

# North Warkworth

Warkworth is expected to grow to a substantial satellite town of more than 20,000 people over the next few decades. The decision version of the Unitary Plan provides for greater capacity should this be required. To meet this anticipated growth, around 1,000 hectares of future urban land has been identified through the independent hearings and Unitary Plan processes, mainly in the north, north west and south of the existing Warkworth centre.

With a lot more people living in the area, significant new transport infrastructure will be needed. We've come up with a transport network following technical workshops and public feedback. The aim is to make the future communities well connected and great places to live.

The focus in Warkworth is to provide the community with easy access to a vibrant town centre and a range of new travel choices.

Short term strategies for managing network demands and improving safety, such as introducing smart technologies or improving the efficiency of intersections along the existing State Highway 1, will continue to be implemented while new roading infrastructure is developed in the medium to long term.



Increased public transport services are planned between Auckland and Warkworth, with a frequent express bus service along the Ara Tūhono Pūhoi to Warkworth Road of National Significance supported by local connecting bus services. Easy access to this service would be supported by a park and ride bus station being located near the Road of National Significance, Matakana Link Road and the Western Collector.



The opening of the Ara Tūhono Pūhoi to Warkworth Road of National Significance will separate regional through traffic and freight movements from the urban area. Highway traffic will move away to the west of the township and

immediately reduce pressure on the urban section of State Highway 1.

The Matakana Link Road will help reduce congestion at the Hill Street intersection, providing an alternative route from State Highway 1. In the future an extension of this route to Sandspit Road will also provide further relief, and improve access to the new growth area. Realignment of the current Matakana Road and Sandspit Road will also be investigated to improve safety and efficiency of the Hill Street intersection.

With stage one construction due to start, an extension of the Western Collector arterial will also help alleviate pressure within the township by providing a strong north-south alternative route to the existing State Highway 1 between the northern end of Warkworth and its nearby employment areas and the new residential growth areas in the west and south.

A new road network will also be investigated in the wider southern growth area when this begins to develop, providing more local road options for north-south travel and east-west movements connecting back into the existing State Highway 1.



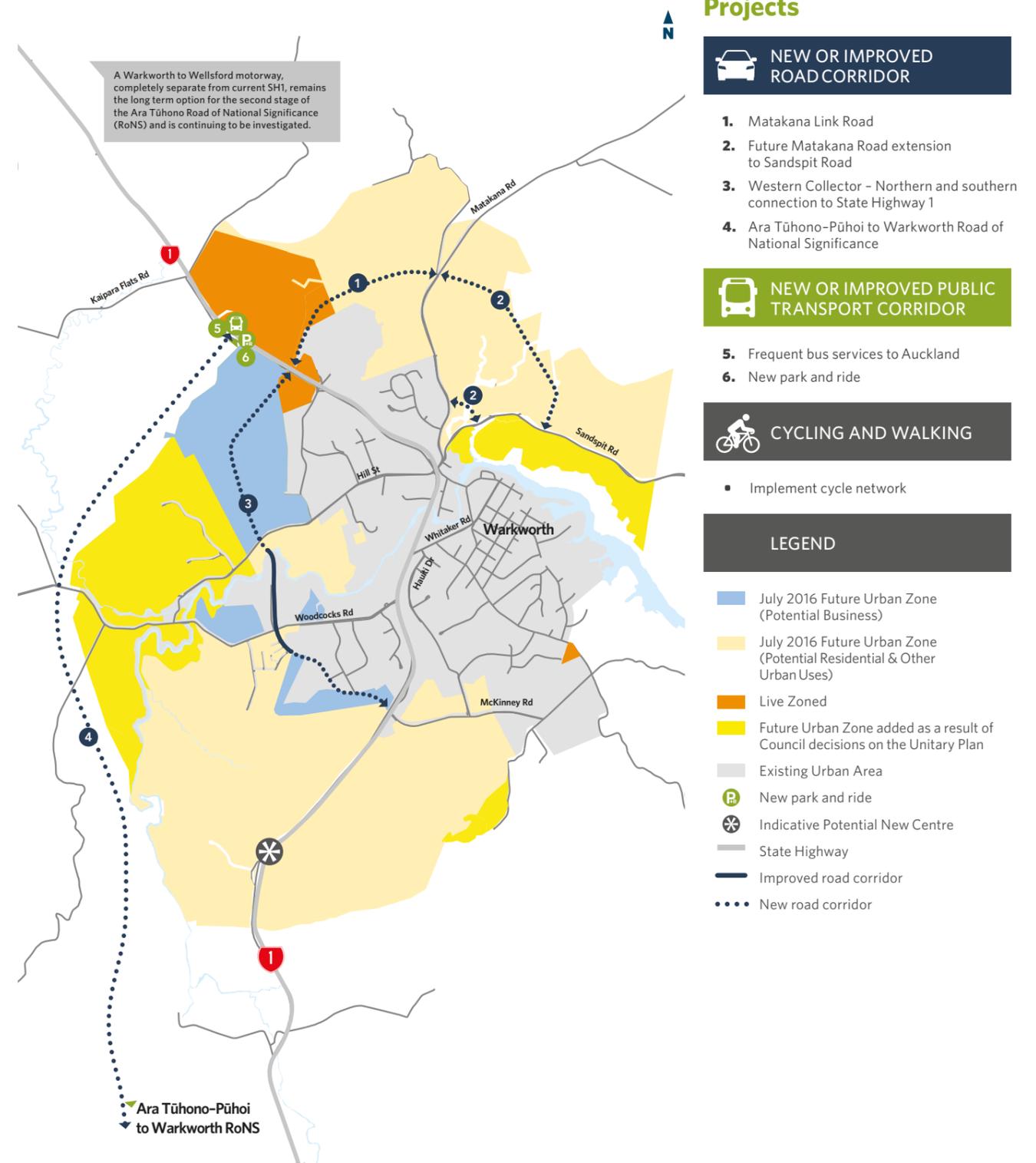
A cycle network will be developed to provide access to the Warkworth town centre and surrounding residential and business areas.

## Transport aspirations

Through our project engagement we confirmed community aspirations for Warkworth in relation to transportation are:

- Warkworth expands as a successful satellite town
- Residents have transport choices, with good walking and cycling facilities and frequent, reliable public transport.

The development of the preferred network for Warkworth will help meet these aspirations.



*Projects within the programme will be prioritised for delivery over the next 30 years, subject to funding approvals. Projects will require statutory approvals and will be subject to Resource Management Act and Land Transport Management Act public participation processes. Land use is subject to further investigation, as well as resolution of appeals and statutory process arising from the Unitary Plan process.*