The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) is working with Whangarei District Council (WDC) to improve the state highway through Whangarei.

In addition to the recently completed Kamo Bypass stage 2, the NZTA has five intersection improvements projects planned to help manage growing traffic numbers, improve safety and make travel easier for locals and visitors travelling in and around Whangarei. The projects include intersection upgrades, widening of the state highway and roading improvements from Tarewa Road north to Percy Street. All projects are aimed at helping to ease congestion and support economic growth in and around the city.

The project areas are identified as:
- Tarewa Road
- SH1/SH14
- Selwyn Avenue to Wilson Avenue
- Wilson Avenue to Fourth Avenue
- Kensington Avenue to Manse Street

The projects support the Urban Growth Strategy for Whangarei District and will create jobs locally. The majority of suppliers and subcontractors will be regionally based and the work will provide a boost to the community.