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Dear Mr Dalzell

SUBMISSION ON THE Ō2NL PREFERRED ROUTE SHORTLIST

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the shortlist of corridor options for the Ōtaki to north of Levin (Ō2NL) Expressway project.

Kāpiti Coast District Council wants to take this opportunity to reiterate its support for the Ō2NL Expressway. The predicted future increases in traffic volumes, coupled with the upcoming completion and subsequent run-on effects of Transmission Gully and the PP2Ō Expressway, support the need for the Ō2NL Expressway.

The Ō2NL Expressway is important for the region, not only because it will improve the accessibility and connectivity of Levin to Kāpiti, Porirua, and Wellington, but also because it will address safety issues and congestion problems, improve resilience, and create more efficient journeys for local and State Highway traffic. Collectively, these factors will increase the attractiveness of the entire region for residential and business purposes, while also contributing to regional and national economic growth and productivity.

For the section of the Ō2NL Expressway from Ōtaki to the Kāpiti-Horowhenua border, Kāpiti Coast District Council is pleased to note that the Expressway would address ongoing safety issues, particularly in relation to Forest Lakes Road. During pre and post construction of the Expressway, Council requests that NZTA work closely with Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki as iwi partners, to ensure iwi concerns are addressed appropriately. Council also requests the continuation of the Cycleway, Walkway and Bridleway (CWB) from PP2Ō through to the northern end of the Ō2NL.

As for the proposed shortlist of corridor options within the boundaries of the Horowhenua District, Council does not maintain a preference. Council stresses the need for a comprehensive process of engagement and consultation with

Horowhenua District Council, its iwi partners, and the Horowhenua community to determine a preferred route for the Ō2NL Expressway that delivers the best overall outcomes for the Horowhenua District and the Wellington Region.

Yours sincerely



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