

NORTHERN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS



Aerial from March 2022

It's an exciting year for Aucklanders as 2022 will see the opening of several transport upgrades on the North Shore.

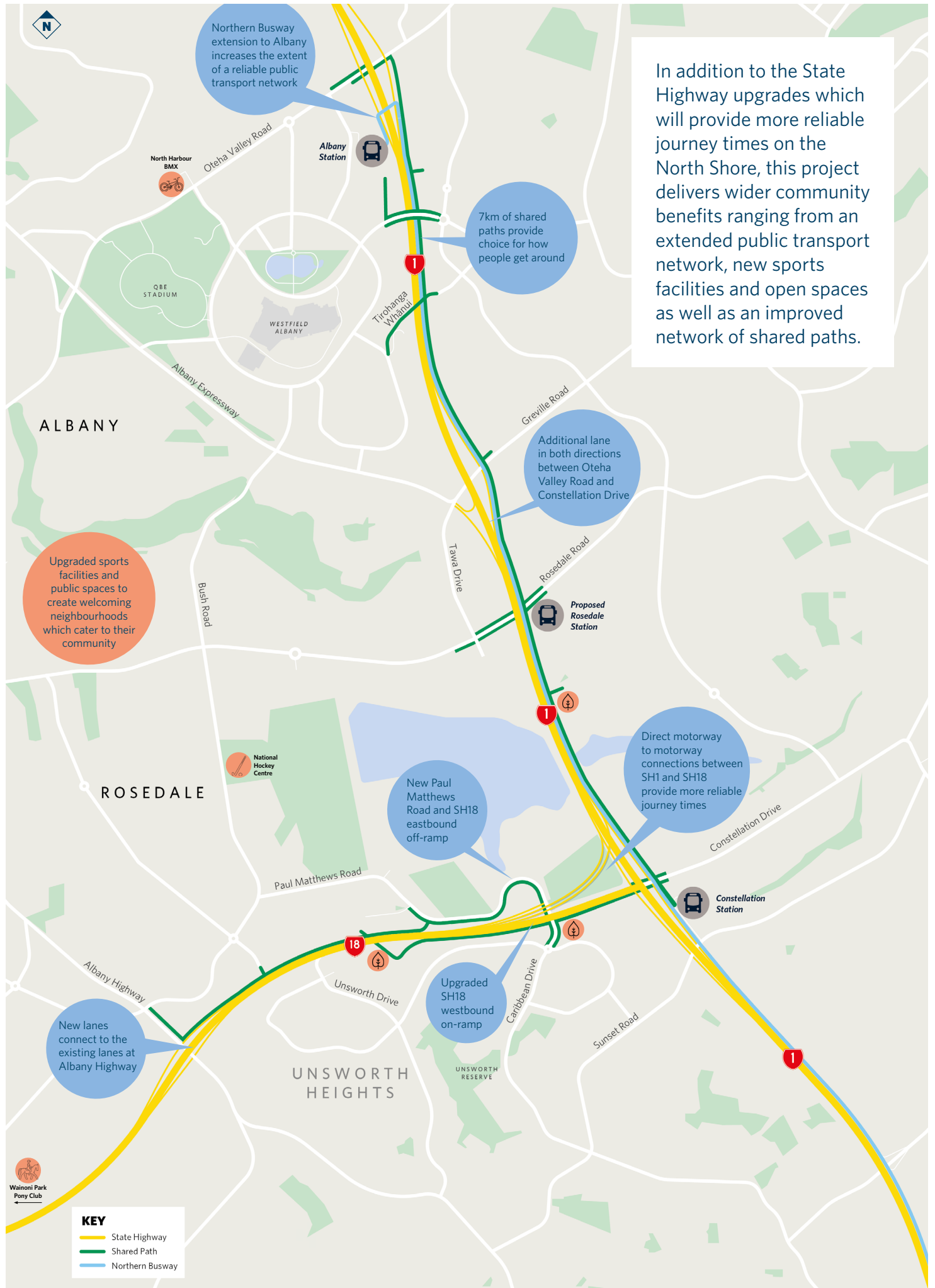
When complete, the Northern Busway extension will provide dedicated lanes for buses all the way to Albany. Knowing that there is a reliable option for how we can get to places of work or education helps make public transport a more attractive choice.

Supporting people and goods to easily travel around the region plays an important

role in the growth of Auckland. The full benefit of the direct motorway to motorway connections will be realised once the SH1 to SH18 underpass and the SH18 to SH1 link open in late 2022/early 2023. Completion of these will mark the final stage of the Western Ring Route upgrade which will provide greater reliability and resilience for

trips around the region and to and from the airport.

With 7km of shared paths also being built, getting around the local area on foot or by bike is set to become a lot easier. We're opening up smaller sections in stages to help provide these benefits to locals as soon as possible.



In addition to the State Highway upgrades which will provide more reliable journey times on the North Shore, this project delivers wider community benefits ranging from an extended public transport network, new sports facilities and open spaces as well as an improved network of shared paths.

Get your AT Hop card ready – Northern Busway opens soon

Reliable public transport helps make it more appealing for people to leave their cars at home and hop on a bus to get to work or travel around their local neighbourhood.

The Northern Busway is a dedicated and separated two-way road for buses adjacent to the Northern Motorway (SH1) which currently provides a largely congestion-free run between Constellation Station and the Auckland Harbour Bridge.

In a few months, the approx. 5km extension of the busway will be open in both directions, extending the network of reliable public transport on the North Shore all the way to Albany.



Surfacing underway on the Northern Busway

A breakthrough for improved journeys

More reliable travel times are getting closer as work on the SH1 to SH18 link broke through underground at the start of the year.

From the first initial glimmers of light which could be seen in the underpass (see photo below left), the latest photos (below right) show how much change has taken place. With excavation complete, we're turning our

focus on all the elements which make this 'hole' a functioning part of the state highway network with features such as lighting, drainage and of course the road surface itself.

Excavation started in July 2021 and in total, the team have removed approximately 16,000m³ which is the equivalent of six Olympic sized swimming pools.

When open, the underpass will provide a direct motorway to motorway connection for people and goods travelling from the north on SH1 and heading west on SH18. It will be the final link of the western ring route and help create a transport system which supports growth, improves customer journeys and enables people and goods to move around the region on a safe and reliable network.



Artists impression of the artworks lit up at night



Pou whenua and panels once installed on McClymonts Bridge

TELLING THE CULTURAL STORY OF A REGION

As part of creating a liveable and welcoming community, a selection of artwork sharing stories of the region are being featured across the area.

Before installation of a pou whenua and panels on McClymonts bridge which mark the taenga arrival for people travelling from the North, a karakia was held with our iwi partners and local artist Graham Tipene who has worked on these designs.

The design of the panels reflects the Puhoro design, the genealogy of which has links to water and the creation of life. In this sense, these panels represent the coming together of people, resources and minds.

LATEST PROJECT PHOTOS



Pouring concrete on the shared use path



Crane moving the Spencer Road stairs into position



Staircase installation at Spencer Road



Team install lights along SH1



Stage two of SH18 westbound onramp construction

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