



# Eastern Corridor – Stage Two



We are creating a safe and sustainable transport network that supports community wellbeing and makes people's daily journeys more enjoyable.

The Eastern Corridor – Stage Two project is part of the Connect Rotorua programme of work, which aims to future proof State Highway 30/Te Ngae Road. This project is a partnership between Waka Kotahi and Rotorua Lakes Council.

Stage Two includes the section of SH30/Te Ngae Road between Iles Road and Rotorua Airport. We are completing a detailed business case to identify the best solution for improving this corridor.

Significant development is planned for eastern Rotorua and the effects of this growth on the transport network need to be carefully planned for.

The project aims to address safety and connectivity, while accommodating for future growth and providing better travel choices. Improving this corridor will help people who live and work in the area, as well as others who rely on it for wider business, tourism or travel purposes.

Working alongside Rotorua Lakes Council, iwi and key stakeholders, we have identified proposed improvements for the corridor.

We are seeking the community's feedback on the proposed improvements for Stage Two to help us understand if we have missed anything important.

## The proposed improvements

The proposed improvements include upgrades to key intersections such as Owhata Road, Wharenui Road and Gee Road, walking/cycling improvements such as a new three-metre-wide shared path and separated cycle lanes, new pedestrian crossings and bus stops, and four-laning in line with development.

Improvements are likely to be constructed in a phased approach, with some being needed immediately and others being built as development occurs in East Rotorua.

We're proposing that the immediate improvements include:

- › a shared path and separate cycle lane from Iles Road to Rotorua Airport
- › intersection upgrades at Basley, Owhata, Brent and Wharenui roads
- › four-laning from Iles to Basley roads
- › new pedestrian crossings and bus stops.

About \$35 million funding has been allocated for the immediate improvements as part of the \$55 million government investment announced in July to enable development at Wharenui.

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## Proposed improvements

Improvements to be constructed in phases as development occurs

**SH30**  
**Te Ngae Road**  
 (Iles Road to Rotorua Airport)

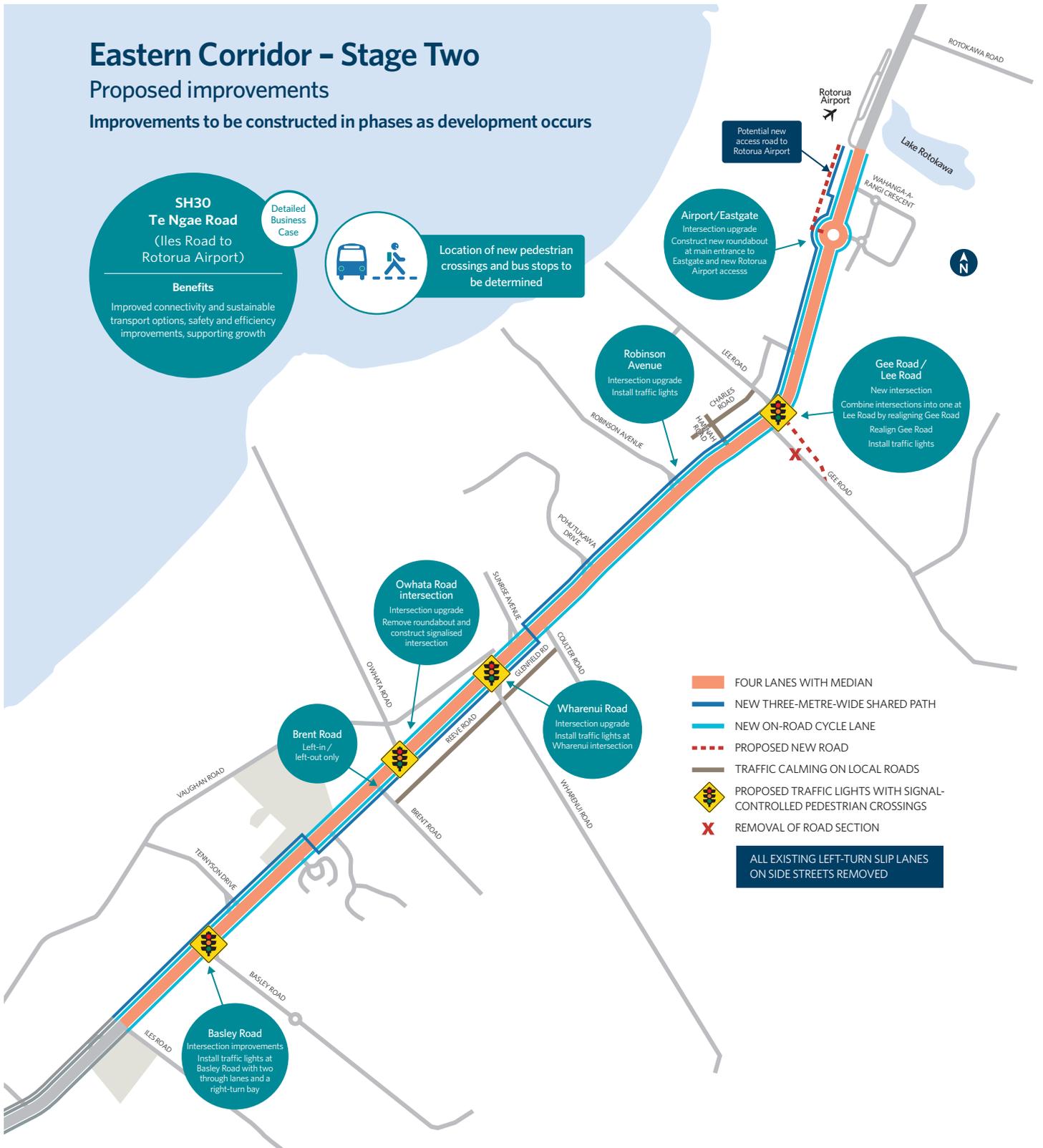
**Benefits**

Improved connectivity and sustainable transport options, safety and efficiency improvements, supporting growth

Detailed Business Case



Location of new pedestrian crossings and bus stops to be determined



Potential new access road to Rotorua Airport

**Airport/Eastgate**  
 Intersection upgrade  
 Construct new roundabout at main entrance to Eastgate and new Rotorua Airport access

**Robinson Avenue**  
 Intersection upgrade  
 Install traffic lights

**Gee Road / Lee Road**  
 New intersection  
 Combine intersections into one at Lee Road by realigning Gee Road  
 Realign Gee Road  
 Install traffic lights

**Owhata Road intersection**  
 Intersection upgrade  
 Remove roundabout and construct signalised intersection

**Wharenui Road**  
 Intersection upgrade  
 Install traffic lights at Wharenui intersection

**Brent Road**  
 Left-in / left-out only

**Basley Road**  
 Intersection improvements  
 Install traffic lights at Basley Road with two through lanes and a right-turn bay

## Frequently asked questions

### How did we come up with the proposed improvements?

We have worked closely with Rotorua Lakes Council, iwi and key stakeholders to reach the proposed improvements. Public feedback we've received over recent years has also heavily influenced the project.

### When will construction start?

We do not have a timeframe for construction, however we do know that improvements will likely be constructed in three phases. Phase One will address immediate priorities on the corridor, while Phases two and three will support growth as development occurs in eastern Rotorua.

This project is in the detailed business case phase where we are seeking to confirm an agreed solution for improving the state highway. Once this stage is complete the design will be finalised. The intention is to go straight to construction on the initial phase of improvements, however timing is dependent on several factors, including consenting.

### What will the project cost?

The cost of the project will not be known until the design is finalised. Currently we anticipate the project will cost about \$35 million for the initial phase of improvements.

Approximately \$35 million has been allocated to these works as part of the \$55 million investment into Rotorua announced by the government in July.

### Will this project reduce congestion?

The proposed improvements aim to make travel along the corridor better for all road users, including cyclists and pedestrians. By upgrading key intersections and providing additional lanes, we aim to make people's journeys through the corridor safer and more reliable. That means more predictable travel times, consistent speeds and safe places to cross the road.



## HAVE YOUR SAY

Locals know their roads best. We are seeking your feedback on the proposed improvements from Wednesday 5 August to Tuesday 1 September 2020. Your feedback will help us understand if there is anything we have missed or need to consider.

You can provide feedback by visiting [nzta.govt.nz/eastern-corridor-stage-2](https://nzta.govt.nz/eastern-corridor-stage-2)

If you would like us to send a hard copy feedback form to you, please contact us on **07 927 6009** or email [connectrotorua@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:connectrotorua@nzta.govt.nz)



### MORE INFORMATION

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