

WHĀNGĀREI TO PORT MARSDEN HIGHWAY (SH15)

22km of State Highway 1 will be upgraded to four lanes between Whāngārei and Port Marsden Highway with construction planned to start in 2019.

The section between Oakleigh and Port Marsden Highway is expected to be completed within 3-5 years, followed by an upgrade between Whāngārei and Oakleigh, to be finished in 5-7 years.

The timeframes are subject to investigations, funding approvals, consenting and property acquisition.

THE CASE FOR CHANGE

Upgrading this section of highway to four lanes and separating traffic will significantly reduce the high number of fatal and serious injury crashes in the area, many of which involve drivers crossing the centre line and colliding with oncoming traffic.

It will also provide a more reliable transport system with better freight connectivity to the port.

The improvements will also help support growth south of Whāngārei where there are significant opportunities for industrial development and housing.

WHĀNGĀREI



WHĀNGĀREI URBAN IMPROVEMENTS

In the urban Whāngārei section there has been significant Government investment since 2010 to bring the State highway up to a four lane standard as far south as Tarewa Road. The State highway south of Tarewa Road is under increasing development pressure and the Transport Agency is working with Whāngārei District Council to upgrade this section of the corridor to four lanes to respond to projected growth in the city. Improvements between Tarewa Road and Toetoe Road will provide greater pedestrian and cyclist connectivity across the State highway and increase capacity at key intersections.

There are also safety improvements planned at Loop Road and Portland Road intersections to address immediate safety issues. Subject to consents and property acquisition, construction is expected to commence in 2018/2019.

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Traffic has been growing on this section of SH1 at 5% per annum

Most of the State highway is a single lane road on a substandard alignment resulting in unreliable travel times and a high crash record.

Currently this section of SH1 carries between 13,000 and 25,000 vehicles per day.

MATA

More than 3m tonnes of freight is exported from Northport each year and improving the region's freight connections to key export markets will be a game changer for the wider Northland economy



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