

WHENUAPAI UPGRADED ARTERIALS

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

Upgrades and extensions are proposed to a number of existing roads in Whenuapai to bring them up to urban standards and provide for future urban growth. To support current and future residents of Whenuapai, these upgrades would provide for walking and cycling, public transport as well as general traffic. The exact form and function of these arterials is still to be determined.

For more information on cross sections see [What these connections could look like in North West Auckland](#) on our website.

Description

The Whenuapai arterial road improvements include the following projects:

- Upgrade and extend Northside Drive from Nixon Road, including a crossing over SH16, and through to Trig Road
- Upgrade and extend Spedding Road from Fred Taylor Drive to Hobsonville Road, including SH16 and SH18 crossings

- Upgrade and extend Māmari Road from Northside Drive to Brigham Creek Road
- Upgrade Brigham Creek Road
- Upgrade Trig Road from Brigham Creek Road to Hobsonville Road
- Upgrade Hobsonville Road and Fred Taylor Drive between SH18 and Don Buck Road.

Key benefits

The key benefits of these improvements include increased accessibility to a large range of transport choices, and increased people movement within the area to provide connections to employment, commercial areas, residential areas and public transport interchanges. These arterial improvements would also reduce through-traffic movement on other local roads which will reduce congestion and make the network safer and more efficient.

Current status

In 2018, engagement was undertaken regarding options for upgraded and new arterial corridors in Whenuapai.

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Following analysis of feedback and technical investigations, indicative upgrades for these corridors were approved mid-2019. We have a general study area for each project within which further investigations will be undertaken.

Several of these roads already have more detailed plans underway. These include the south section of Trig Road (south of SH18, up to and including part of Hobsonville Road and intersection with Luckens Road), for which the next stage of planning has been funded by the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF). Two potential alignments have been assessed for Trig Road South; either using the existing road or, realigning the road into the greenfield land to the east to intersect with Luckens Road. The option of using the existing Trig Road alignment is currently being progressed including engagement with property owners and further technical work. This upgrade is also likely to include an improved signalised intersection at Hobsonville Road, a signalised intersection at Luckens Road, and require some nearby widening along Hobsonville Road. The HIF funding, once plans are finalised, means that construction of these particular upgrades is likely within the next few years.

The upgrade and extension of Northside Drive has also been reassessed as part of wider plans for long-term future key state highway upgrades. Additional south-facing ramps for SH16 are now planned for this key arterial (refer State Highway 16/18 Connections project profile).

Next steps

During the next phase of work, the project team will consider upgrade options along these key arterial corridors. This will include social, cultural, environmental and technical investigations as well as further engagement with project partners, stakeholders, landowners, and the community.

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