe routes following the installation of fencing;*
 - *Minor works to provide a safer route from Oriel Avenue to Westgate;*
 - *Preparation of a neighbourhood accessibility plan.*
3. *That the following options be approved in principle, subject to further analysis as follows:*
 - *Option 4 - Pedestrian Bridge, which cyclists could also use;*
 - *Option 6 - Road Bridge linking Oriel Avenue to Westgate Drive.*
4. *That it be recommended to the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Special Committee that consideration be given to providing funding in the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan for concept design of the preferred options and the Quadruple Bottom Line analysis, by bringing forward funding in the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016.*



5. *That Council officers approach IMF New Zealand to provide a shorter footpath route from Westgate to Hobsonville Road and investigate a walking track near Oriel Avenue.*
6. *That if any bridge is to be built, there needs to be support for a Road Bridge and Pedestrian Bridge dependent on the timing of development.*
7. *That Transit New Zealand be approached to establish how pedestrian safety will be managed during construction of the State Highway 16, Hobsonville interchange and to fund the Pedestrian Bridge to mitigate the increased danger to pedestrian/cyclist safety during the anticipated long period of construction.*

What's happened since

As you may be aware, Transit NZ is planning a major new interchange at the intersection of Hobsonville Road and State Highway 16. Transit is currently at the stage of finalising designs and tenders for this major new project. The Council understands that their process is now likely to impact on the potential location of any new pedestrian over bridge. We will find out more about this in March 2008 and update you at this time.

The Council supports a new pedestrian over bridge and new connecting road bridge in principle, but a final decision is dependent upon further analysis and support and funding within Council's Annual Plan budgeting process. This will begin early in 2008 and conclude mid-year.

Transit has erected high security fencing on both sides of the motorway and fully sealed off the culvert. However - the fence has been cut/broken a number of times – raising major safety concerns.

Transit and the Council are now working together to address this issue. New signage will be installed and a security guard is being employed over the holiday season to stop people running across the motorway. Further work will continue in the New Year to address longer term solutions.

Once again, thank you for participating in the 'Connecting our Community' consultation process. We will continue to update the community on this issue in 2008.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

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Survey Title	Massey Link – ‘Connecting our Community’ Consultation
Sponsor(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey commissioned by the City Development Committee, Waitakere City Council (in agreement with Land Transport NZ)
Main objective(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help the Council decide which alternative (of six options) best suits the community’s aspirations in terms of finding safer link routes between Massey East and Massey West • To find a solution(s) that relates to safety, convenience and cost considerations
Key finding/ result / outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 53% of respondents supported a pedestrian bridge • 35% supported fencing State Highway 16 • 27% supported a road bridge from Oriel Ave to Westgate Drive • 27% supported a cycleway from Hobsonville Road to St Catherine Cres • 7% of respondents thought that nothing should be done