



## RECONNECTING ALBANY & THE EAST COAST BAYS

### CONSTRUCTION OF SPENCER RD TO ALBANY WALKING AND CYCLING BRIDGE TO START

People walking and cycling will soon be able to enjoy a new safe, off-road route to cross the Northern Motorway (State Highway 1) from Pinehill in the East Coast Bays, right into the heart of the Albany metro centre.

A spectacular new walking and cycling bridge with a distinct design inspired by the original valleys, ridges and waterways in the area is to start construction in October-November this year. It will span the motorway at the top of the skyline in Albany, crossing from Spencer Road in Pinehill over to the reserve next to Watercare's Albany Reservoir, off Corinthian Drive.

The bridge is a joint project by Watercare and the NZ Transport Agency, and links back into well-used cycle routes in Pinehill and the East Coast Bays. It will provide the community with an easy crossing point to and from Albany's local workplaces, retail shops, schools and Massey University (see map overleaf) and provide an alternative to driving. At one of the highest points in the area, it also offers great views in all directions, including out to Rangitoto Island.

Construction of the new bridge and new paths through the reserve and at the end of Spencer Road will begin in October 2017, and will take around a year and a half to be built in stages.

### PARTNERING FOR GREAT OUTCOMES

The NZ Transport Agency is working with Watercare on the new \$6 million walking and cycling bridge.

As well as creating a safe off-road walking and cycling connection, its location will also allow Watercare to bring a new watermain pipe over SH1 in a clever, cost-efficient way. The watermain will be suspended under the deck of the bridge, and will form part of a larger upcoming project by Watercare that will help to address growing local demand from population growth.

Meanwhile, the Transport Agency is awaiting statutory approval for the Northern Corridor Improvements project, which the new bridge will link into. As well as building a new motorway connection between SH1 and Upper Harbour Highway, the Northern Corridor project will add capacity to SH1, extend the Northern Busway to Albany, and construct a 5km-long Shared use path for people who walk and cycle.

Pending approvals, both larger projects are due to start construction in 2018.

# AUCKLAND CYCLING NETWORK ALBANY

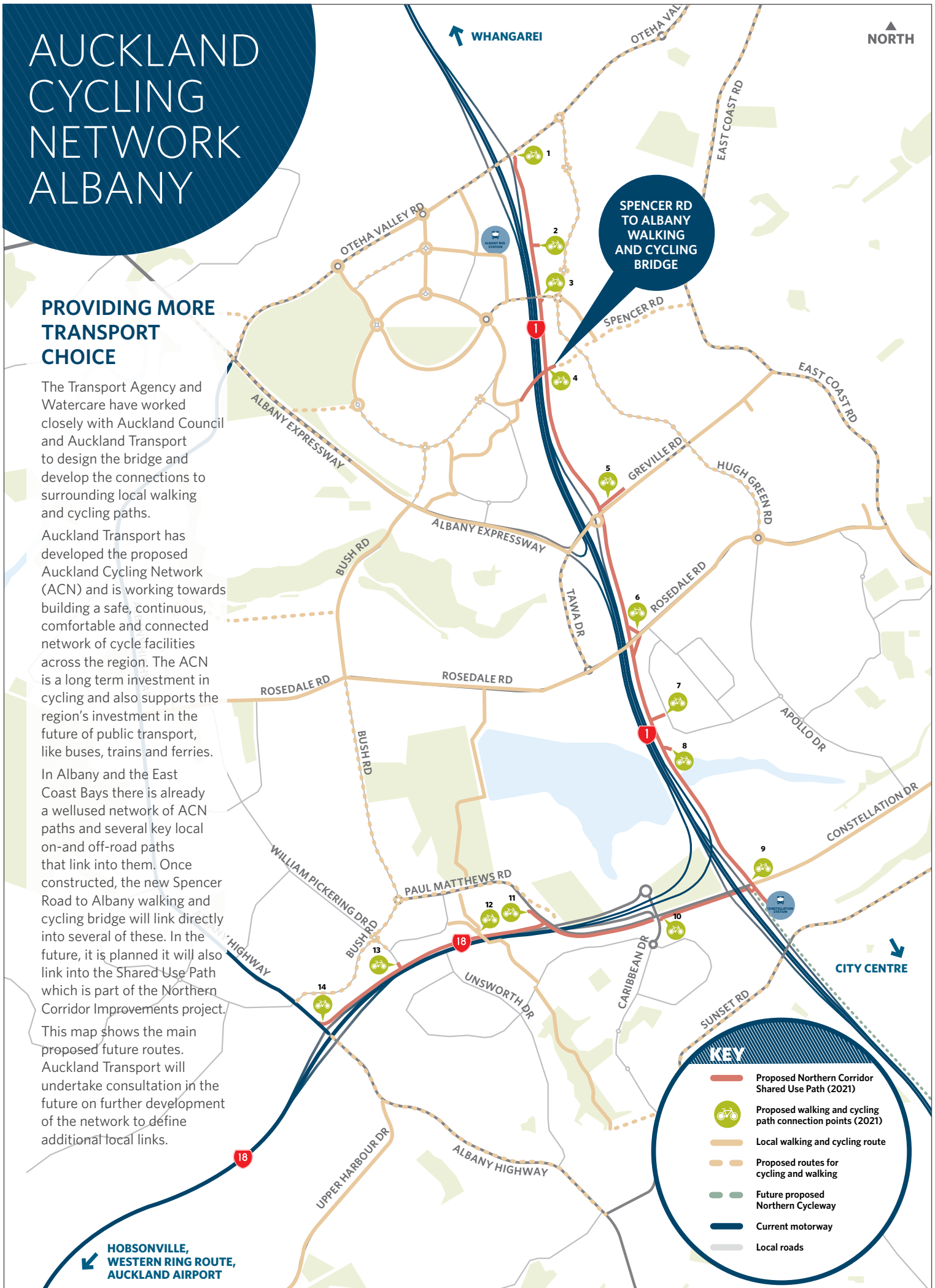
## PROVIDING MORE TRANSPORT CHOICE

The Transport Agency and Watercare have worked closely with Auckland Council and Auckland Transport to design the bridge and develop the connections to surrounding local walking and cycling paths.

Auckland Transport has developed the proposed Auckland Cycling Network (ACN) and is working towards building a safe, continuous, comfortable and connected network of cycle facilities across the region. The ACN is a long term investment in cycling and also supports the region's investment in the future of public transport, like buses, trains and ferries.

In Albany and the East Coast Bays there is already a wellused network of ACN paths and several key local on-and off-road paths that link into them. Once constructed, the new Spencer Road to Albany walking and cycling bridge will link directly into several of these. In the future, it is planned it will also link into the Shared Use Path which is part of the Northern Corridor Improvements project.

This map shows the main proposed future routes. Auckland Transport will undertake consultation in the future on further development of the network to define additional local links.





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SH1 EXTENSION FROM GREVILLE RD TO OREWA BUILT IN THE 1990S

SPENCER RD TO ALBANY WALKING AND CYCLING BRIDGE

## RECONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES BY AWA AND ARA

The striking design of the new Albany Bridge references the area's early environmental and cultural history. In the past, local iwi travelled regularly through this area, crossing from the east to the west coast and traversing its many ridges, valleys and creeks/waterways (awa). Later this Albany ridge line became the natural path for the original Spencer Road, which ran all the way from Bush Road and Albany Highway across farm land all the way over to East Coast Road. When SH1 was extended from Greville Road through to Orewa in the 1990s, the new line of the motorway extension had to cut through the farm land and unfortunately severed the two sides of Spencer Road, in effect dissecting the community.

The new bridge therefore is intended to 'tie the landscape back together' and restore the historic track (ara). On the bridge's base abutments, iwi artist Graham Tipene has created a design of valleys, creeks and rising mist, representing what was once there, and carried the natural weaving resources on the valley hills through to the raranga (traditional weaving pattern) on the handrails. The main body of the bridge will be a deep, dark traditional Māori kouka red.

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## PROJECT TIMELINE

18 MONTHS

**OCT 2017**  
Contractor  
establishes on-site  
Public  
information day

**NOV 2017**  
Bridge works  
commence

**MID 2018**  
Shared path  
works commence

**LATE 2018**  
Works  
complete

### VISIT US TO FIND OUT MORE

We are holding a drop-in session later this month especially for residents in the area. Come along to talk to members of the project team and find out more about the project.

- Saturday 28 October 2017
- 11am-3pm
- Pinehill School, 2 Hugh Green Drive (Cnr of Hugh Green Drive and Spencer Road), Pinehill

### Bridge works - c/o the NZ Transport Agency, Northern Corridor project

Delivered by Fulton Hogan/HEB Construction/Jacobs/Opus

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### Auckland Transport walking and cycling information

**Find out more:** <https://at.govt.nz/cycling-walking/cycling-walking-programme/>



## CONSTRUCTION FAQs

### What areas will be closed or become construction sites?

From mid-October, construction sites will be established and fenced in both the reserve next to the Watercare Reservoir, off Corinthian Drive, and the grassed area at the end of the Spencer Road cul-de-sac in Pinehill.

Project signs with contact details for the construction teams will be erected on site at the same time.

The current pedestrian footpaths in the reserve will unfortunately have to be closed for approximately 12-14 months, to allow the works to progress safely. A new temporary driveway will be established into the reserve for construction vehicles off Corinthian Drive.

On the Pinehill side, the work site will be established within the council-owned motorway verge and open grassed area. However the construction team will have to add temporary line markings in Spencer Road to provide restricted areas for construction vehicle access. The construction team will be talking to residents over the next few weeks to explain what's happening.

### Will the works be noisy or cause traffic disruption for neighbours?

The construction team are carefully planning their works to avoid disruption to both residents and businesses as much as possible. Nearly all of the works are planned for between normal construction hours of 7am-7pm, with work only taking place outside these hours from time to time. Parking disruption will be minimal, and over-sized deliveries will be restricted on Corinthian Drive during business hours.

### How will you keep us informed?

The construction team will communicate all works including expected noise levels and night works in advance to neighbours either in writing or in person, and then be available on site all the time during the works. They will also publish more of these newsletters every few months to provide you with an update on progress. You can also sign up to an e-newsletter on our project website. An open day is planned for late October 2018 and will be advertised soon.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact our team on the details to the left.