

AUCKLAND STATE HIGHWAY FORECAST

UPDATE at August 2005

The additional funding in this Update to Transit's 10-year State Highway Forecast has the following impact in the Auckland region:

- › Western Ring Route
 - » SH18 Hobsonville Deviation to start this financial year 2005/06
 - » SH20 Manukau Harbour Crossing development is advanced
 - » SH20 Avondale Extension development is advanced
 - » SH16 Waterview to Rosebank eight-laning advanced one year
 - » SH16 Te Atatu to Royal six-laning development advanced two years
- › Expanded Advanced Traffic Management System starts two years early.

The Auckland Western Ring Route has been accorded the highest priority by Transit for its share of the additional \$500 million land transport funds recently announced by the Government. On 28 July, the Land Transport New Zealand Board allocated \$340 million of that extra funding to Transit for state highways, over the next four years. Over the following two years, a further \$50 million is to be allocated for state highways.

In its 10-year Forecast of June 2005 Transit had already planned to advance development of the SH20 Avondale Extension and SH20 Manukau Harbour Crossing. With the additional \$280 million to be spent in Auckland, construction of the Hobsonville Deviation can be advanced to start this financial year. To achieve this an even more focused and co-ordinated approach than previously indicated will be required by all parties.

It was hoped construction of the Avondale Extension could start in 2009/10. The additional funds now make it more likely.

The eight-laning of SH16 Waterview to Rosebank will be required to provide balanced road capacity.

For the Manukau Harbour Crossing it is planned to advance the development of the project by overlapping the investigation and design phases to improve the certainty of a 2009/10 start.

The additional funds now make it more likely that the Avondale Extension could start in 2009/10. Both Avondale and the Manukau Harbour Crossing projects will however, require additional non-National Land Transport Funds and it is anticipated that these will come from borrowing and/or tolls.

Design of the upgrade of stormwater treatment from the Auckland Harbour Bridge has been brought forward two years to the current year with plans for construction to start next year.

The expansion of the Advanced Traffic Management System to cover the whole of the Auckland motorway network will be accelerated to start this year, two years earlier than planned. Work will progressively continue on this project for the full 10-year period.

It is planned to spend an additional \$71 million over the four years in Auckland on property purchase to enable the accelerated projects to proceed.