# Planning for Additional Waitemata Harbour Connections

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| Auckland Transport has been (in conjunction with the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi and Auckland Council) planning for the future cross harbour strategic transport needs between the North Shore and Auckland. A recent business case identifies the need to enhance the existing busway, commence more detailed work on a supplementary rail-based Rapid Transit Network intervention and also consider a range of motorway network improvements.These interventions will be critical for creating travel patterns and a mode share which can reduce emissions and offer a more sustainable future for North Shore travel. The overall investment would be the largest in NZ’s transport history, and would have significant land use and economic implications. This paper will outline the key issues, the implications for shaping Auckland’s future travel and land use patterns, and some of the next steps. Recent interest in the resilience of the Auckland Harbour Bridge will also be covered in the paper. |