

Improving transport connections to Riverhead

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Riverhead is expected to grow further over the next 30 years. Existing connections from Riverhead to State Highway 16 and to Kumeū-Huapai will need to be upgraded to support this growth. There will be a focus on improving safety, providing a direct connection to the town centre at Kumeū-Huapai and access to the potential future rapid transit network.

We are planning now so that we have enough land set aside to upgrade the primary routes of Coatesville-Riverhead Highway and Riverhead Road, providing for walking and cycling close to where future growth is expected. This will allow communities to be connected and give people a choice in how they travel.

We're deciding on preferred routes for these transport connections. Your local knowledge will help us decide - we want you to have your say.

Coatesville-Riverhead Highway

What we're proposing

We're proposing to upgrade the Coatesville-Riverhead Highway will be upgraded between the intersection with Kaipara Portage Road and Riverhead Road and State Highway 16 to improve safety for drivers and provide for cyclists and pedestrians, as well as provide better access to key destinations and transport choices in the wider area.



Key features of Coatesville-Riverhead Highway (between SH16 and the Riverhead urban area) rural section:



Two lanes



Buses every 15 minutes in the peak periods



Walking and cycling facilities on one side of the road



60kph speed limit

Key features of Coatesville-Riverhead Highway urban section:



Two lanes



Buses every 15 minutes in the peak periods



Walking and cycling facilities on both sides of the road



50kph speed limit

Benefits

The upgraded road will:




- increase the safety of the road for all users by improving the alignment of the road and making the intersections safer.
- provide an important connection for the Riverhead community to access the commercial Westgate area and Whenuapai
- provide good access to the potential future rapid transit network, cycling and walking corridor and the motorway network. Please see the *Strategic Connections in north west Auckland* information sheet.

The opportunity for safety improvements at key intersections such along the route will be further investigated as our plans develop. Improvements to the SH16/Coatesville-Riverhead Highway intersection, to help traffic flow and make turning safer, are being investigated as part of Waka Kotahi's SH16 Brigham Creek to Waimauku safety improvements programme.

What the rural sections of Coatesville-Riverhead Highway and Riverhead Road could look like:






Key features of Riverhead Road:
Rural environment (between future urban edge of Kumeū and the future urban edge of Riverhead)

-  Two lanes
-  Walking and cycling facilities on one side of the road
-  60kph speed limit

What the urban sections of Coatesville-Riverhead Highway and Riverhead Road could look like:



Key features of Riverhead Road:
Urban environment (Kumeū town centre and within the future urban section of Riverhead)

-  Two lanes
-  Walking and cycling facilities on both sides of the road
-  50kph speed limit

Riverhead Road

What we're proposing

Most of Riverhead Road will be upgraded to improve the overall safety of the road and to accommodate walking and cycling.

A safe cycle connection on Weza Lane

We're proposing to widen Weza Lane to provide walking and cycling facilities. This would connect with the cycle facilities on Riverhead Road, meaning there would be a safe, direct cycle and walking connection from Riverhead to Kumeū town centre and the rapid transit network.

What Weza Lane could look like:



A replacement bridge for pedestrians and cyclists only would be built over Kumeū River to connect the northern end of Weza Lane to the southern end.

Providing a direct cycle connection between Riverhead and Kumeū has been identified within the Rodney Greenways Plan, and the upgrade to Riverhead Road will support this aspiration.

Benefits of Riverhead Road and Weza Lane upgrades

- A direct, safe walking and cycling connection from Riverhead town centre to Kumeū town centre and the services they provide.
- Good access from Riverhead to the potential future rapid transit network and also to the walking and cycling corridor to Whenuapai and further afield.

The opportunity for safety improvements at key intersections along the route will be further investigated as our plans develop.

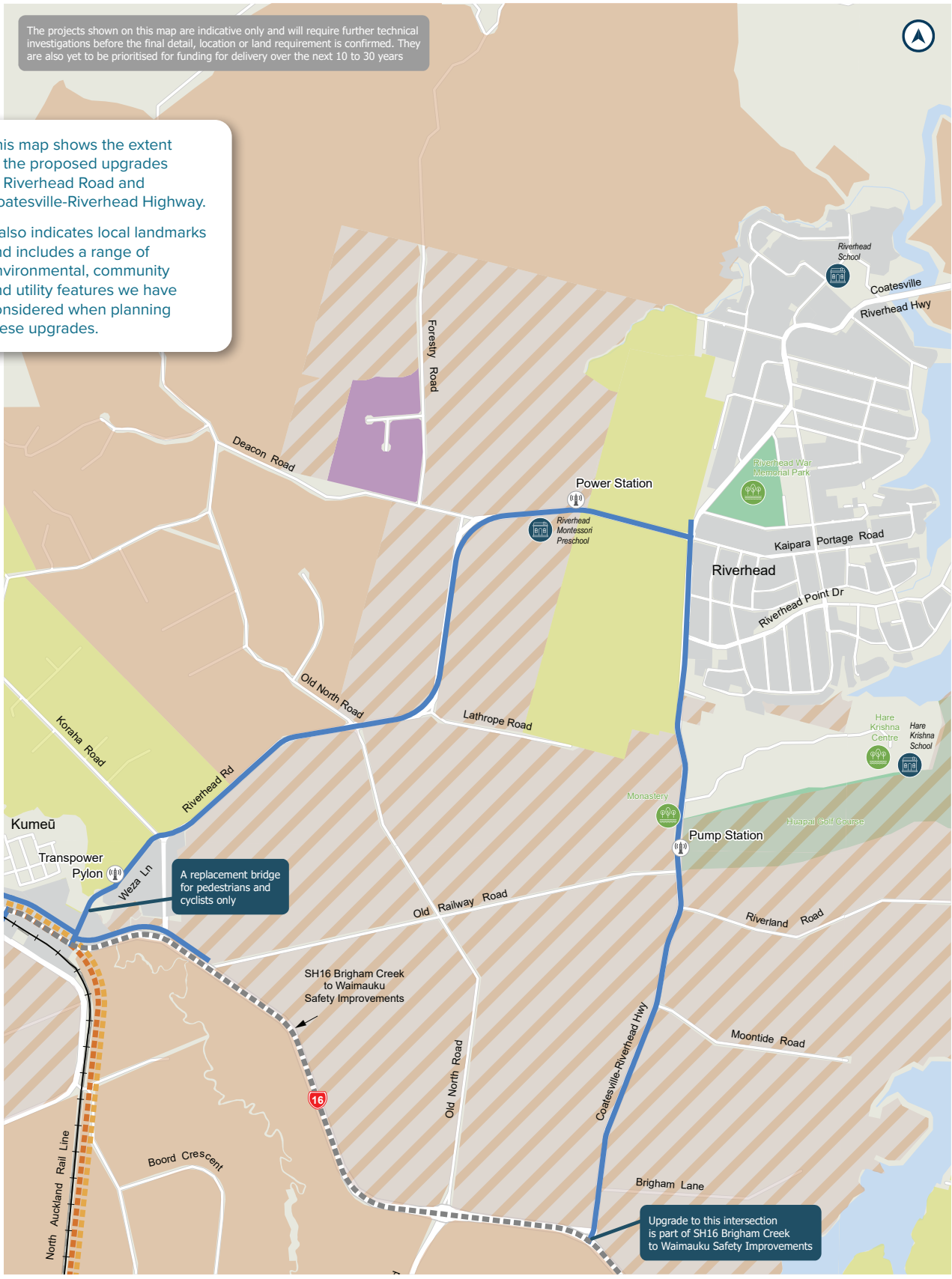


Provision of on-street parking for these transport connections will be determined at the next stage of design, and will be subject to further public engagement.

The projects shown on this map are indicative only and will require further technical investigations before the final detail, location or land requirement is confirmed. They are also yet to be prioritised for funding for delivery over the next 10 to 30 years

This map shows the extent of the proposed upgrades to Riverhead Road and Coatesville-Riverhead Highway.

It also indicates local landmarks and includes a range of environmental, community and utility features we have considered when planning these upgrades.



A replacement bridge for pedestrians and cyclists only

SH16 Brigham Creek to Waimauku Safety Improvements

Upgrade to this intersection is part of SH16 Brigham Creek to Waimauku Safety Improvements

Legend

- Upgraded Transport Corridor
- - - Cycling and Walking Corridor
- - - Potential Future Rapid Transit Network
- New Growth Area (Future Urban Zone)
- Existing Urban Areas
- Business - Light Industry Zone
- Rural - Mixed Rural Zone
- Rural - Countryside Living Zone
- Other Priority Projects to be delivered by Waka Kotahi and Auckland Transport
- Utilities
- Community Facility
- Schools
- North Auckland Rail Line

