Auckland Transport and the NZ Transport Agency have released plans setting out a shared vision for long-term investment in new public transport, walking and cycling links, upgraded roading and state highway improvements in Takanini, Opāheke, Drury, Paerata and Pukekohe.

The indicative strategic transport network plan (see overleaf) seeks to provide a range of transport choices that are intended to be developed and delivered over the next 10-30 years. Development will occur as Auckland Council rezones rural areas into urban areas to allow new neighbourhoods, centres and employment areas to grow. Future growth in the area means that by 2046, the population is anticipated to increase from 86,000 to approximately 213,000.

The transport network is the result of over a year of joint planning by Auckland Transport and the NZ Transport Agency, under the Supporting Growth Programme. It follows technical investigations and stakeholder and community engagement undertaken in 2018. Thank you to those members of the community who provided feedback on transport issues and options. We learned that you would like to see an increase in transport choice, the separation of shorter distance trips from longer distance trips, better north-south movements, improved network resilience, and good access to education and employment.

The indicative strategic transport network for South Auckland

The transport network is a 30-year plan for a well-connected system that will deliver great safety, accessibility and liveability outcomes in South Auckland. It includes:

• Ongoing investment in the rail network and frequent bus services
• A walking and cycling network
• Safety upgrades and improvements to the roading network, including on key rural routes
• New strategic routes including the Mill Road corridor and an alternative route to Pukekohe, alongside other state highway upgrades.

A number of other early priority projects are already underway to support growth in the short-term.

NEXT STEPS

Over the next few years our programme will be progressing more detailed investigations and begin staged route protection processes across all future urban zoned areas and transport projects.

We are committed to working with our partners, property owners, stakeholders and the community to progress these projects. This includes continuing to support Auckland Council’s structure planning processes for Drury-Opāheke and Pukekohe-Paerata. There will be ongoing opportunities for community consultation as each project goes through further investigations, corridor refinement, route protection and future stages.

Visit our website for more information including:

• A map showing the indicative strategic transport network for South Auckland
• Descriptions of the projects included in the plan
• Community feedback summaries
• Fact sheets about route protection and designations.

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INDICATIVE STRATEGIC TRANSPORT NETWORK

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Projects described in these maps have been identified by indicative business cases and will require further technical investigation, engagement with communities and landowners and statutory approvals before their final detail, location or land requirement is confirmed. They are also yet to be prioritised for funding for delivery over the next 10-30 years.

RAIL CORRIDOR UPGRADE

1. Rail upgrade from Papakura to Pukekohe
2. Closure of Manuroa Road and Spartan Road rail crossings to vehicles
3. New grade separated rail crossings at Taka Street and Walters Road
4. New train station – Drury Central
5. New train station – Drury West
6. New train station – Paerata

NEW OR IMPROVED PUBLIC TRANSPORT CORRIDOR

7. Frequent Transit Networks (FTNs) routes using SH1 and arterial roads to connect to town centres, and the major centres of Papakura, Drury and Manukau

NEW WALKING AND CYCLING CORRIDOR

8. Strategic walking and cycling corridor to connect to SH1 Strategic Cycleway

NEW OR IMPROVED TRANSPORT CORRIDOR

9. Mill Road Corridor including northern connections
10. Additional long term upgrades to SH1 between Manukau and Takanini
11. Upgrade Mahia Road and Popes Road (including a new grade separated rail and SH1 crossing)
12. Upgrade Opāheke Road and Ponga Road
13. New arterial between Papakura industrial area, to Waihoehoe Road
14. Upgrade Jesmond Road, Bremner Road and Waihoehoe Road
15. Upgrade Drury West section of SH22
16. Connections from SH22 to the Pukekohe Expressway
17. New Pukekohe Expressway connecting Pukekohe to SH1
18. Pukekohe Ring Road
19. Upgrade Mill Road between Harrisville Road intersection and the Bombay interchange

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

20. Safety improvements to Alfriston Road, Brookby Road, Papakura-Clevedon Road, Hingaia Road, Hunua Road, Linwood Road, Walters Road, Blackbridge Road, Glenbrook Road, Kingsseat Road, McKenzie Road, Ostrich/Woodhouse Road, Pukekohe East Road, Logan Road, Waiuku Road and Buckland Road.

OTHER PRIORITY PROJECTS

21. Rail electrification from Papakura to Pukekohe
22. SH1 Papakura to Bombay Project
23. Safe Networks Programme: SH22 Safety Improvements

LEGEND

New growth area
(Future Urban Zone)
Drury – Opāheke structure plan area
Pukekohe – Paerata structure plan area
Existing urban area
State Highway (SH)
Auckland – Waikato Boundary
New or upgraded interchange
Existing rail corridor
Existing train station
Improved rail corridor
Closure of rail level crossing
Grade separation of rail level crossing

New train station
New public transport corridor
Improved public transport corridor
New walking and cycling corridor
New transport corridor
Improved transport corridor
Safety improvements
Other priority projects

New Zealand Government