

# HILL STREET IMPROVEMENTS

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The NZ Transport Agency and Auckland Transport are working together on a business case for long term improvements at the Hill Street intersection.

Improvements to the Hill Street intersection aim to address access and safety for all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists.

The Hill Street Improvements business case is due to be completed in early-2019 and will include a recommended option to be put forward for funding approvals.



## THE HILL STREET CHALLENGE

SH1 is a nationally significant highway and carries a high volume of traffic including freight. This traffic conflicts with the many local trips made into Warkworth town centre, Hill Street, Matakana and numerous eastern beach communities.

Warkworth is identified as a growth area in the Auckland Plan 2050, with more than five times the current population predicted to live and work here in the next three decades. This has the potential to increase traffic volumes and safety issues at the Hill Street intersection.

While the Pūhoi to Warkworth motorway and Matakana Link Road will provide alternatives to the Hill Street intersection, population growth and the challenging intersection layout means transport issues will persist at Hill Street.

## A BUSINESS CASE FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Previous designs have been proposed and solutions identified by community interest groups over the years. Most of the previous work considered solving issues at the intersection under existing traffic conditions.

The business case currently underway is focused on future scenarios (post 2021), to address future population growth, and changing travel patterns once the Pūhoi to Warkworth motorway and the Matakana Link Road are open.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The project team is currently investigating a long list of options for improving the intersection. A Community Advisory Group (CAG) has been established to work with the project team during the development of the business case, and is assisting us with option development. We are also working with iwi and alongside the Supporting Growth Alliance to ensure alignment with the future transport network identified for Warkworth.

Over the coming months we will confirm a short list of options for public consultation. Information days will be held in Warkworth and all information will be available online so you can have your say.

As we develop the short list we are seeking community feedback on walking and cycling needs through the intersection. We are also keen to hear how people use the intersection daily, including which movements are particularly challenging, and where you see the greatest issues.