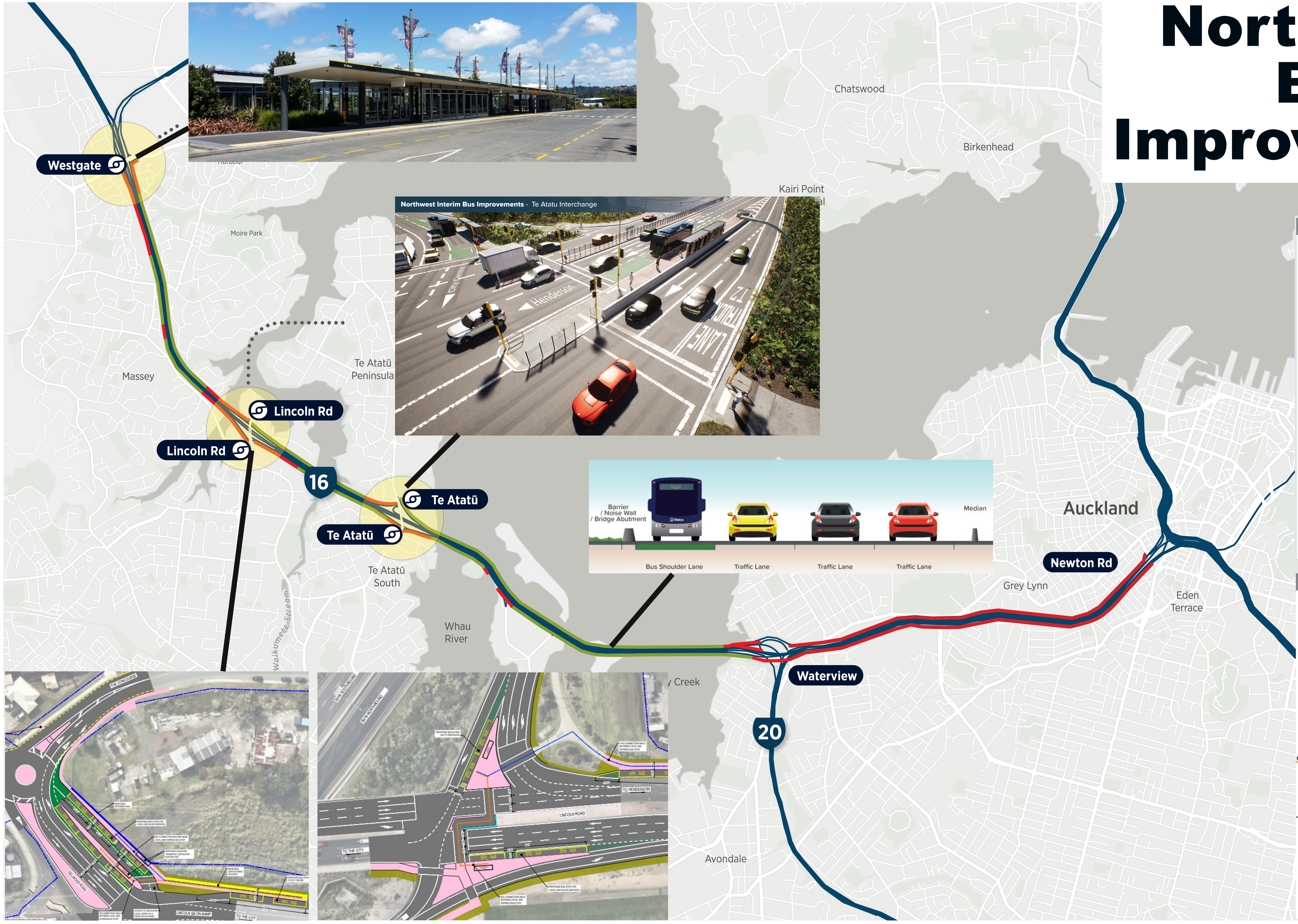


North West Bus Improvements



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.

The scope of the DBC focused on a series of interim bus improvements that could be delivered within 1-5 years.

The improvements include bus stops at Te Atatū 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 project objectives were to:

- Increase the efficiency of public transport to, from and within the Northwest
- Make public transport a realistic option for journeys to, from and within the Northwest
- Improve connections to from and within the Northwest.

The intended project outcomes include:

- A more efficient public transport system
- Public transport is a more competitive option for trips to, from and within the Northwest
- Improved public transport uptake to, from and within the Northwest and reduced emissions
- Better connected city, improved access for people to opportunities

The interim improvements allow local bus customers to interchange with a motorway running service and enable a busway-type network, ahead of a longer-term rapid transit service.

The expected benefits of these improvements include:

- A travel time saving of 25 minutes for a bus trip from Westgate to the city centre
- Job opportunities within a 45-minute bus journey to increase to 222,000 from 47,000
- An increase from approximately 160,000 to 333,000 people able to access the city centre within a 45-minute bus journey
- 14,000 more people living in the project area will be able to access Westgate within a 45-minute bus journey
- 18,500 more people living within the project area will have a bus stop with frequent services within 500m from where they live
- An increase of almost 10km of bus priority along the Northwestern motorway (SH16), from 13km to almost 23km



Te Atatū and Lincoln Road Interchanges

- New bus stops to be built within the Te Atatū and Lincoln Road motorway interchanges
- Buses using the bus shoulder lanes will exit the motorway and access the new bus stops to connect with local bus services, and then re-enter the motorway
- This enables local Te Atatū and Henderson bus customers to access frequent bus services between Westgate and the city centre
- Creates a busway-type service pattern ahead of a longer-term rapid transit service

Westgate Station

- New bus station for access to Westgate, linking local and motorway bus services
- Provides a frequent and reliable public transport option for people living in Kumeu, Riverhead and Huapai
- Supports rapidly developing Westgate commercial centre
- Expandable to become station to serve longer-term rapid transit as well as local bus services

SH16 bus shoulder lanes and bus priority

- More continuous bus shoulder running along SH16 motorway, to improve bus travel time and reliability
- Increased bus priority at motorway interchanges
- Assists in creating a busway-type service pattern ahead of a longer-term rapid transit