The Takanini Interchange will be upgraded as part of the Southern Corridor Improvements Project.

The new loop design will offer a higher capacity than the current layout (which is also a loop). It will start at a similar location to the current on-ramp, but will be more consistent compared to the existing loop.

The northbound on-ramp will be 2 lanes up to the bridge over the railway. It then becomes 3 lanes to provide a freight priority lane to bypass the ramp metering signals.

The ramp will be about 900 metres long before joining the motorway. This is longer than the existing on-ramp and will improve safety, reduce queuing and make it easier to merge onto the motorway.

The new interchange will be fully functional by end 2019.