



WHAT IS THE SOUTHERN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT?

Overview

The Southern Corridor Improvements project covers the stretch of Southern Motorway (SH1) from the SH1/SH20 connection at Manukau down to Papakura and includes the following improvements:

- One additional southbound lane between SH20 and Papakura
- One additional northbound lane between Papakura and Takanini
- Takanini Interchange upgrade
- Proposed walking and cycling path (investigations underway)

Future investigations include:

- An additional northbound lane from Hill Road to SH1/SH20
- Hill Road interchange upgrade
- 3-lanes in both directions between Papakura and Drury

Timing

Construction is scheduled to begin late next year (2015) and will take approximately three years to complete.

Project objectives

- To increase capacity, reliable journey times and address safety issues on State Highway 1
- To support national and regional economic growth and productivity by improving transport efficiency
- To deliver a transport network that supports growth anticipated by the Auckland Plan and in the South of Auckland
- To realise the full benefits of the Western Ring Route and the Waikato Expressway for the efficient inter and intra-regional movement of people and freight

Benefits

- More lanes to improve traffic flow
- Improved journey time reliability on the Southern Motorway
- Upgraded Takanini Interchange to provide easier and safer access to the motorway
- Improved connections between the local roads and state highway network to ease congestion
- Better connections for freight and public transport
- Improved walking and cycling facilities to connect communities
- Safer barriers and more efficient lighting
- Improved noise walls, urban design and landscaping
- Improved stormwater treatment options

ONE NETWORK

The Transport Agency is working closely with Auckland Transport to ensure we plan, design and construct this motorway project to take into consideration future development on the local road network.

The Southern Corridor Improvements project is one of a number of improvements being developed to address growth and demand in south Auckland. Other proposed transport initiatives include the Mill Road Corridor, improvements to the rail network and developing walking and cycling infrastructure.

Our focus is on meeting the immediate demands of the city's growth, whilst future-proofing for the longer-term picture.