

2021–24 National Land Transport Programme

Factsheet

Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland

- A record \$7.3 billion is forecast to be invested in Auckland in the 2021–24 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) period.
- Investment in Auckland's land transport system during the 2021–24 NLTP will focus on continuing to deliver the Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP) to support population growth and the development of new communities with better access to more sustainable travel choice.
- ATAP is a 10-year programme which will see \$31.4 billion invested in critical transport infrastructure and services across the city. The focus is on a rapid transit network, walking and cycling facilities, better public transport services and improving safety.
- More than a third of New Zealanders already call Auckland home, with the population expected to grow by 260,000 during the next decade to reach 2.4 million by 2050. Working in partnership with Auckland Council, Waka Kotahi recognises the importance of the transport system being able to deliver broad economic, social and environmental outcomes for the city.
- Rail makes up the majority of Auckland's current rapid transit network and plays a key role in moving large numbers of people, especially at peak times to the city centre, as well as being a critical part of the national freight network.
- City Rail Link (CRL) will have a further transformational impact on the rail network by removing the key city centre bottleneck to the rail system. Investment in the 2021–24 NLTP will fund wider rail network upgrades that are critical to CRL, including providing additional electric trains to significantly improve travel times for train passengers, and removing level crossings to improve safety and travel times for motorists and rail passengers.
- During this NLTP period, significant strategic state highway projects will be completed, such as the Northern Corridor Improvements, which will provide new public transport and walking and cycling options; and the Pūhoi to Warkworth Motorway extension to strengthen inter-regional freight links.
- Public transport infrastructure to speed up travel times will be progressed, including the Panmure to Pakuranga section of the Eastern Busway; public transport improvements to the SH16 Northwestern Motorway.
- Investment to complete Auckland Transport's Urban Cycleways Projects, including delivery of the 7km long section of the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive to connect Auckland's eastern suburbs to the city centre and completing the replacement walking and cycling bridge between Māngere Bridge and Onehunga.
- Work will continue in 2021–24 on rapid transit, including Auckland Light Rail; the future Airport to Botany rapid transit corridor and improvements to make bus journeys into Auckland's city centre more efficient and reliable.
- Through the Supporting Growth Alliance, route protection will be progressed for the transport networks required to support Auckland's Warkworth, northern, northwest and southern growth areas, as well as planning for the investment required to support brownfield growth areas, especially Mt Roskill, Māngere and Glen Innes/Tāmaki.

- The \$7.3 billion forecast investment includes:
 - \$1.4 billion forecast maintenance and operations
 - \$2.8 billion forecast public transport investment
 - \$290 million forecast cycling and walking investment
 - \$298 million forecast Road to Zero investment
 - \$1 billion forecast NZ Upgrade Programme.

Auckland investment highlights for 2021–24

- **Pūhoi to Warkworth motorway extension** – completion of the 18.5km extension of the existing SH1 Northern Motorway from the Johnstones Hills Tunnels to just north of Warkworth in 2022. It will improve access, reliability and safety to and from Northland, Warkworth and northeast Rodney.
- **Northern Corridor Improvements** – completion of this project in 2022. It provides a new SH1/SH18 motorway-to-motorway connection, a widening of the Northern Motorway (SH1) between Constellation Drive and Oteha Valley Road, and new public transport and walking and cycling options to offer more travel choices for the local community.
- **Mill Road Corridor** – funded through the NZ Upgrade Programme, Mill Road is expected to involve an upgrade of two lanes 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.
- **Penlink** – funded through the NZ Upgrade Programme, this new two-lane proposed toll-road between the Northern Motorway and Whangaparāoa Peninsula will support development in Auckland's northern growth area and provide significant time savings and network resilience for people living on the Whangaparāoa Peninsula.
- **SH1 Papakura to Drury South improvements** – this project is also funded through the NZ Upgrade Programme and includes upgrades to SH1 and a shared walking and cycling path. Construction of SH1 Papakura to Drury Stage One has begun and is expected to be completed in 2026. Three new rail stations to support growth and give real travel choices (two in Drury plus one in Paerata) are expected to be completed in late 2025.
- **City Rail Link (CRL)** – investment in the NLTP 2021–24 will fund wider network upgrades and additional electric trains to support CRL. This transformational project will significantly improve travel times for train passengers, open up rail access to new parts of the city centre and double the rail network's capacity.
- **Auckland Light Rail** – this project will create a new rapid transit corridor from the City Centre to Mt Roskill and Māngere (CC2M) to move more people, connect communities and provide better travel options. Planning work will also progress on the Northwest Rapid Transit Improvements along the Northwestern Motorway (SH16).
- **Northern Corridor Improvements** – the next three years will see the completion of this project, including the final phases of the extension of the popular Northern Busway from Constellation Drive to Albany, along with construction of a new busway station in Rosedale to provide more travel options for commuters in this busy commercial area.
- During the next three years, about \$67 million will be spent throughout Auckland on improving safety across three corridors to reduce annual deaths and serious injuries. Projects include:
- **SH22 SH1 (Drury) to Paerata – Glenbrook**: improvements at the SH22 and Glenbrook Rd intersection, with an investment of \$10 million to begin construction
- **SH22 SH1 (Drury) to Paerata** – median barrier project along the 9.7km Drury to Paerata corridor, with an investment of \$28 million for design and to start construction

- **SH1 Dome Valley Safety Improvements** – safety improvements along the 15.2km Dome Valley corridor, with an investment of \$29 million to complete construction.
- The \$315 million **Wiri to Quay Park upgrade** will improve both freight and commuter services by easing congestion on the busiest parts of New Zealand's rail network, improving links to key freight hubs and providing additional capacity for the City Rail Link. Work began in late 2020 and is expected to be completed by 2024.

More information

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