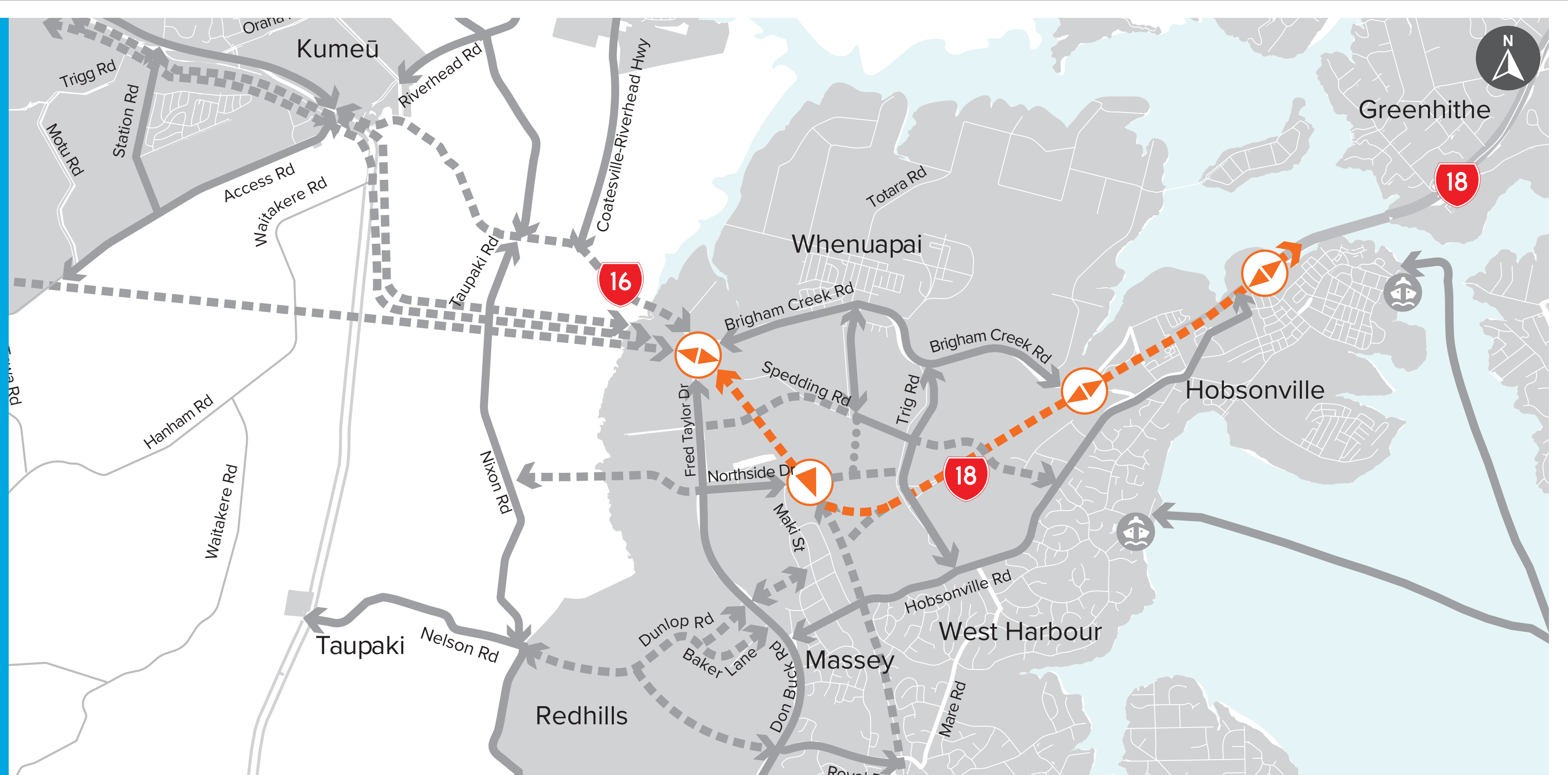


STATE HIGHWAY 16/18 CONNECTIONS

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

The State Highway 16/18 Connections project includes a range of proposed improvements between SH16 from Brigham Creek Road and SH18 to Squadron Drive to improve accessibility, reliability and travel choices for people travelling in the north west of Auckland.

Description

The SH16/18 Connections project is an important component of the overall transport network plan and will increase and improve access between the growth areas in the North West and the North Shore.

The proposed improvements include:

- A new direct connection between SH16 and SH18
- South-facing ramps at SH16 Northside Drive
- Upgraded interchanges at both SH16 and SH18 ends of Brigham Creek Road
- West-facing ramps at SH18 Squadron Drive
- Shared walking and cycling paths between Squadron Drive and Fred Taylor Drive.

Key benefits

The benefits of enhancing the transport network in this area include a better-connected region for people, jobs and educational opportunities; greater travel choices and more predictable journeys; enabling growth and allowing local roads to service local communities and creating a more attractive place to live and invest.

Current status

In 2018, engagement with the community was undertaken on a range of state highway upgrade options in the north west. The options supported the provision of a wide range of travel choices in the future including rapid transit, public transport connections and walking and cycling. Previous plans to upgrade and extend Northside Drive were re-assessed and the addition of south-facing ramps on SH16 proposed.

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Next steps

The draft business case for the SH16/18 Connections project is due to be presented to the NZ Transport Agency Board for approval and will be progressed in an integrated way with the North West Supporting Growth Programme to ensure a well-coordinated approach to infrastructure planning for the area.

The focus of the SH16/18 Connections project is to seek long term route protection and plan to deliver these improvements over the next few decades, in line with growth and funding availability. For more information on this project see: nzta.govt.nz/sh16-18

In the meantime, the NZ Transport Agency will continue to progress other short-term upgrades for SH16, including the SH16 Safe Network Programme – Brigham Creek to Waimauku. For more information on this project see: nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh16-brigham-creek-and-waimauku

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More information about the SH16/18 Connections project is available on the NZ Transport Agency website nzta.govt.nz/SH16-18

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