

Improving transport connections in Redhills

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With more homes being built in the southern area of Redhills and the northern area expected to grow over the next decade, the existing transport network in this area needs to be upgraded so that future residents can get where they need to go safely and efficiently.

Accommodating walking, cycling and public transport is a priority so people have a choice in how they travel.

We're planning now so that we have enough land set aside to undertake long-term upgrades to key corridors. In the future, Royal Road and Don Buck Road will be upgraded and Northside Drive extended. We will use the existing designations on Fred Taylor Drive as much as possible for any future upgrades to this road.

We're deciding on a preferred routes for these transport connections. Your local knowledge will help us decide—we want you to have your say.



Royal Road and Don Buck Road

What we're proposing

As more people move into the area, the key routes of Royal Road and Don Buck Road will need to be widened to accommodate walking, cycling and public transport.

Benefits

- More frequent buses that will have priority access along these roads
- Improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- Improved access to key local destinations including Westgate, SH16 and any future potential rapid transit network. Please see the *Strategic Connections in northwest Auckland* information sheet.

We are only setting aside the land to upgrade the length of Don Buck Road between Fred Taylor Drive and Royal Road. Upgrading Don Buck Road through the town centre (between Royal Road and Red Hills Road) is not being progressed as part of the Supporting Growth Programme. However, it could be considered as part of other Auckland Transport projects, subject to prioritisation and funding.

Key features of Royal Road, Don Buck Road and Fred Taylor Drive



Four lanes, with bus lanes on some sections



Walking and cycling facilities on both sides of the road



50kph speed limit



A bus every 3-5 minutes

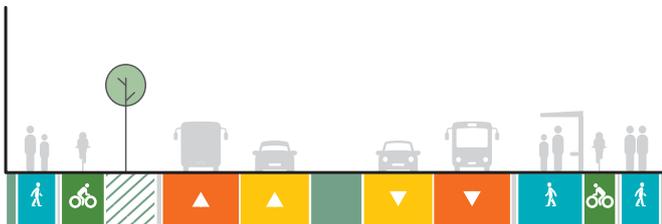
Fred Taylor Drive

As with Don Buck Road and Royal Road, Fred Taylor Drive will be widened to accommodate walking, cycling and public transport, providing transport choices to the growing community. It will play an important role in connecting each end of the Redhills areas and will link to a future potential rapid transit network. Please see the *Strategic Connections in northwest Auckland* information sheet. Fred Taylor Drive will also provide access to the Alternative State Highway Corridor. Please see the *Alternative State Highway Corridor* information sheet.

Under the Auckland Unitary Plan, Fred Taylor Drive already has designations of 30 metres of land protected through existing designations. These future upgrades will use this land as much as possible.

No additional traffic lanes are proposed on Fred Taylor Drive between Don Buck Road and Gunton Drive. We will look to use the existing road reserve to accommodate walking and cycling facilities and ensure the appropriate tie-in with the existing SH16 overbridge.

What Royal Road, Don Buck Road and Fred Taylor Drive could look like



Northside Drive Extension

Existing Northside Drive

Northside Drive between Fred Taylor Drive and Maki Street provides an existing connection between Redhills and Westgate

As a recently constructed road, there are currently walking and cycling facilities and two traffic lanes. If future upgrades are required to these facilities, it is expected that these can be provided in the existing road reserve.



Key features of Northside Drive Extension

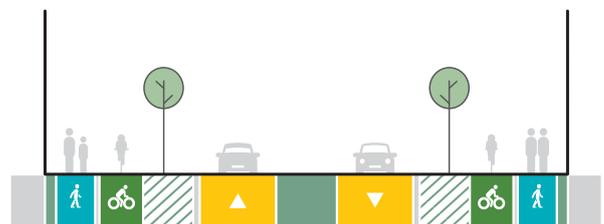
The Northside Drive extension will be two lanes and will have a 50kph speed limit. Where the road passes through rural land, there will be walking and cycling facilities on one side of the road, and on both sides of the road in an urban environment.

Extension to the west

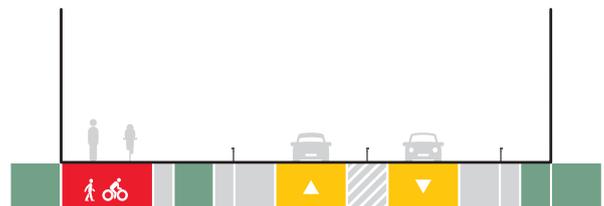
Northside Drive is proposed to have a new extension from Fred Taylor Drive to Nixon Road. This will create a key east-west connection from Whenuapai through to Taupaki, and provide an alternative to SH16 through the northern end of the Redhills future urban zone.

The refined study corridor for Northside Drive extension is shown on the map.

What Northside Drive could look like: urban



What Northside Drive could look like: rural



In the future, Northside Drive will also connect over State Highway 16 via a bridge to Whenuapai and future employment opportunities in this area. For more information on the Whenuapai extension to Northside Drive. Please see the *Improving transport connections in Whenuapai* information sheet. This is a complementary project to be delivered by Waka Kotahi.

In addition, the Northside Drive bridge will provide access to State Highway 16 with south facing ramps to increase access to the city centre.

Dunlop Road Extension

Dunlop Road will connect the Redhills area with the Westgate centre, including the future Westgate bus interchange. It is expected that Dunlop Road will be used by frequent bus services that will travel in the traffic lane, after bus priority is provided at the intersection with Fred Taylor Drive. As a newly constructed road, between Fred Taylor Drive and Barbour Road, with walking and cycling facilities, no further changes are expected for this corridor.

Nixon Road and Taupaki Road

Upgrades to these roads are not being progressed as part of the Supporting Growth Programme, but could be considered as part of other Auckland Transport projects, or Waka Kotahi projects subject to prioritisation and funding.



Provision of on-street parking for these transport connections will be determined at the next stage of design, and will be subject to further public engagement.



Redhills North-South & East-West Connections projects

In addition to the upgrades described above, plans had already been advancing to upgrade existing roads and provide new roads in Redhills.

A new East-West connection would join Nixon and Nelson Roads with Fred Taylor Drive, including both Dunlop Road and Baker Lane. A new North-South connection would join this East-West connection to Royal and Don Buck Roads. These connections would support current and future Redhills residents and provide for walking and cycling, public transport and general traffic.

However, due to COVID-19, these projects have been put on hold. Any decision to continue with them will depend on future funding decisions.

The planning for the upgrades to Don Buck Road and Royal Road as described in the information above will continue and will tie in to the designs that are currently on hold.



Legend

- Upgraded Transport Corridor
- - - Refined study corridor for new transport connection
- Upgrades not being progressed as part of Supporting Growth Programme
- - - Cycling and Walking Corridor
- - - Potential Future Rapid Transit Network
- New Growth Area (Future Urban Zone)
- New Growth Area (Zoned For Development)
- Existing Urban Areas
- Business - Local Centre Zone
- Existing Fred Taylor Drive Designations
- Other Priority Projects to be delivered by Waka Kotahi and Auckland Transport
- Trig Road Upgrade Project
- Redhills North-South and East-West Connections Project
- Historic Site
- Community Facility
- Schools
- ▼ New interchange - south facing ramps only
- ▲ New or upgraded interchange

