

Hītori o te kaupapa

Project overview

The Whangārei to Port Marsden Highway project is an upgraded four-lane corridor that will improve transport connections between Auckland and Whangārei.

The project proposes upgrading the current state highway to four lanes (with some sections built on a new alignment to straighten out curves), with a separated walking and cycling path between Whangārei and Port Marsden Highway (SH15).

Waka Kotahi is delivering the project with funding from the New Zealand Upgrade Programme, which supports a shift to greater transport choice, will improve safety and boost productivity in the country's growth areas.

The project proposes:

- An upgraded, four-lane highway between Tarewa Road in Whangārei and the Port Marsden Highway intersection, including upgrading the SH1/SH15 intersection
- A separated walking and cycling path between Whangārei and Port Marsden Highway (SH15)
- A series of safety improvements which will reduce the number of crashes along this section of SH1
- Safe and efficient connections to local roads

Project benefits

Safer journeys

The project is planning a high quality, safer transport corridor for all road users. It will include safety improvements such as safety barriers and safer connections to local roads.

Transport choice

This project proposes a separated walking and cycling path between Whangārei and Port Marsden Highway (SH15).

To support growth south of Whangārei and provide greater choice in the way people move, we will investigate using two lanes along sections of the four-lane corridor to prioritise public transport, vehicles carrying multiple people and/or freight. The new corridor will provide for safer, easier, and more reliable journeys for everyone.

Supporting Northland's growth

Northland's population is growing faster than any other region as a result of growth overflow from Auckland. The upgraded corridor will strengthen the region's transport links with Auckland, supporting the annual movement of two million tonnes of freight between Northland and Auckland. The project will support regional economic growth, areas, such as tourism and primary industries, making Northland an even more attractive region to live, work and visit.



NZ Upgrade Programme

Waka Kotahi is delivering the \$6.8 billion transport programme on behalf of the Government. The investment will save lives, get our regions and cities moving and boost productivity in the country's growth areas.

The programme will play a vital role in helping to stimulate the economy and support the country as it recovers from the impacts of COVID-19. It supports a shift to greater transport choice – with a balanced investment in public transport, roads, walking and cycling.

Contact us

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