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Firstly, thank you for your patience and understanding as we have continued to develop our design for the State Highway 58 interchange as part of the Transmission Gully motorway project.

Because we appreciate you may have seen earlier concepts for the interchange over the years we have been particularly conscious of ensuring that the information we provide you is as complete as possible.

Because our detailed design is nearing the final stages (we are currently at 90%), we are now able to share with you the plans for the interchange, what it will look like and how traffic will navigate.

As the attached drawing shows, the SH58 interchange will be comprised of two roundabouts connected by an underpass.

The western roundabout will allow motorists to enter and exit the northbound corridor of the Transmission Gully Motorway heading towards the Kāpiti Coast and the eastern roundabout will provide access to the southbound corridor heading towards Wellington.

Because the existing Paremata Haywards Road between the Pauatahanui roundabout and the beginning of Bradey Road will be realigned to the south-west, a new entry will be established to provide continued residential access to properties there. A new road will also be built so residents and visitors can continue to visit St Josephs Church and neighbouring properties.

It should be noted that you will no longer be able to turn right out of Bradey Road onto Paremata Haywards Road. You will, instead, need to turn left and use the roundabout, approximately 60 metres away, to turn onto SH 58 and continue travelling over Haywards Hill. While we appreciate this is not what you are used to, the manoeuvre will literally add only seconds to your journey but more importantly will keep you safe.

This change is a direct consequence of concerns raised during the Road Safety Audit (which is an integral element of roading design work) around encouraging vehicles to turn in front of oncoming traffic when a safer alternative is available.

The interchange also incorporates a three metre wide shared path for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. The path runs alongside the Pauatahanui stream from the beginning of the village to the east side of the interchange, opposite St Joseph's Church. Two wetland areas are proposed on either side of the interchange.

The path design provides for safe crossing points to allow residents to walk or cycle to and from the village, which was a key priority identified by the community during consultation.

In addition to the new interchange, the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and its council partners are also currently investigating ways to make the highway - from Haywards Hill towards Pauatahanui - safer for everyone who uses it. This is proposed through a number of ways, including widening the shoulders, installing a wire rope safety barrier between the two lanes of traffic, adding a roundabout at Moonshine Road and straightening two other curves between Mt Cecil Road and SH2. NZTA will be engaging with the community around this in due course.

If you have any questions, please call the Project freephone on 0800 84 4636 (0800 TG INFO) or email us at [info@tg.co.nz](mailto:info@tg.co.nz)

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