

EXTENDING RAPID TRANSIT TO THE NORTH OPTION 1

The key strategic investment proposed for the north Auckland growth areas is an extension of the current Rapid Transit Network (RTN) from Albany. Building on the successful uptake of the current RTN is vital to support the large population numbers projected to live in the new growth areas. The RTN provides fast, frequent, high capacity public transport services along corridors that are separated from general traffic and therefore unaffected by road congestion.

There are **two main options** being considered for an extension of the current rapid transit network from Albany.

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Option 1 – alignment along the Northern Motorway

This option generally follows the existing motorway alignment from the existing Albany Bus Station.

This option:

- Has the potential to access a future centre in Dairy Flat that is near SH1
- Provides more direct access to existing urban areas and the areas of early future urban growth in Wainui East and Silverdale West (compared to **Option 2**)
- Provides access to options for high frequency bus routes to support the Rapid Transit Network (**pink lines**)
- Has fewer opportunities to serve future planned development and the shape of urban form in Dairy Flat (compared to **Option 2**).

Options at Silverdale

In this section, the rapid transit connection has two options:

A

Continues along SH1

- Extends to Grand Drive in Orewa

B

Shifts to Hibiscus Coast Highway

- Terminates at the existing Hibiscus Coast Busway Station.

Please see information on:

‘What these connections could look like’
to view potential cross sections

Read this poster alongside
‘Extending Rapid Transit to the North Option 2’

High frequency bus route supporting the Rapid Transit Network

