

Improving transport connections in Redhills

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With more homes being built in the southern area of Redhills, and the northern area expected to grow over the next decade, the existing transport network in this area needs to be upgraded so that future residents can get where they need to go safely and efficiently.

Accommodating walking, cycling and public transport is a priority so people have a choice in how they travel.

Don Buck Road

What we're proposing

As more people move into the area, the key route of Don Buck Road will need to be widened to accommodate walking, cycling and public transport.



Benefits

- More frequent buses that will have priority access along these roads.
- Improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- Improved access to key local destinations including Westgate, SH16 and any future potential rapid transit network. Please see the *Strategic Connections in north west Auckland* information sheet.

We are only setting aside land to upgrade the length of Don Buck Road between Fred Taylor Drive, to and including the Royal Road intersection. Upgrading Don Buck Road through the town centre (between Royal Road and Red Hills Road) is not being progressed as part of the Supporting Growth Programme. However, it could be considered as part of other Auckland Transport projects, subject to prioritisation and funding.

Key features of Don Buck Road and Fred Taylor Drive



Four lanes, with bus lanes on some sections



Walking and cycling facilities on both sides of the road



50kph speed limit



Buses every 10 minutes in the peak periods

Fred Taylor Drive

What we're proposing

As with Don Buck Road, Fred Taylor Drive will be widened to accommodate walking, cycling and public transport, providing transport choices to the growing community. It will play an important role in connecting each end of the Redhills areas and will link to a future potential rapid transit network. Please see the *Strategic Connections in north west Auckland* information sheet.

Fred Taylor Drive will also provide access to the Alternative State Highway Corridor. Please see the Alternative State Highway Corridor information sheet.

Under the Auckland Unitary Plan, Fred Taylor Drive already has designations of 30 metres of land protected through existing designations. These future upgrades will use this land as much as possible. No additional traffic lanes are proposed on Fred Taylor Drive between Don Buck Road and Gunton Drive. We will look to use the existing road reserve to accommodate walking and cycling facilities and ensure the appropriate tie-in with the existing SH16 overbridge.

What Don Buck Road and Fred Taylor Drive could look like



Nixon Road, Taupaki Road, Royal Road and Northside Drive extension

Upgrades to these roads are not being progressed as part of the Supporting Growth Programme, but could be considered as part of other Auckland Transport projects, or Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency projects, subject to prioritisation and funding.

What north-south and east-west connections could look like



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Provision of on-street parking for these transport connections will be determined at the next stage of design, and will be subject to further public engagement.

Redhills North-South & East-West Connections projects

A new east-west connection would join Nixon and Nelson Roads with Fred Taylor Drive, including both Dunlop Road and Baker Lane. A new north-south connection would join this east-west connection to Royal and Don Buck Roads.

These connections would support current and future Redhills residents, and provide for walking, cycling, public transport and general traffic.