

THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport needs to play a central role supporting growth in the south. At present less than 10% of people in the south use public transport to get to work.

We need a significant shift towards people using public transport, or walking and cycling. To achieve this we are looking at a range of strategic public transport improvements:



Improvements to Rail Network

- Electrification of the rail network from Papakura to Pukekohe
- New train stations at Paerata, Drury, Drury West and Tironui
- Additional capacity (third or fourth track) on the rail corridor, including four lines all the way to Papakura or potentially Pukekohe.



Bus lanes

High frequency bus services on State Highway 1.



Rapid Transit Network

Consideration of additional Rapid Transit Network corridors connecting Drury to Manukau Station, or Puhinui Station, and along Mill Road.



In addition, we are also looking at:



Frequent bus services connecting key destinations such as rail stations and town centres



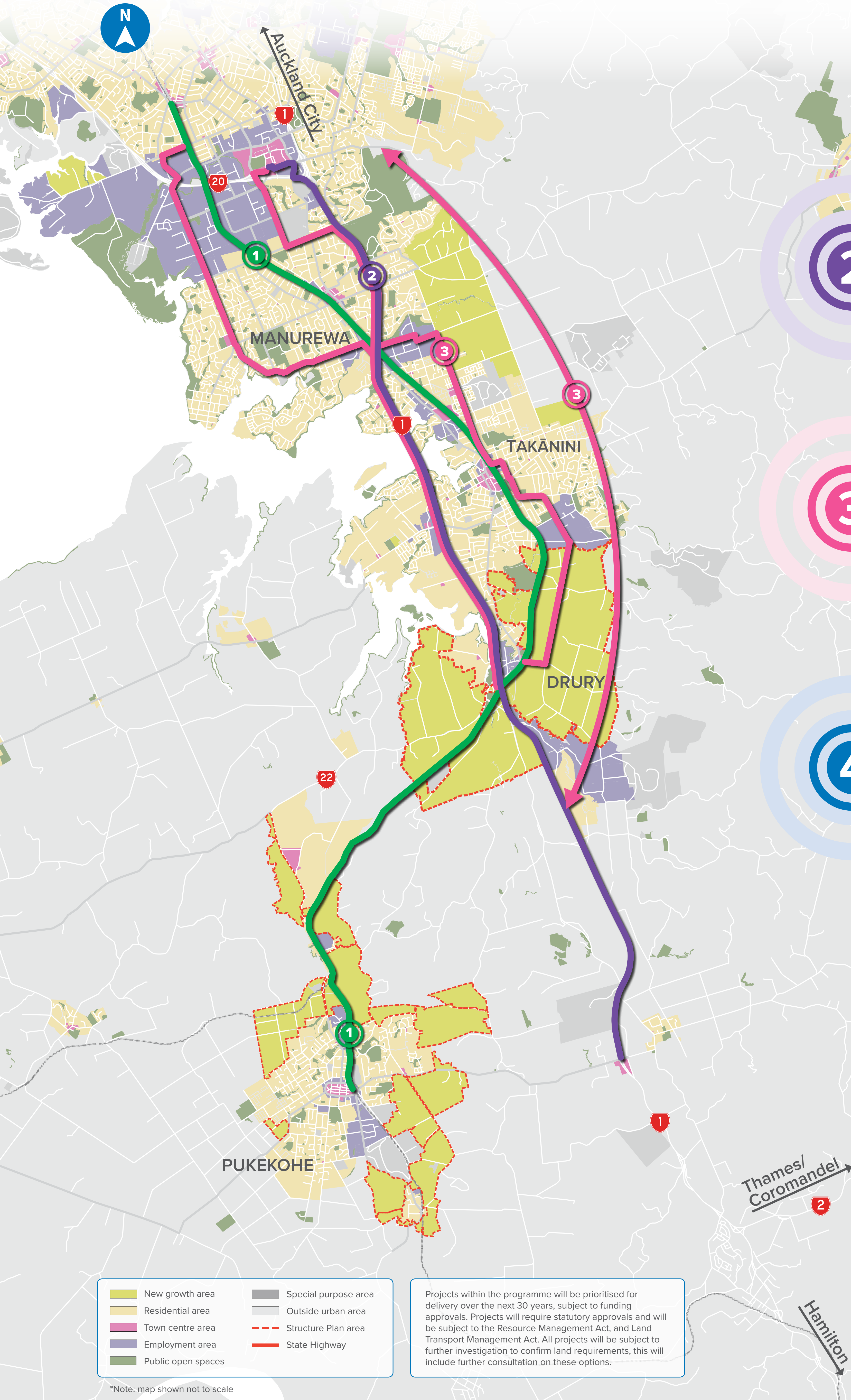
High quality walking and cycling facilities to public transport stations



New and upgraded park and ride facilities and feeder bus services



Provision of new and improvements to existing arterial roads to support public transport, such as dedicated bus lanes.



We would like your feedback on what would encourage you to use public transport in the future.