

# Improving Kumeū-Huapai

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Kumeū-Huapai will look very different in 30 years' time. The area is rapidly expanding already, with new housing in place and more land to be developed on both sides of State Highway 16 (SH16) for residential, commercial and industrial uses.

Improved local transport connections will play a key part in alleviating the pressure on the area's already congested roads, particularly through the SH16 urban area. Less traffic on this section of road (SH16 Main Road) will enable it to become part of a revitalised town centre, providing more transport choice and reducing the severance of one side of Kumeū-Huapai from the other.

We're planning now so that we have enough land set aside to undertake long term upgrades to Access and Tawa Roads. As more people and businesses move into the area, these roads will be



important connections for local travel and journeys further afield. Access Road will provide a direct connection via Tawa Road to the new Alternative State Highway.

## Access and Tawa Roads

### What we're proposing

Access and Tawa Roads will provide a key connection from the existing and future industrial zones of Kumeū to the Alternative State Highway to the south. They will therefore need to be significantly upgraded to cope with increased demand, which will include freight vehicles. Access Road will also provide a connection to the Kumeū-Huapai town centre and the transport choices available there.



What Access and Tawa Roads could look like

### Key features of Access and Tawa Roads



Four lanes



Buses every 10 minutes in the peak periods



Walking and cycling facilities are likely to be on the western side of the road only to integrate with future growth



60kph speed limit

## Benefits

- Access to a wider range of transport choices.
- Safe facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Direct access to Kumeū-Huapai town centre and the adjacent industrial area to the Alternative State Highway via a connection on Tawa Road.

Auckland Transport is also planning an upgrade to the intersection of Access Road. Works for this upgrade are expected to commence in late 2022.

## SH16 Main Road

There is the opportunity to reconfigure SH16 through the Kumeū-Huapai town centre once the Alternative State Highway is operational. This will provide place-making opportunities that will support the revitalisation of the town centre, as it will no longer be severed by the through traffic impacts of SH16. There will be better cycling and walking facilities along the length of the main street area, which will connect to other paths as well as to potential rapid transit network stations.

Please see the *Strategic connections in north west Auckland* information sheet for details on what SH16 Main Road could look like.

Keen to know more about the Alternative State Highway? See the *Alternative State Highway Corridor* information sheet.



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.



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