

# THE STORY OF THE SOUTH

The Southern Corridor is a key route from the north, connecting Auckland to Hamilton, Tauranga and the rest of New Zealand.

Growth predictions forecast that Auckland's population will grow by another one million residents over the next three decades. This includes an additional 160,000 people, equivalent to the size of Hamilton, located in the southern area alone.

The Southern Corridor Improvements form one part of a range of improvements being developed to address growth and demand in south Auckland. Other transport initiatives include the proposed Mill Road Corridor and improvements to the rail network.

Our focus is on meeting the immediate demands of the city's growth, whilst future-proofing for the longer-term picture to make the most of new infrastructure such as the completed Western Ring Route (including the Waterview Connection), City Rail Link, and additional Waitemata Harbour Crossing.

Keeping people and freight moving is vital to ensuring that the economic viability of New Zealand is sustained.

## MOVING FREIGHT

More than 55% of New Zealand's freight travels through the Northland, Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions. Collectively these regions make up the 'Upper North Island' freight area and are responsible for generating over 50% of New Zealand's gross domestic product.



1963 - Southern Motorway construction, Takanini Interchange looking south.

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