



**SOUTHERN  
CORRIDOR  
IMPROVEMENTS**  
*Community  
Update*

*The Southern Corridor Improvements (SCI) project has been progressing steadily with a lot going on behind the scenes in preparation for work to begin in October.*

This neighbourhood news provides you with:

- A project update
- Key dates
- The proposed construction timeline
- More information on the Takanini Interchange improvements
- Our sausage sizzles for directly affected neighbours
- Feedback from information days held in mid-2014 and
- Information on local drop-in sessions planned throughout March, April and May.

**PROJECT UPDATE**

Since the community-wide information days held last year, the team has been busy developing and finalising the scheme design.

We lodged consents with Auckland Council in November 2014 and are expecting Council to notify affected parties soon.

We are currently in the tendering phase for the detailed design and construction, with the aim of awarding the construction contract this August.

There have been developments on the fourth lane northbound from Hill Road to Manukau and subsequent improvements to Hill Road interchange. More information on this is provided on pg.3.

We continue to work with Auckland Transport to establish the best walking and cycling routes to link into existing and future cycle paths on the local road network.

**SCI improvements include:**

- SH20 to Hill Road allowing for 4-lanes southbound
- Hill Road to Papakura allowing for 3-lanes southbound
- Papakura to Takanini southbound and northbound, allowing for 3-lanes
- Upgrading the Takanini Interchange to improve safety and operation.

**KEY DATES:**

*We have a lot going on over the next few months. See some key dates below including when we'll be back in your neighbourhood.*

Consents lodged with Auckland Council

Auckland Council notification

Transpower & Kiwirail enabling works

Construction start date



Tender documents for design and construction issued to bidders

NZTA drop-in sessions Manurewa and Papakura libraries  
→ See page 4 for details

Construction contract to be awarded by August

Estimated project completion

# PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

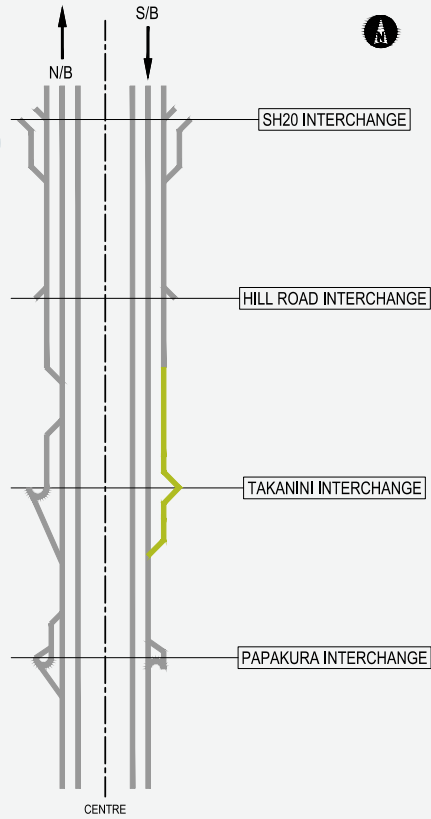
Once the contractor is on-board they will develop the detailed design and determine the preferred opening sequence. At this stage the most likely option is below.

It will be constructed in stages to minimise disruption to project neighbours and motorists and to release early benefits.

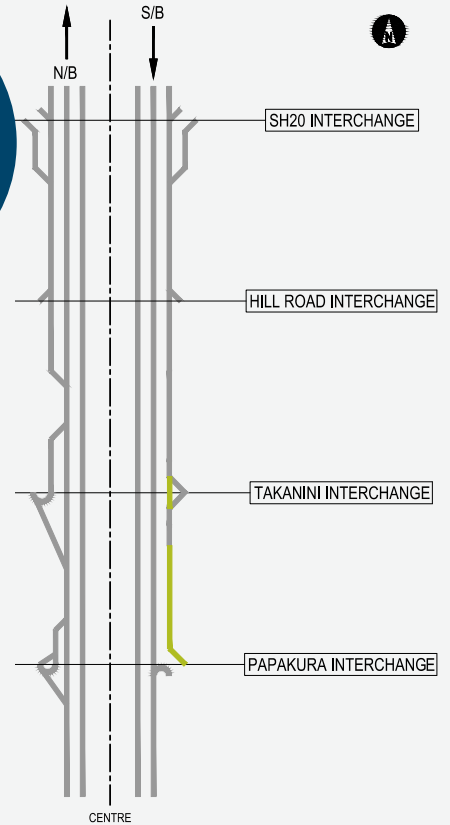
**KEY**

- Existing lane
- Proposed lane
- Potential future lane (timing TBC)

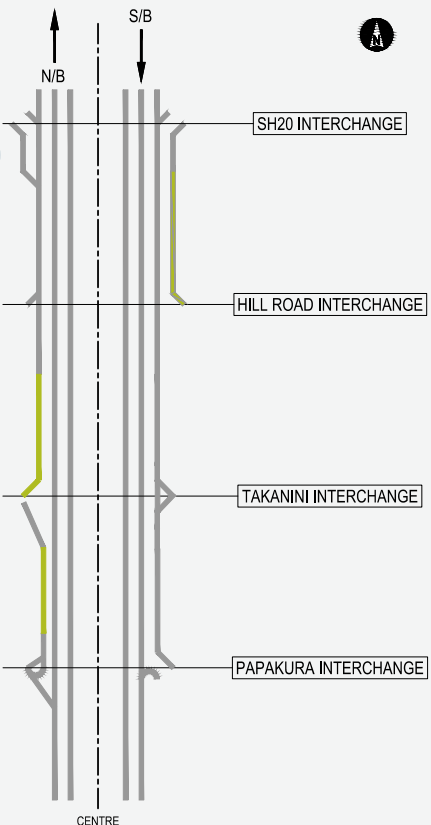
**STEP 1**  
 Hill Rd to Takanini Southbound additional lane (3-lanes)  
 Takanini to Pahurehure Inlet Southbound additional lane (3-lanes)  
**Est. end date mid-2017**



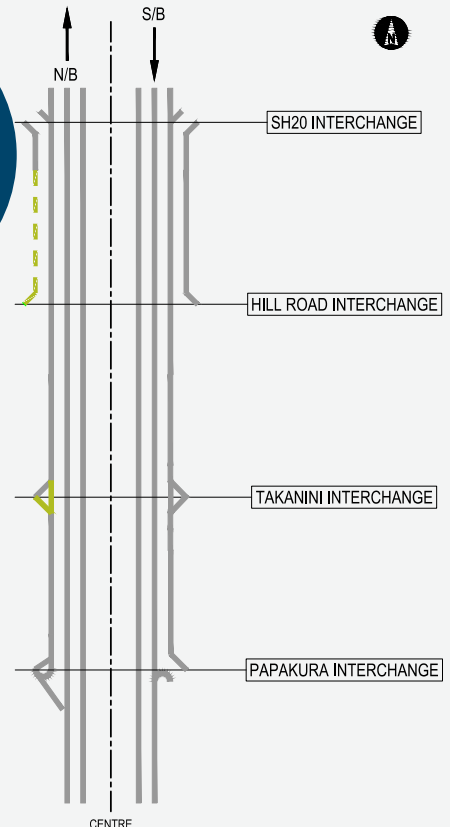
**STEP 2**  
 Takanini Southbound additional lane (3-lanes)  
 Pahurehure Inlet to Papakura Southbound additional lane (3-lanes)  
**Est. end date end-2017**



**STEP 3**  
 SH20 to Hill Rd Southbound additional lane (4-lanes)  
 Takanini Northbound on-ramp  
 Papakura to Takanini Northbound additional lane (3-lanes)  
**Est. end date mid-2018**



**STEP 4**  
 Takanini Northbound off-ramp  
**Est. end date late-2018**



# YOUR SAY COUNTS

Feedback from people that attended the information days helped us to refine the scheme design and identify other network improvements.

Several local road issues were highlighted during consultation and Auckland Transport is investigating options and ways to optimise connections between the state highway and local road network.

The closure of Spartan Road was opposed by the majority of feedback and we have agreed with Auckland Transport that this closure will not be included as part of the project.

Property owners adjacent or close to the project were concerned with a number of effects both during and post construction. We invited these neighbours to sausage

sizzles (*more on page 4*) to share more detailed information on the project and are meeting with property owners as requested to discuss any further concerns.

You can read about the key themes that emerged from the information days on the project website

[www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/auckland-southern-corridor/consultation](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/auckland-southern-corridor/consultation)

Further consultation with affected property owners has resulted in changes to noise walls, particularly along the planned shared path, where heights have been increased at some locations to mitigate security concerns. Some walls have been extended to cover entire properties, or to cover properties at the end of streets.



## HILL ROAD TO MANUKAU FOURTH LANE NORTHBOUND

The first stage of construction will focus on creating capacity where there is greatest demand.

The fourth lane northbound is an important component of the planned improvements for the southern corridor; however will be constructed at a future date.

For this reason all the planning applications for the designation and consenting include this lane alongside the 'accelerated' sections due to the Resource Management Act requirements.



## TAKANINI INTERCHANGE

The Takanini Interchange is one component of the wider project and is being upgraded to improve safety and access for all that use it.

Below is an updated plan showing the improvements we are making as part of the project:



# PROJECT TEAM FIRES UP THE BBQ

The SCI project team invited our directly affected neighbours to one of eight sausage sizzles held over just two weeks in October and November.

The events provided project neighbours with detailed information on potential effects associated with the project, including noise and visual effects as well as the opportunity for the team to discuss temporary access to properties during construction.

Conveniently held in parks and reserves just a short walk from the affected properties, the locations were handy for neighbours and also meant the team could visit properties to take a closer look at specific issues or concerns.

The team had an excellent and rewarding time mixing and mingling with neighbours, providing them with more information on the project and understanding any concerns they may have.

Feedback gathered at the sausage sizzles was positive overall and has been used to further refine proposed mitigation measures.



## WE'LL BE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

For a convenient face-to-face chat about the project, one of our project team members will be at the Manurewa and Papakura libraries throughout March, April and May.

### March

Manurewa Library  
Tuesdays  
2-5pm:  
24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>

### April

Papakura Library  
Thursdays  
9am-12pm:  
9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

### May

Manurewa Library  
Wednesdays  
11am-2pm:  
6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>

*\*Further sessions may be scheduled dependent on number of drop-ins.*

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