

# IMPORTANCE OF THE AREA

The East West Link is a priority project for the long term growth of Auckland and the economic development of New Zealand. The project fits within the wider Auckland motorway network and connects to the Western Ring Route which will provide an alternative route around the city and improve access to regions in the upper North Island.

Over half of the country's freight journeys take place across the upper North Island and these journeys are expected to double by 2035. As the engine room of New Zealand's industrial and manufacturing economy, the Onehunga-Penrose area is a key piece in the region's transport network. Many of the largest distribution and logistics facilities are based in the area because it is close to state highways, the rail network, the airport, inland ports and the port.

## CURRENT TRANSPORT ISSUES

However the current transport connections into and through the area are either incomplete or highly congested. This makes it slower and more expensive to move freight and these costs have to be passed on to customers. The project will provide the necessary infrastructure to unlock the restrictions to growth and support Auckland's future prosperity.



Whangarei

**KEY**

- Inland port
- Sea port
- Airport
- Rail

Onehunga

East Tamaki

Hamilton

Tauranga

## ONEHUNGA AND PENROSE

