

Palmerston North/Manawatu Strategic Transport Study

Our community is faced with making some important decisions about its future. It is important to us that the people whose lives are affected by these decisions are involved in the decision-making. There is still much to consider and we want to share with you what we know so far.

Background

- Manawatu District Council has been working with Palmerston North City Council, Horizons Regional Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency to develop a strategic Roding network within the Manawatu Region
- There are a number of deficiencies with the current roading network such as:
 - SH 3 from Sanson through Palmerston North to the Manawatu Gorge is inefficient as an inter-regional route
 - Commuter traffic between Palmerston North and Feilding via Bunnythorpe must use two level crossings
 - Need for an additional bridge across the Manawatu River
 - Lack of a clearly defined road hierarchy within the region
- Together we commissioned a report to investigate an integrated roading network
- The report addressed the above issues and makes a number of recommendations. Some of them are:
 - A state highway route between Mt Stewart and the Manawatu Gorge, via Bunnythorpe
 - Improving commuter links between Feilding and Palmerston North
 - A second bridge over the Manawatu River
 - A rural ring road around Palmerston North
 - Proposal for a rural road hierarchy – see map over page

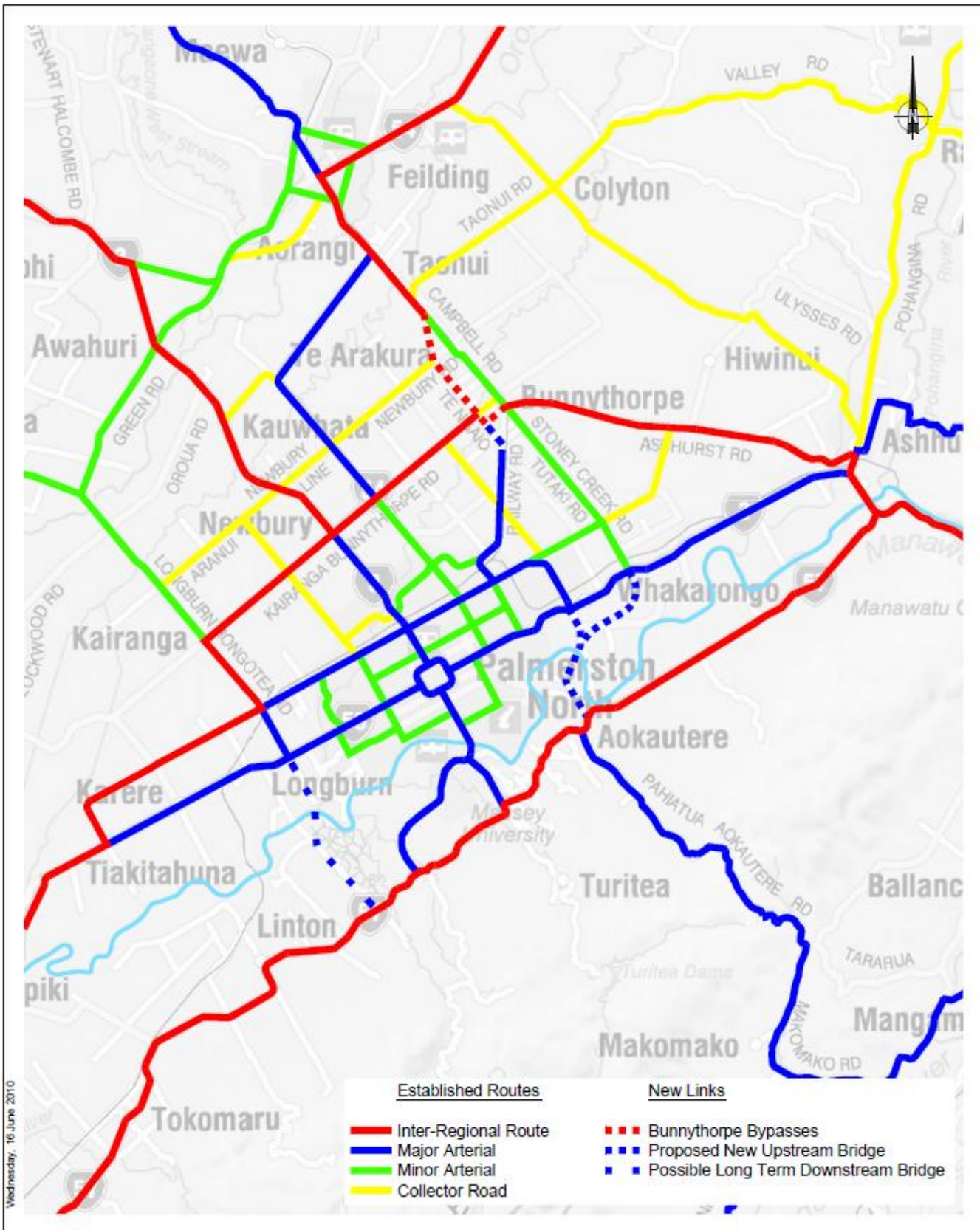


Where to From Here?

The Councils will implement these recommendations over the next 30 years. Some plans include:

- Widening of Kairanga/Bunnythorpe (KB) Road plus intersection upgrades – within the next 10 years
- Bunnythorpe southern bypass – within the next 5-15 years
- Bunnythorpe western bypass on Te Ngaio Road (including Waugh's Road Link) – within the next 10-20 years
- Ashhurst Road upgrade – within the next 20 to 30 years
- Stoney Creek Road upgrade – within the next 20 to 30 years

Proposed Road Hierarchy



Please visit www.mdc.govt.nz (under the 'online documents' tab) for a copy of the Phase 1 and 2 Reports. For information on the Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy, including making a submission, please visit www.horizons.govt.nz