Moving Auckland: Improving Northern Corridor

The NZ Transport Agency is developing a number of projects to help ease the pressure the Northern motorway (State Highway 1) is facing and to support population and business growth in Auckland’s north and north-western suburbs.

The wider Northern Corridor project the Transport Agency is developing is part of the Government’s accelerated programme of works for Auckland, and it will better connect Albany with the rest of the city, and beyond to the regions north and south of the city.

Construction of the first of four projects - the Upper Harbour Highway to Greville Road Northbound 3-laning - started in January. The project will provide an additional northbound motorway lane between the Upper Harbour Highway and Greville Road interchanges, and intersection upgrades at Greville Road. It is on track to be completed early next year. For more information on this project, please visit: www.nzta.govt.nz/uhh-greville

The remaining three projects are now being investigated by the Transport Agency’s team ahead of obtaining consents and undertaking design and construction. (Please see project map inside).

**COMMUNITY OPEN DAYS**

We will be holding a number of Community Open Days for the Northern Corridor:

- **Wednesday 12 November**
  5pm-8pm at the Northern Corridor Information Hub, 33A Apollo Drive, Rosedale

- **Thursday 13 November**
  6.30am-8.30am and 4.30pm-6.30pm at Constellation Station

- **Saturday 15 November**
  10am - 4pm at Westfield Albany, next to the New World.

Come along to learn more about the project, discuss the options with the project team and give us your feedback. We would love to see you there!
Northern Corridor Improvements - Part of the Accelerate Auckland project

Northern Corridor Improvements

- Upgrade existing interchange.

Upper Harbour Highway – Greville
- 3-laning.

Northern Busway
- Extend busway between Constellation Station and Albany Station.

Northern Corridor Information Hub
33A Apollo Drive, Rosedale
Opening hours 9am–4pm, Monday to Friday

SH1/SH18
- Provide direct motorway connection between SH1 and SH18.

SH18 Upper Harbour Highway
- Upgrade to full motorway standard between Albany Highway and SH1.
Why Is the Northern Corridor Improvements Project Needed?

The Northern Corridor is the primary route between Auckland and Northland, and will form the northernmost link of the Western Ring Route - Auckland’s motorway alternative to SH1.

The Northern Corridor Improvements covers the area of SH18 between Albany Highway and Constellation Interchange, and SH1 between Upper Harbour Highway and Greville Rd. The Busway component of the works extends further north on SH1, to Oteha Valley Road. These areas currently experience high levels of congestion due to bottlenecks and constrained interchanges.

Completion of the Western Ring Route, and future land use growth in the town centres of Albany, Massey North, Westgate and Hobsonville are expected to add further to these pressures. The Additional Waitemata Harbour Crossing and the planned Puhoi to Warkworth highway will further increase demand along the northern corridor.

What Are the Benefits of the Northern Corridor Improvements?

The Northern Corridor Improvements will deliver the following benefits:

- Facilitate interregional travel between Auckland and Northland by allowing the full benefits of the Western Ring Route to be realised by upgrading the SH18/1 connection.
- Improve the capacity of the northern corridor, enhancing network resilience and easing congestion for all modes of transport.
- Improve efficiency and reliability of the northern corridor.
- Support economic development in identified growth areas adjacent to the northern corridor.

How Much Will the Northern Corridor Project Cost?

The project is expected to cost approximately $450M (excluding the busway construction). The Transport Agency has received a government loan for this work.

Northern Busway Extension to Albany

Planning and investigation for the Northern Busway Extension is being progressed alongside the other improvements through the Northern Corridor. Construction funding for the Northern Busway Extension is not included in the current Auckland Accelerated financial package from the Government. However, as part of the current work opportunities are being investigated to construct the Northern Busway Extension within the same timeframe as the other Northern Corridor works.

What is the Plan for Local Access Along SH18 Upper Harbour Highway

As part of the Northern Corridor suite of projects, Upper Harbour Highway (SH18) will be upgraded to full motorway standard to connect directly to State Highway 1. This will mean that the existing intersection of Paul Matthews Road and Upper Harbour Highway will need to be reconfigured or realigned to allow for the motorway to motorway connection, whilst retaining the local road connection between Paul Matthews and the previous Upper Harbour Highway. One of the project’s requirements is that the southern connection via Paul Matthews into the North Harbour area is retained. How this will be achieved is part of the investigation work currently underway.

What Walking and Cycling Links Will be Provided?

The scope of the project includes investigation of new and/or improved cycle and pedestrian links throughout the study area.

At this stage we haven’t identified where a cycle link would go, this will be determined during the Investigation work currently underway.

FAQs

Indicative Timeline for Remaining Northern Corridor Improvements

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NEW NEIGHBOURS

Early engagement and communication with our neighbours is a key factor in the success of this project. The Transport Agency will ensure there are opportunities for its stakeholders, and the wider community, to be involved and to provide input and feedback on the project.

There will be regular newsletter updates, and community open days. Dates and venues for open days will be promoted in the newsletters and on the project’s website. Contact us at northerncorridor@nzta.govt.nz to receive future newsletters.

The Transport Agency has setup the Northern Corridor Information Hub located at 33A Apollo Drive, Rosedale - drop in and say hi to one of the team. We are open 9am – 4pm Monday to Friday or via appointment.

The Northern Corridor Team. From left: Kenny See, Gareth Mills, James Dyer, Rikash Kumar, Rob Mason, Sarah Cronwright, Rebekah Pokura-Ward, Ashlie Carlyle, Alex Jepsen, Jala Shekho

CONTACT US

For more information about the Northern Corridor project visit our website at: www.nzta.govt.nz/auckland-northern-corridor

Email northerncorridor@nzta.govt.nz

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