

SH20 Manukau Extension

Linking SH1 and SH20



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Extension will boost economy

Transit New Zealand's SH20 Manukau Extension will be a great boost to the local economy, says Sir Barry Curtis, Mayor of Manukau City.

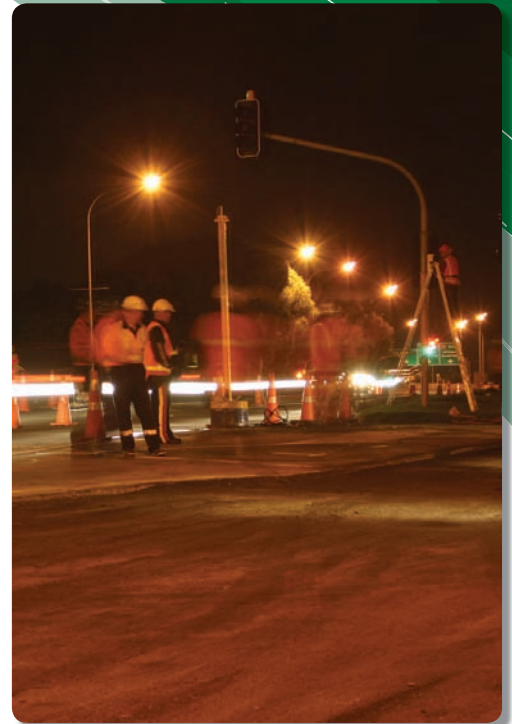
The four lane motorway will run between State Highway 1 (SH1) and State Highway 20 (SH20) and form the southernmost stretch of the Western Ring Route, to provide an alternative to SH1.

Transit Regional Manager Peter Spies says, "This project will create a strategic connection in the Auckland motorway network and connect Manukau and greater Auckland. It will also provide fast and efficient connections to the motorway."

Sir Barry says, "We will have a first class connection to the rest of New Zealand via the new motorway."

"Manukau is home to many different businesses, and all need good integrated transport infrastructure to prosper."

As well as the motorway and interchanges, foundations for the Manukau Rail Link will also be constructed as part of the project.



Night works on the Great South Road.

To the end of June 2007, more than 116,300 man hours have been worked, 80,000 cubic metres of earthworks have been completed, 250 metres of stream diverted and more than 350 eels and other aquatic life transferred away from construction.



Project Information Line

The project team want to know if there is something that you are concerned about – so if you have any concerns or questions about safety, upcoming roadworks, or any other matter relating to the project. You can contact the project team on **0800 SH20 2 1**.

Upcoming work over winter

This winter construction will focus on Great South Road, Wiri Station Road and SH1. On Great South Road and Wiri Station Road, bridges are being built to carry local roads over the new motorway. On SH1, an underpass and a flyover are being constructed as part of the new SH1-SH20 interchange.

Temporary deviations have been installed to minimise any inconvenience to motorists from construction. A deviation installed on Great South Road at the beginning of June is running smoothly for the tens of thousands of motorists who use it every day.

The work on State Highway 1 will require some night time closures of the motorway in both directions. The closures will be publicised on radio and in the local press in order to minimise disruption.

Northbound traffic will be diverted onto the Great South Road between Takanini and Redoubt Road, and southbound traffic will be diverted onto Great South Road between Te Irirangi Drive and Takanini.

Another area of activity will be the green space between Lambie Drive and Wiri Station Road. Non-native trees will be removed and eventually 250,000 natives, such as pohutukawa and kauri, will be planted along the extent of the motorway corridor.



Work will proceed day and night over the winter to minimise disruption.

Safety priority consideration for all

Leighton Works, the construction company selected by Transit New Zealand to construct the SH20 Manukau Extension, have a very strong safety culture.

“Keeping the construction work separated from the public and traffic is for everyone’s safety,” says Leighton Works Project Manager Steven Knowles.

“We achieve this through the use of signage, control of site access, the use of concrete barriers and coned off areas,” he says.

Leighton Works Safety Manager, Lee Busby, is eager for the public to realise that site safety benefits not only the project team, but also passing drivers and pedestrians.

“Because of moving vehicles and crews, people should pay attention to signs and what is happening around them as they move through the area, be aware of our team and the machinery, and drive at an appropriate speed,” says Lee.

To avoid drivers being distracted by construction activities, safety screens on top of many of the concrete barriers obscure the work going on behind them.

Signs are also placed to indicate the safe walking routes around work sites – necessary to stop pedestrians being exposed to moving machinery or traffic.

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