



# Rotorua Eastern Corridor Stage Two

## Project update



More than 2000 homes are expected to be developed in eastern Rotorua in the next 10 years. The Eastern Corridor – Stage Two project includes the section of SH30/ Te Ngae Road from Iles Road to Rotorua Airport and will ensure the state highway is ready for the increase in traffic as a result of this growth. We are addressing safety and connectivity on the corridor, while accommodating for future growth and providing better travel choices. Earlier this year, a preferred option, taking community and stakeholder feedback into account, was agreed upon.

Construction of Phase One will start later this year and provide:



Phase One received \$35 million from the Government's Crown Infrastructure Partners funding for construction to support growth and development in Eastside Rotorua.



# Phase One improvements from Iles Road to Coulter Road

Phase One (most of the works between Iles Road and Coulter Road) will focus on addressing the immediate needs and supporting planned housing development near Wharenui Road. It will improve safety for all road users, make intersections more efficient, support development, and provide better travel choices.

This phase is currently in the detailed design stage where we refine the design and create schedules of work, specifications and detailed plans for all elements of the preferred option prior to construction.

The upgrade aims to:

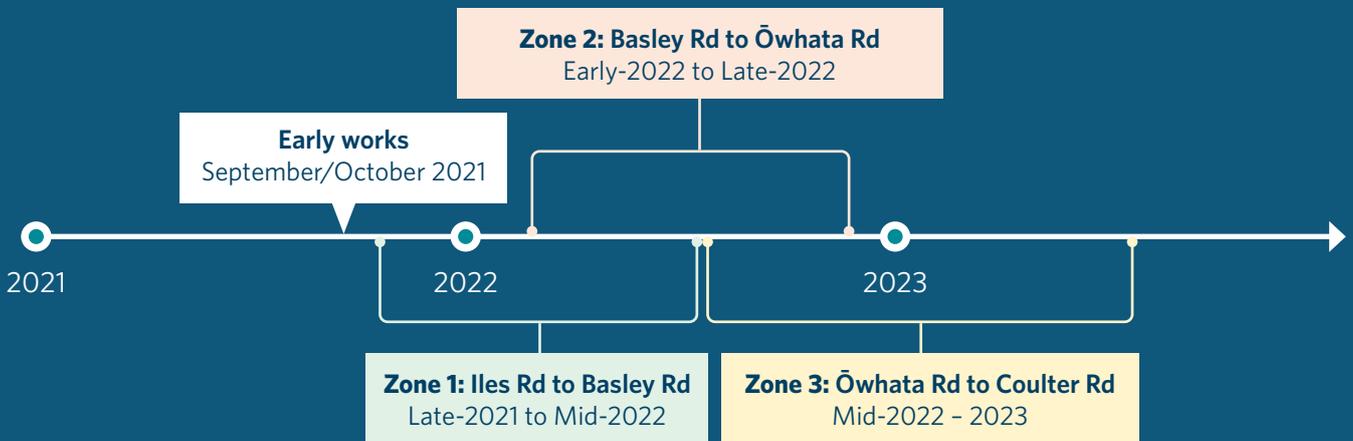
- improve local connectivity
- increase the number of people walking and cycling
- improve reliability of bus services
- improve better access to walking and cycling opportunities
- support a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

## Phase One key improvements:

- Raised safety platforms at Tennyson Drive, Tumene Drive and Brent Road
- Upgrades to key intersections at Wharenui Road, Ōwhata Road and Basley Road
- New three-metre-wide shared path and separate on-road cycle lane
- Four lanes between Iles and Basley Roads
- New pedestrian crossings, bus stops and safety improvements

## Phase One construction timeline

The upgrade will commence in three consecutive zones, starting at Iles Road and finishing at Coulter Road. Early works will commence ahead of zone one to improve safety with the installation of raised safety platforms on three local roads.



<b>Underway</b>	Detailed Design and stakeholder engagement
<b>Late-2021</b>	Construction of Phase One starts
<b>Early-2022</b>	Construction of Phase One major improvements in 2022 and 2023
<b>2023</b>	Phase One upgrade completed
<b>Future</b>	Phases Two and Three will be dictated by the growth and development of Rotorua. Both phases are currently unfunded.



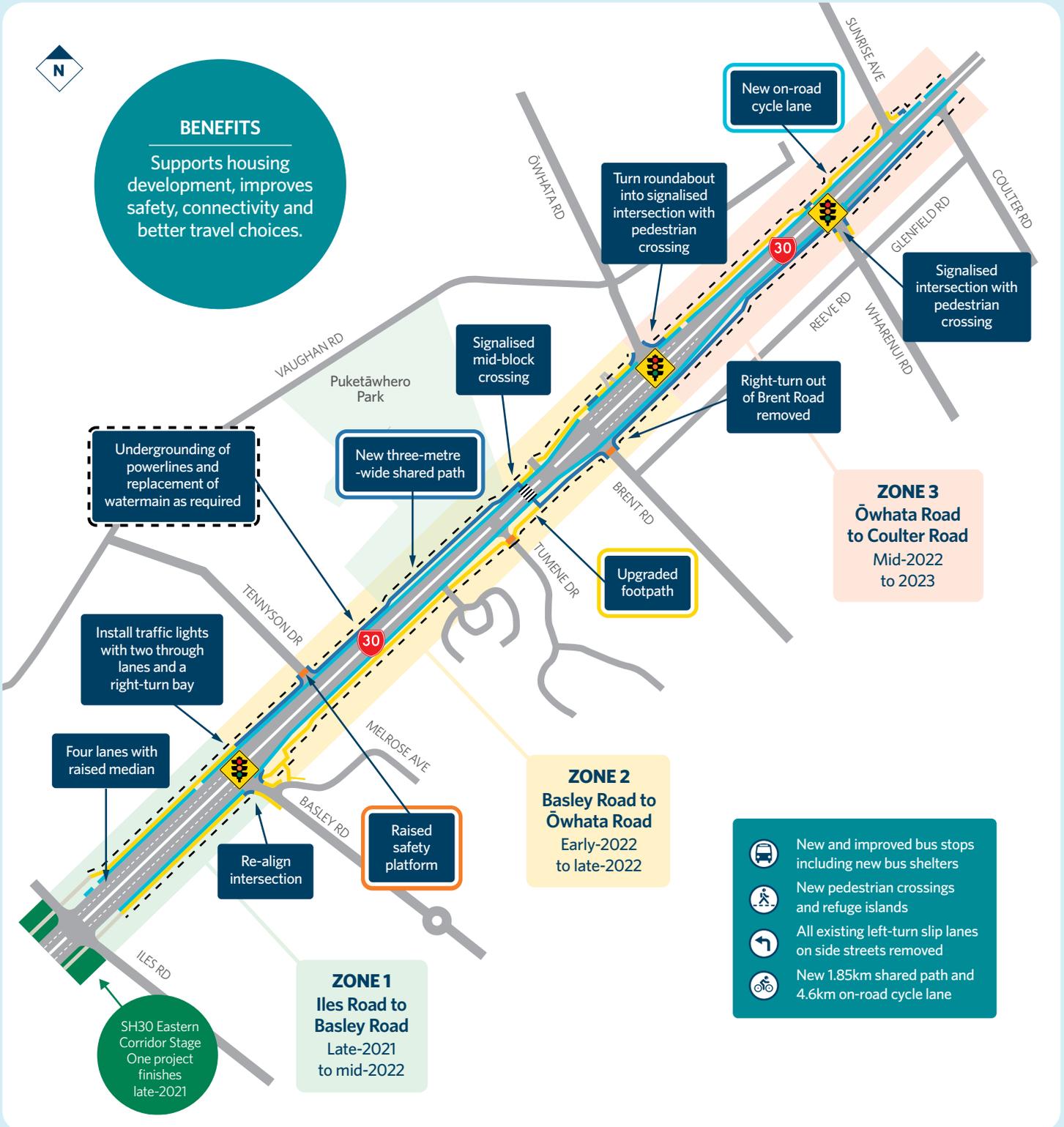
# Phase One - Iles Road to Coulter Road

September 2021 to 2023



## BENEFITS

Supports housing development, improves safety, connectivity and better travel choices.



- New and improved bus stops including new bus shelters
- New pedestrian crossings and refuge islands
- All existing left-turn slip lanes on side streets removed
- New 1.85km shared path and 4.6km on-road cycle lane

## Supporting growth in the east

In 2020 council received \$20 million in funding from the Government's Crown Infrastructure Partners to support residential growth in the Eastern suburbs. Of that funding, \$15 million has been earmarked for upgrades to stormwater infrastructure and the remaining \$5 million was provided to be used for improvements to local Eastside roads.



## Vaughan Road shared path

The Vaughan Road shared path will connect neighbourhoods in the Eastside. This work aims to help tamariki, students, elderly, new bike riders and those on mobility devices feel safer while moving around their neighbourhood because they are separated from traffic. The mostly three-metre-wide shared path will run along Vaughan Road from Ōwhata Road to Te Ngae Road and will include safer crossing points and a link through Puketāwhero Park. The initial section of the Vaughan Road shared path is now complete and, following a tender process, the second stage from Tennyson Drive to Ōwhata Road will get underway. That work is expected to begin in September 2021.

## Wharenui to Forest shared path

This shared path will link new residential developments near Wharenui Road to schools, shops, parks and the forest. It will be a mostly three-metre-wide shared path and will include safer crossing points. The first section of path is being built along the eastern side of Larcy Road, starting from Iles Road, with the inclusion of a connection into Larcy Road Reserve.

### COVID-19 alert level impact

The completion and start dates for state highway projects may be affected by the Alert Level 4 shutdown and other effects of Covid-19 Alert Level restrictions. At the time of printing, it was too early to say what the specific impact may be.

## Stormwater improvements

Council is currently working through investigations, modelling and designs for improvements to stormwater infrastructure in Eastside. The improvements will support new growth in the area and will help to mitigate existing stormwater issues.

This work, and the work underway on State Highway 30/ Te Ngae Road, aligns with the Key Moves and outcomes identified through the Eastside Community Wellness Plan. The Plan reflects a community vision of having a connected, vibrant, safe and thriving community.

[www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/eastsideplan](http://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/eastsideplan)

## SH30 Eastern Corridor - Stage One update

The project has achieved a number of milestones in the recent months, with the signalised Tarawera Road intersection being turned on, the upgrade and opening of the Puarenga Bridge underpass and the upgrading of all services (fibre, power, stormwater and water) running the length of SH30/Te Ngae Road between Sala Street and Iles Road.

The upgrade of the intersection means that one of the busiest intersections in Rotorua is now safer and easier to use. Works will continue to finalise parts of the intersection. The final layer of surfacing will be applied in September.

The team is now focusing on completing landscaping and the shared path along the eastbound side. By the end of the year a three-metre-wide shared path will be in place on either side of the road to provide safer cycling and pedestrian facilities for commuters, school children and the general public. Works have been progressing well and the project remains on track for overall completion in late-2021.

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