# North West Interim Bus Improvements

Auckland Transport has been working with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on the Northwest Interim Bus Improvements project as the first stage of a longer-term Northwest Rapid Transit project. This includes, interim bus stops at Te Atatu and Lincoln Rd, upgrading and extending of bus shoulder lanes along the Northwestern Motorway (SH16), and a new bus station at Westgate.

These improvements will increase the efficiency of bus services to, from and within the northwest, which will make for a better-connected city, with improved access to opportunities for people. The northwest has suffered from a poor public transport offering compared to other parts of Auckland, and these improvements will make bus services a more competitive option. The interim nature of the works will allow for speedy benefits for users, setting in place patterns of travel which will support the longer term provision of a rapid transit service – potentially busway or light rail.

The project was granted stimulus funding to fast-track implementation, so this paper will cover the background to the project, work to date and the upcoming next steps. This will include consideration of the longer term rapid transit planning, as well as co-ordination with land use growth planning in the northwest.