

SOUTHERN
CORRIDOR
IMPROVEMENTS
**Project
Update**



Minister of Transport Hon Simon Bridges and Mayor Len Brown turn the first sod with Brett Gliddon, NZ Transport Agency State Highways Manager for Auckland & Northland

CONSTRUCTION KICKS OFF

Construction has begun on the Southern Corridor Improvements project, with Transport Minister Simon Bridges and Auckland Mayor Len Brown turning the first sod on 21 October 2015. The project is the second of 4 Government accelerated transport projects to get underway in the Auckland region.

The NZ Transport Agency awarded the contract to Leighton Contractors in August, who are working together with Opus International Consultants to design and construct the project over the next 3 years.

The \$268 million project extends 9.5km from Manukau to Papakura along State Highway 1 and will improve safety and journey reliability on Auckland's Southern Motorway.

The project will support the rapid population growth that is expected in south Auckland over the next 30 years, while also meeting the immediate needs of a thriving city. Nationally, this project will improve the movement of people and freight from Northland, through Auckland to the Waikato, Tauranga and further south to the rest of New Zealand.

An additional lane in each direction will help to ease the existing bottlenecks and an upgrade of the Takanini Interchange will improve safety and freight movement for drivers.

Improvements include:

- An additional lane southbound – that's 4 lanes from SH20 to Hill Road and 3 lanes from Hill Road to the Papakura Interchange
- An additional lane citybound – that's 3 lanes from Hingaia Road to Takanini Interchange
- An upgrade to the Takanini Interchange including a new freight lane and on/off ramps
- Walking and cycling improvements including 4.5km of shared path along the western side of the motorway from Great South Rd at Takanini through to Hingaia Rd / Beach Rd in Papakura
- Improved noise walls and landscaping
- New low-spill, energy efficient LED lighting.

PROJECT AREA

WHAT TO EXPECT OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

During November and December this year we will be gearing up to start major work in early 2016. You may have seen our survey team out and about collecting information to confirm the design. We are also undertaking investigations to assess the ground conditions to know what pile depths are needed.

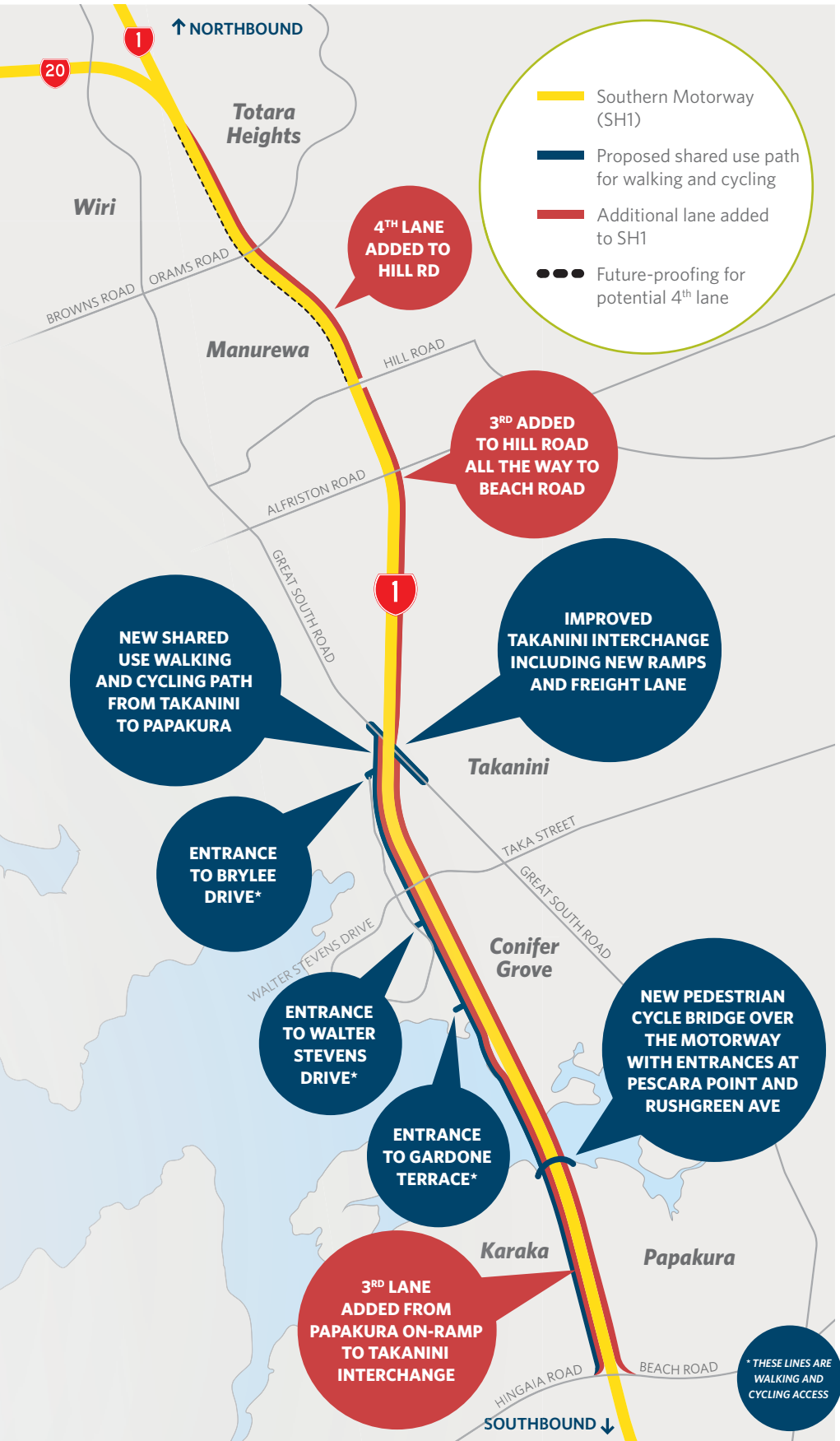
Over the Christmas and New Year break our construction team will be hard at work during the quiet time on the rail line, preparing the foundations for the new Takanini off ramp that will cross over the top of the railway.

In early 2016, work will begin in the median strip of the motorway with lighting installation, retaining wall construction as well as drainage and service relocations. You may notice new concrete barriers and lane changes to create safe access for workers.

The timeline below shows how work is expected to roll out. Updates will be provided in future project updates and through our website and social media.

WORK AT NIGHT

Night work when traffic is lightest will be necessary throughout the project as there are daytime limitations because of large traffic volumes. Night work will include surveying of the motorway, work on bridges, the Takanini interchange and widening. We'll make sure there is plenty of notice given during the work to help minimise any disruption. Sign up to our updates through our website to be kept up to date.



TIMELINE



* THESE LINES ARE WALKING AND CYCLING ACCESS

WALKING AND CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS

Funding has been approved for a number of exciting walking and cycling improvements to be constructed around 2017.

A new 4.5km off-road 3m wide shared path for pedestrians and cyclists will run along the western side of the motorway between Takanini and the Papakura Interchange. It will create local road connections to Great South Rd, Brylee Drive, through the reserves at Walter Strevens Drive, Gardone Terrace and Pescara Point, and will finish at Hingaia Rd near the Papakura Interchange.

The shared path will cross over the Pahurehure Inlet on its own bridge structures, creating a new area for recreation and leisure activities in a restored and transformed area. CCTV and LED lighting will be included.

A new pedestrian overbridge is being planned to cross the motorway next to the Pescara Point Reserve. It will provide alternative transport options for commuters and can be used by local families for leisure activities. Areas along the walking and cycling route will be restored and transformed, including the spare land across the harbour from Pescara Point, providing scenic views out to the Manukau Harbour.

Other improvements include footpaths and cycle lanes for east-west connections at Orams Rd and Hill Rd, and shared paths along both sides of Great South Rd through the Takanini Interchange.

We have more work to do on the detail of the new paths and will provide more information as the project progresses. The artist's impressions here give an idea of what it could look like.

If you would like to discuss the walking and cycling improvements, we invite you to attend the community presentation evening on Thursday 26th November - as detailed on page 4.



Artist's impression of what a rest area on the shared path could look like



Artist's impression only of what the bridge across the motorway at Papakura could look like

Artist's impression of what a wider area of the shared path could look like



Artist's impression of what a narrow area of the shared path could look like





IWI BLESSING

Kaumātua and representatives from iwi along with members of the project team and stakeholders gathered at dawn on 1 October 2015 to bless the project site. There are six iwi groups with traditional links to the area: Ngati Tamaoho, Ngati Te Akitai, Ngati Paoa, Ngati Te Ata, Ngai Tai Ki Tamaki and Ngati Whaunaunga. Iwi have a kaitiaki (guardianship) role in the project and have worked closely with the Transport Agency and now the construction team to provide ongoing partnership and advice throughout construction.

MEET SOME OF OUR TEAM

We would like to introduce our team who will be in your community over the next 3 years. Many of us are locals and have worked here on other transport projects.



Some of the Southern Corridor team, from left to right: **Juliet Spagnolo** – Environmental Manager; **David Hooker** – Engineer's Representative; **Chandra Perera** – Transport Agency Project Manager; **Mark Baines** – Leighton Project Manager; **Tony Pike** – Leighton Country Manager; **Richard Atkin** – Area Manager; **Tania Reynolds** – Communications and Stakeholder Manager; **Mike Booth** – Operations Manager; **Steven Knowles** – Engineering Manager; **Leone Hansen** – Transport Agency Communications and Stakeholder Manager.

WORKING WITH PROPERTY OWNERS

We have already been talking with many neighbours over the last year about work on or near properties. With construction now gearing up, access to some properties along the corridor will be required during the next few months for part of the survey work. We will send a letter to residents before the work

starts and will also knock on your door. Our team carry identification. If you have any concerns, feel free to contact us.

Later in the project we may need to access some properties to construct noise walls and do pre-condition surveys. We will let you

know more about these closer to the time and will liaise directly with affected neighbours.

WANT TO HEAR MORE?

Come along to our first community presentation evening on Thursday 26 November 2015 at Papakura Old Central School Hall – 57 Wood Street, Papakura. Our team will be available between 6pm and 8pm, with a presentation about the project from 7pm to 7.30pm.

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