## IMPORTANCE OF THE AREA **CURRENT TRANSPORT ISSUES** 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.

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.







SOUTHDOWN FREIGHT **TERMINAL** Key rail/road freight hub

Neilson Street per year GDP



ONEHUNGA

AND PENROSE

of Auckland's GDP

East Tamaki

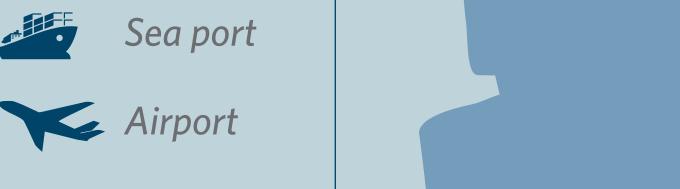
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**KEY** 

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*Inland* port





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