

# STRATEGIC WALKING AND CYCLING CONNECTIONS

The project described in this profile has been identified by an indicative business case and will require further technical investigation and engagement before its final detail, location or land requirement is confirmed. It is also yet to be prioritised for funding for delivery over the next 10-30 years.

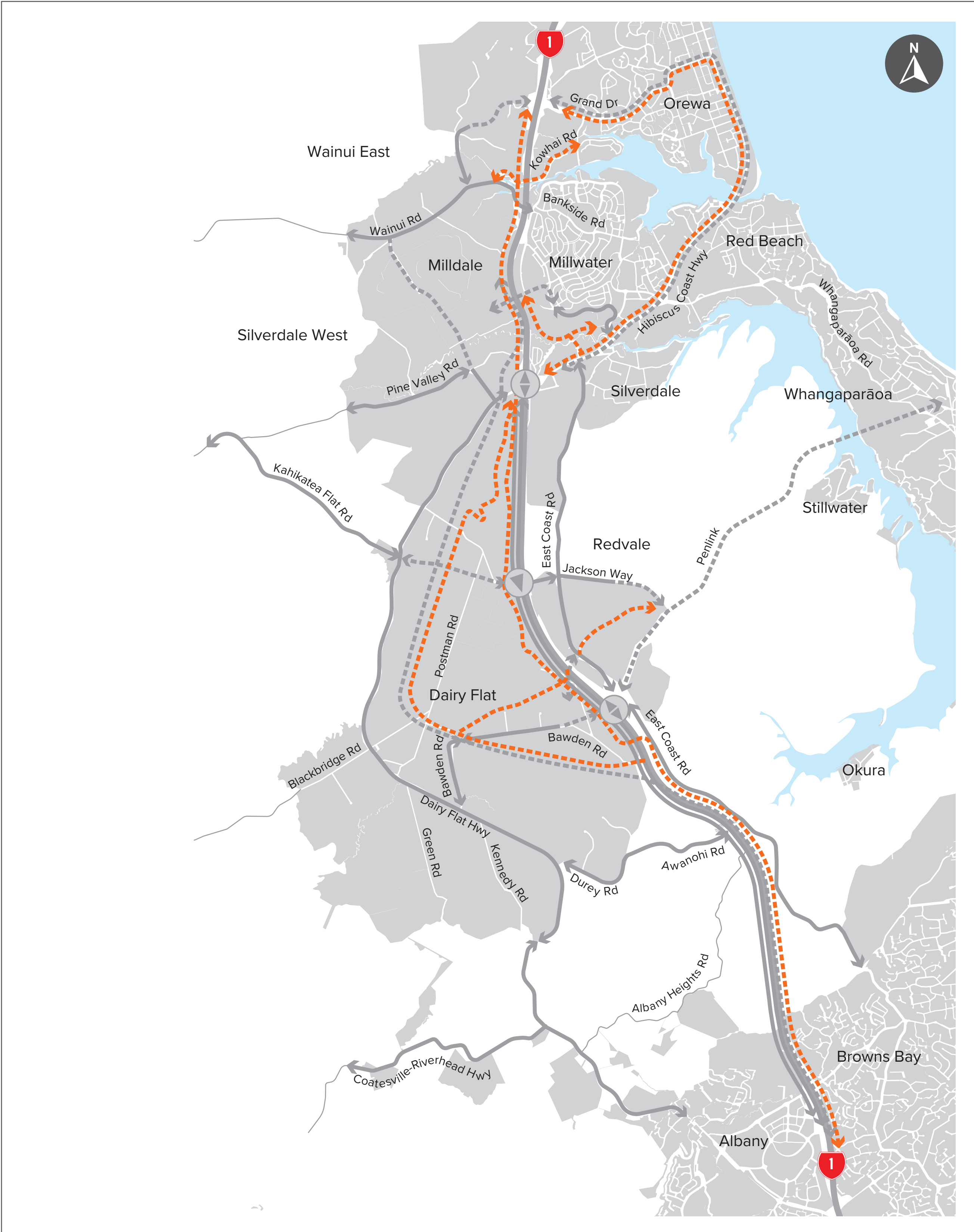
## Purpose

Proposed strategic walking and cycling corridors in the north would provide an additional choice of transport for future communities. They are proposed to be largely separated from other transport corridors to provide a dedicated walking and cycling connection, with some providing a more scenic route and enabling access to rapid transit.

## Description

The proposed North strategic walking and cycling corridors include the following projects:

- A new connection along State Highway 1 (SH1)
- A new connection along the rapid transit corridor
- A new connection from Bawden Road to the extension of Jackson Way
- A new connection from Silverdale to Grand Drive along the Hibiscus Coast Highway
- An upgrade of the existing Kowhai Road SH1 underpass
- A new connection from Milldale via Curley Avenue and Brian Smith Drive.



As well as these projects, further investigations will be done in the programme’s next stage including investigating providing for walking and cycling on surrounding key arterials and across new or upgraded interchanges.

## Key benefits

The key benefit of the strategic walking and cycling network is that it would allow for safer and higher quality travel as well as providing the opportunity for longer distance, safer travel by bike, as well as providing high quality connections and increased accessibility between communities. The network would encourage locals to shift from using their vehicles to choose to walk or ride a bike

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instead, and to transfer to rapid transit or public transport. This would also reduce congestion on the existing network.

## Current status

In 2018, engagement with the community was undertaken on a range of options for strategic walking and cycling routes. These were approved as part of the indicative network in mid-2019. At this stage, we have general study areas within which we will do further investigation in partnership with Auckland Council.

## Next steps

During the next phase of work, the project team will consider alignment options for the strategic walking and cycling network and any opportunities to integrate these with other projects and proposed surrounding arterial upgrades. This will include social, cultural, environmental and technical investigations as well as further engagement with the community.

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