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## NZ Transport Agency - SH1 Elles Road Intersection Improvements

Dear Sir or Madam

Opus International Consultants Ltd (Opus) has been engaged by the NZ Transport Agency to progress the redesign of part of the State Highway 1 (SH1) intersection with Elles Road in South Invercargill.

This letter has been sent to you to provide initial information on the project. The NZ Transport Agency is moving forward with the project and seeks to engage with the local community and stakeholders.

There are several issues with the existing intersection of SH1 and Elles Road, which connects to residential and industrial areas. The intersection classifies as a high-risk intersection due to the five-year crash history at the Elles Road/SH1 intersection.

Additionally, 200m south of the Elles Road site, Lake Street provides access to and from SH1 for industrial activities. Due to the traffic growth utilising Lake St intersection, upgrading of that intersection is also proposed as part of the wider SH1 improvements.

The design options being considered by the NZ Transport Agency are a roundabout at the intersection of SH1 and Elles Road (where there is currently a T-intersection, right turn bay and left turn slip lanes in SH1) and turning bays from SH1 into Lake St.

A roundabout option at the SH1 and Elles Road intersection can be contained entirely within the existing SH1 and Elles Road boundaries. An indicative fourth-leg, for potential future connection to SH1, is shown for reference.

A copy of the roundabout concept design is enclosed for your information.

The project presents a range of benefits including:

- Improved efficiency of the state highway network in this area;
- A safer road for all road users in the vicinity of the intersection; and,
- Improved amenity at the intersection and for the Southern Scenic Route connection through Invercargill to Bluff.

**A public open day will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, at the South Alive Community Hub in South City Mall on the corner of Elles Road and Grace Street – between 3pm and 7pm.**

Parking and access is available from the west carpark of the Mall.

This open day will be an opportunity for the community to come and ask more about the proposed improvements, to understand the benefits of the project. Staff from both the NZ Transport Agency and Opus will be present to answer questions and talk through the project.

If you would like to find out more information about the SH1 Elles Road intersection improvements, there is a project overview on the NZ Transport Agency's website, which can be found at the following address: [www.nzta.govt.nz/elles](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/elles)


Any feedback would be appreciated being received by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at the following address:

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If you have any questions, or you wish to comment on the proposed improvements, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Regards



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