Northland Corridor Information for communities in sections 2 and 3: Te Hana to Whangārei

What is the project

The Northland Corridor is a 100km stretch of 4-lane, mainly grade separated expressway connecting Auckland and Northland. It's part of the government's Roads of National Significance (RoNS) programme confirmed in the 2024 Government Policy Statement on land transport.

Connecting to Ara Tūhono - Pūhoi to Warkworth in the south, we'll design and construct the corridor from south to north in 3 sections: Warkworth to Te Hana, Te Hana to Port Marsden Highway and Port Marsden Highway to Whangārei.

Why is section 1 Warkworth to Te Hana more progressed?

Warkworth to Te Hana is the second stage of Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth, the existing motorway completed in 2023. For this reason, work had already begun on this section with designations and consents now in place. We expect construction to start in late 2026.

Sections 2 and 3 do not have designations or consents in place yet. Currently, the project team is investigating a range of options for these parts of the corridor.

Can we see a map of where the road will go between Te Hana and Whangārei?

As an emerging preferred corridor for sections 2 and 3 of the Northland Corridor hasn't yet been decided, we don't have a map of where the road will go. We're currently looking at all information available to us from previous work in the corridor, along with community and stakeholder insights we have received. We expect to know more by the end of the first quarter of 2025.

How wide will the emerging preferred corridor be?

An emerging preferred corridor is typically 500 metres wide with the final design width of the highway likely to be between 60 metres and 100 metres. There'll be additional width at interchanges and connections.

Will my property be impacted?

Once we have selected an emerging preferred option and completed further detailed design, we start talking with potentially impacted landowners.

Further investigation and design are needed before direct impacts on individual properties can be confirmed.

As we investigate the design of the road, we'll also be seeking to understand effects, such as possible noise or visual impacts, and we'll consider how these can be avoided, minimised or mitigated.

Can I sell NZTA my property?

We're not purchasing properties at this stage for sections 2 or 3, as there isn't currently an emerging preferred corridor or designation and consents north of Te Hana.

The NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi would typically commence the purchase of property needed for a project once Resource Management Act approvals have been lodged. You can view the **acquisitions for public works process here**.

My property was identified as potentially impacted in a previous project in the area – what does this mean for me now?

Property impacts and a route have not been established for sections 2 and 3 of the Northland Corridor. While we're using all the information gathered from previous projects, the RoNS standard, to be 4-laned and mainly grade separated, is different to projects previously investigated in the corridor. Once we've selected an emerging preferred option and completed further detailed design, we'll start talking with potentially impacted landowners.

Contact us

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