

# IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE NORTH WEST

We are planning now for a safe and easy to use public transport network which will provide travel choices and reduce the community's reliance on private vehicles as the area grows significantly over the next 30 years. Public transport needs to play a central role in supporting the growth in the North West.



## 1 Strategic Public Transport

The strategic public transport connections will form the backbone of the public transport network in the North West enabling frequent and efficient connections to the wider region.

A number of strategic public transport connections are being investigated for the North West. This includes:

- Light Rail – the City Centre to North West line
- Passenger rail – decision will take into account light rail and future freight needs
- Rapid transit services to the North Shore (SH18).

## 2 Local Bus Network

An enhanced local bus network will be essential for connecting the strategic public transport with the places people live, work and play in the North West.

The local bus network will create better connections to:

- Rapid transit stations
- Town centres
- Employment areas
- Social infrastructure such as shops, schools and sports fields.

### As part of the public transport network, we are also looking at:

- High quality walking and cycling facilities to access public transport stations
- Provision of new or upgraded existing arterial roads to support public transport, such as dedicated bus lanes
- New or improved park and ride facilities and feeder bus services.

## 3 Ferry

The North West has existing ferry services with terminals at West Harbour and Hobsonville Point. As part of a range of public transport improvements we are considering upgrades to the existing terminals and potential new terminal locations.

### Upgrades to Existing Ferry Terminals

Long term improvements to the existing terminals may include upgrades to terminal facilities, improved terminal connections with other transport modes, increased service frequencies and improvements to the timespan in which services operate.

- 1 West Harbour
- 2 Hobsonville Point

### New Ferry Terminals

Longer term, we are considering new ferry terminals at:

- 3 Scotts Point
  - Adjacent to future medium density housing catchment
  - Could be a stop as part of the existing West Harbour services
  - Notable environmental constraints to provide ferry terminal.
- 4 Whenuapai
  - Provides additional public transport choice for residents in Whenuapai
  - Notable environmental constraints to provide ferry terminal
  - Would need to operate at low speeds, in the upper harbour area, compromising service quality.

Read the 'Where We Are Heading' and 'Strategic Connections' posters for further details on the strategic public transport connections which are being investigated.

What issues and opportunities do you see when looking at these options?