

Frequently Asked Questions



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Te Tupu Ngātahi

What is Te Tupu Ngātahi?

- Te Tupu Ngātahi is a collaboration between Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.
- The purpose of Te Tupu Ngātahi is to **plan future transport networks** and **protect the land required** to support Auckland's planned urban growth over the **next 30 years**.
- The transport networks we are considering are in Warkworth, north, north west and south Auckland.
- Our priority is to identify and protect the land for these transport projects to enable as much flexibility as possible in our planning for a range of public transport and active modes.

Why is this happening now?

- Identifying and protecting land for future transport networks now will provide certainty for landowners, residents, regulatory authorities, industry, developers and the wider community.
- Protecting routes will help plan and integrate the significant transport infrastructure that will be required for new housing and urban area developments.
- Route protection now will allow new and establishing communities to plan with more certainty; knowing that an area they are moving into will have public transport options and transport choices in the future.

What is route protection?

- Route protection:
 - is a process which identifies and protects land required for the future construction, operation and maintenance of the recommended transport network
 - provides landowners, businesses and the community with increased certainty regarding future infrastructure, so they can make informed decisions
 - can significantly reduce long-term costs for local and central government and enable more effective land use and transport outcomes.
- The time between route protection and construction is different for each project, and includes additional project stages and approvals.
- For more information visit supportinggrowth.govt.nz/publications/route-protection-faq/.

What progress has been made to date?

- In August 2018, we asked for community and stakeholder feedback on an integrated transport network that would support Auckland's future growth areas, including in the north.
- In July 2019, we released the Indicative Strategic Transport Network for Warkworth, north, north west and south Auckland areas and outlined a range of transport options to be delivered over the next 10 to 30 years.
- More than 70 future projects were proposed including safety upgrades, new or upgraded public transport connections, walking and cycling paths, and upgraded roads and state highways to support future communities.

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North Auckland

What are you doing in north Auckland?

- We're focusing on refining the indicative strategic transport network in the north.
- Throughout 2020, we're looking at public transport, walking and cycling options, and SH1 upgrades. We're also focusing on key north/south transport corridors and networks that will connect future residential, employment, leisure and recreation areas.
- The projects we are considering, include:
 - a new rapid public transport corridor from Albany to Milldale, through the future growth area at Dairy Flat
 - upgrades to SH1 between Albany and Silverdale
 - new walking and cycling paths along SH1 and the new rapid public transport corridor
 - new SH1 interchanges at Redvale (Penlink) and at Wilks Road, and an upgrade to the existing Silverdale interchange.
- From mid-2021, investigations and assessments will begin for other key roads and walking and cycling paths that make up the remaining transport network in the north.

What are the benefits of these projects?

- **Access:** a well-designed transport network will give future communities lots of travel options to connect with family and friends; and move around their communities and access public transport, town centres and green spaces.
- **Variety and choices:** the transport network will provide future communities the ability to choose a variety of transportation methods including walk, ride, bike, scooter, bus or train options to travel between home, work and leisure activities.
- **Safety:** safer and more community friendly public transport options will be available to help shift the community's mode of transportation away from car usage to public transportation and active modes of travel.
- **Efficiency and reliability:** local roads and state highways will provide reliable bus, freight and interregional journey times.

North Auckland

What are the key project timelines and milestones?

Now until late 2020

- We are carrying out investigations and assessments to help improve our knowledge of the area and develop more detailed route options to select a preferred route.
- We may need to carry out site walkovers, drone flyovers and other field investigations to understand any special characteristics or features of the land.
- Once we have our preferred route options, we'll be asking for community and stakeholder feedback.

Mid to late 2021

- At this point, we'll have identified our preferred route and will be able to tell landowners whether their land will be directly affected or not.

Mid-2021 to 2022

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When will anything be built?

- The focus of Te Tupu Ngātahi over the next few years is on the strategic planning and land protection for Auckland's future transport networks.
- Construction will be timed to align with Auckland Council's release of land suitable for urban development in 10, 20 and 30 years time.
- However, as part of the government's **NZ Upgrade Programme** we know that the new SH1 interchange at Redvale (Penlink), connecting SH1 to Whangaparaoa Peninsular is being accelerated, with construction anticipated to start in late 2021 and due to be completed in late 2025. For more information on Penlink visit nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/nz-upgrade.

Are any safety upgrades being considered?

- We previously identified the need to consider safety improvements on a number of roads as traffic increases over time. This includes East Coast Road (south of Penlink) Awanohi Road, Coatesville-Riverhead Highway and Kahikatea Flats Road.
- These improvements will be considered for investigation and may be progressed outside of Te Tupu Ngātahi by Auckland Transport in the future.
- Auckland Transport is however, carrying out safety projects in the north, including Dairy Flat Highway safety improvements. For more information visit <https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/dairy-flat-highway-safety-improvements/>

Property Impacts

When will property impacts be known?

- We are currently carrying out detailed investigations and assessments to help improve our knowledge of the area and develop more detailed route options to select a preferred route.
- We'll also be asking landowners about their use of the land and if there are any special characteristics or features of the land they can tell us about.
- Once we have this information, we'll talk to landowners between mid to late 2021 on whether or not their property will be impacted.

Project contact details

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