

PORT MARSDEN HIGHWAY (SH15) TO TE HANA

Port Marsden Highway to Te Hana (where the route will meet the Auckland motorway network) includes a mixture of improvements to the existing road and a proposed bypass of the Brynderwyn Hills. Improving this section of State Highway 1 is a long-term programme of investment that will significantly improve safety, reliability and resilience of the network.

This work will be planned and delivered in stages:

- Port Marsden Highway to Waipu
- Brynderwyn Hills bypass
- Brynderwyn Hills to Te Hana

The forecast traffic demand is not as significant as the areas immediately north of Port Marsden Highway or south of Wellsford. However, an upgrade of SH1 is required to ensure that the safety and resilience issues in this section of the corridor are addressed and that the journey experience between Whāngārei and Auckland has an element of consistency.

Improvements along the entire SH1 corridor will make it safer and easier for people to move between main urban areas, key centres of production, freight hubs, education and employment centres and key tourist attractions.

BRYNDERWYN HILLS BYPASS

Around two million tonnes of freight travels between Whāngārei and Auckland each year together with over 790,000 tourists, with the majority of people and freight travelling over the Brynderwyn Hills.

The Brynderwyn Hills has major resilience and safety problems and has a high cost of travel for freight users in particular due to the uphill gradients in the area which delay vehicles and require greater effort (and therefore cost).

Recent safety improvements on the northern side will address some of the accidents however the cost of travel remains a considerable problem and is seen by stakeholders and freight users as being a key barrier to economic growth in Northland.

A bypass of the Brynderwyn Hills will provide greater resilience, improve safety and will reduce the cost of travel, particularly for heavy vehicles using this section of SH1.

Improvements will reduce the cost of travel for the freight industry, and improve the ability of Northland to attract investment and tourism.

Roads and roadside improvements in Kaiwaka, Waipu and other sections of SH1 including barrier treatments and intersection improvements.