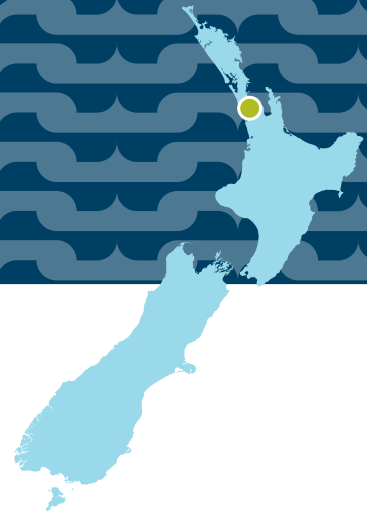


South Auckland



The South Auckland package has changed to expand investment in new train stations, deliver a smaller scale northern section of Mill Road and invest in Drury transport upgrades that support releasing additional housing and connectivity with the stations.

The Government has decided to make the changes to meet climate change and housing objectives, as well as manage debt responsibly following COVID-19.

Three new rail stations will now be built (two in Drury and one in Paerata). Papakura to Pukekohe rail electrification, State Highway 1 improvements and a shared walking/cycling path between Papakura and Drury, and the new third main rail line in South Auckland will continue to be delivered.

Construction is already underway on SH1 Papakura to Drury South Stage One and the third main Rail Line and enabling works are underway for Papakura to Pukekohe electrification. About 275 workers are on these projects and a further 800 part-time and full-time jobs are supported on Waka Kotahi New Zealand Upgrade Programme projects

Mill Road will become a smaller scale project, with a focus on addressing safety issues. It is expected to involve an upgrade of two lanes instead of four between Flat Bush and Alfriston tying in the existing urban Redoubt Road dynamic lanes. There will also be targeted safety improvements between Alfriston and Papakura.

The existing proposals for Mill Road and Papakura to Drury South Stage Two (including a new interchange at Drury South) will be deferred.

Savings from these changes to Mill Road will allow investment in transport upgrades to release housing and local centres in Drury in a way that supports the Government's decarbonisation goals.

The projects to be considered will include regional cycleways, arterial corridors that provide direct walking, cycling and/or bus access to stations and

projects within or crossing state highway corridors to help release additional housing in Drury West.

Further investigations are needed to develop these projects and the smaller scale northern Mill Road project.

Benefits

- Support housing by ensuring growing suburbs are well linked to public transport networks, including commuter rail, to better manage congestion and emissions.
- Increase walking and cycling travel choices.
- Address existing safety issues.
- New third main Rail Line to remove a bottleneck in the Auckland rail network which will allow more commuter services between South Auckland and Britomart. It will also support freight growth.



Scope

- Three new rail stations (two in Drury plus Paerata).
- Papakura to Pukekohe rail electrification.
- Third main rail line (Wiri to Quay Park).
- SH1 Papakura to Drury improvements and shared path.
- Mill Road upgraded two lanes between Flat Bush and Alfriston tying into existing Redoubt Road dynamic lanes.
- Mill Road targeted safety upgrades between Alfriston and Papakura.
- Local infrastructure investment in Drury network, including active modes and public transport.

Next steps

- Ongoing consenting and delivery of the rail and SH1 Papakura to Drury South (Stage One) elements.
- Investigation to confirm the reduced scale Mill Road in the north, followed by consenting and delivery.
- Work with Auckland Council, Auckland Transport and developers on the opportunity for transport network upgrades to support release of additional housing in Drury.

Cost estimate

The Government is committed to an investment broadly similar to previously announced – about \$2.7b. Further investigations are needed to refine project cost estimates.

Timing

- Now:** Continue construction of SH1 Papakura to Drury Stage One and third main rail line.
- Mid 2021–2022:** SH1 Papakura to Drury South Stage One remaining consents progressively lodged.
- Early 2024:** Third main rail line (Wiri to Quay Park) construction completed. Work on this project is well progressed, with turnouts installed around Wiri and Sylvia Park, and new track already laid at the Southdown and Westfield rail yards. New track, walkways and platform extension to come at Middlemore Station.
- Late 2024:** Papakura to Pukekohe rail electrification complete. Currently consents have been lodged, enabling works undertaken, with construction targeted to begin in late 2021.
- Late 2025:** Three Drury train stations completed. Consenting work currently underway for two stations (Drury Central and Paerata). Further work required before lodging any consent for Drury West. Construction at two stations expected to begin late 2022–early 2023.
- 2026:** SH1 Papakura to Drury South Stage One construction complete.

