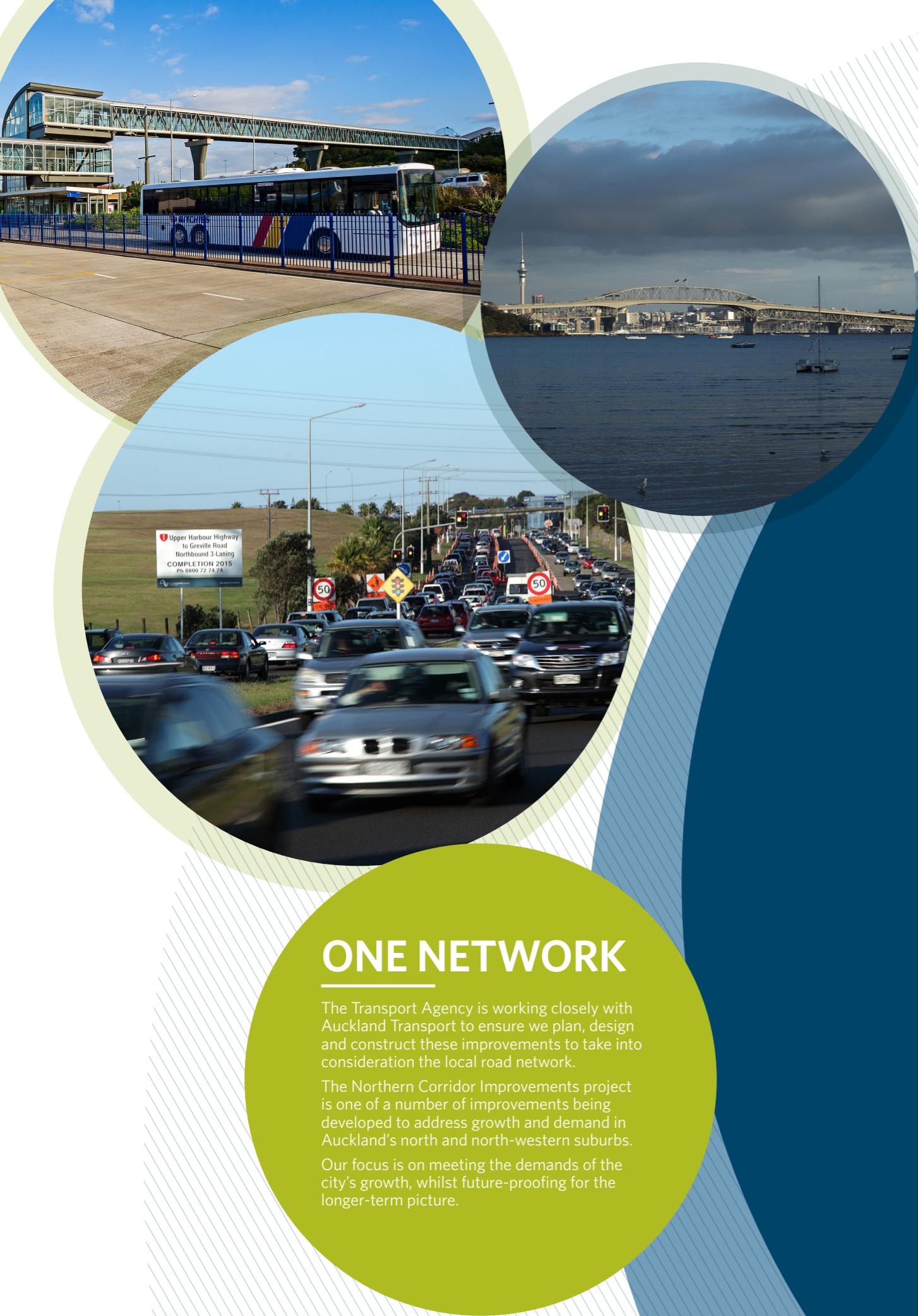


## ONE NETWORK

The Transport Agency is working closely with Auckland Transport to ensure we plan, design and construct these improvements to take into consideration the local road network.

The Northern Corridor Improvements project is one of a number of improvements being developed to address growth and demand in Auckland's north and north-western suburbs.

Our focus is on meeting the demands of the city's growth, whilst future-proofing for the longer-term picture.



# WHAT IS THE NORTHERN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT?

## Overview

The Northern Corridor Improvements covers the area of State Highway 18 (SH18) between Albany Highway and Constellation Interchange, and State Highway 1 (SH1) between Upper Harbour Highway and Greville Road. The Busway component of the works extends further north on SH1, to Albany Bus Station. It is a package of works which includes the following components:

- Upgrade the Greville Road Interchange in conjunction with SH18 Upper Harbour Highway to Greville Road 3 Laning Northbound which is currently under construction.
- Upgrade SH18 Upper Harbour Highway to full motorway standard between Albany Highway and SH1.
- Extend the Northern Busway to Albany Bus Station.
- Provide a direct motorway connection between SH18 and SH1.

## The current situation

- SH1 between Upper Harbour Highway (SH18) and Greville Road currently experiences high levels of congestion, particularly in the peak periods.
- Anticipated growth in population and employment in and around the Albany Metropolitan Centre will further exacerbate existing transport pressures.
- The Northern Busway currently ends at Constellation Bus Station. As a result of existing congestion and a lack of sufficient priority measures, buses currently suffer delays between Constellation Bus Station and Albany Bus Station.

- SH18/Upper Harbour Highway currently has three signalised intersections between Albany Highway and SH1. As the northern connection point between the Western Ring Route and SH1, this needs to be upgraded to full motorway standard to complete the Western Ring Route.
- SH18 Upper Harbour Highway currently serves both motorway and local traffic, leading to congestion in the area.
- There is currently limited walking and cycling connections within the project area.

## Timing

Construction is expected to begin in 2016/2017

## Project objectives

- To help facilitate interregional travel between Auckland and Northland by allowing the full benefits of the Western Ring Route to be realised by upgrading of the SH18/1 connection.
- To improve the capacity of the Northern Corridor, enhancing network resilience and easing congestion for all modes of transport.
- To improve efficiency and reliability of the Northern Corridor.
- To support economic development in identified growth areas adjacent to the Northern Corridor.