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Visioning workshops and review of previous work and other initiatives relevant to Tāmaki Drive allowed us to identify six key moves. These set out the principles that will support the vision.

It is proposed that all projects planned for Tāmaki Drive and the surrounding area will need to deliver on this vision and the six key moves supporting it.

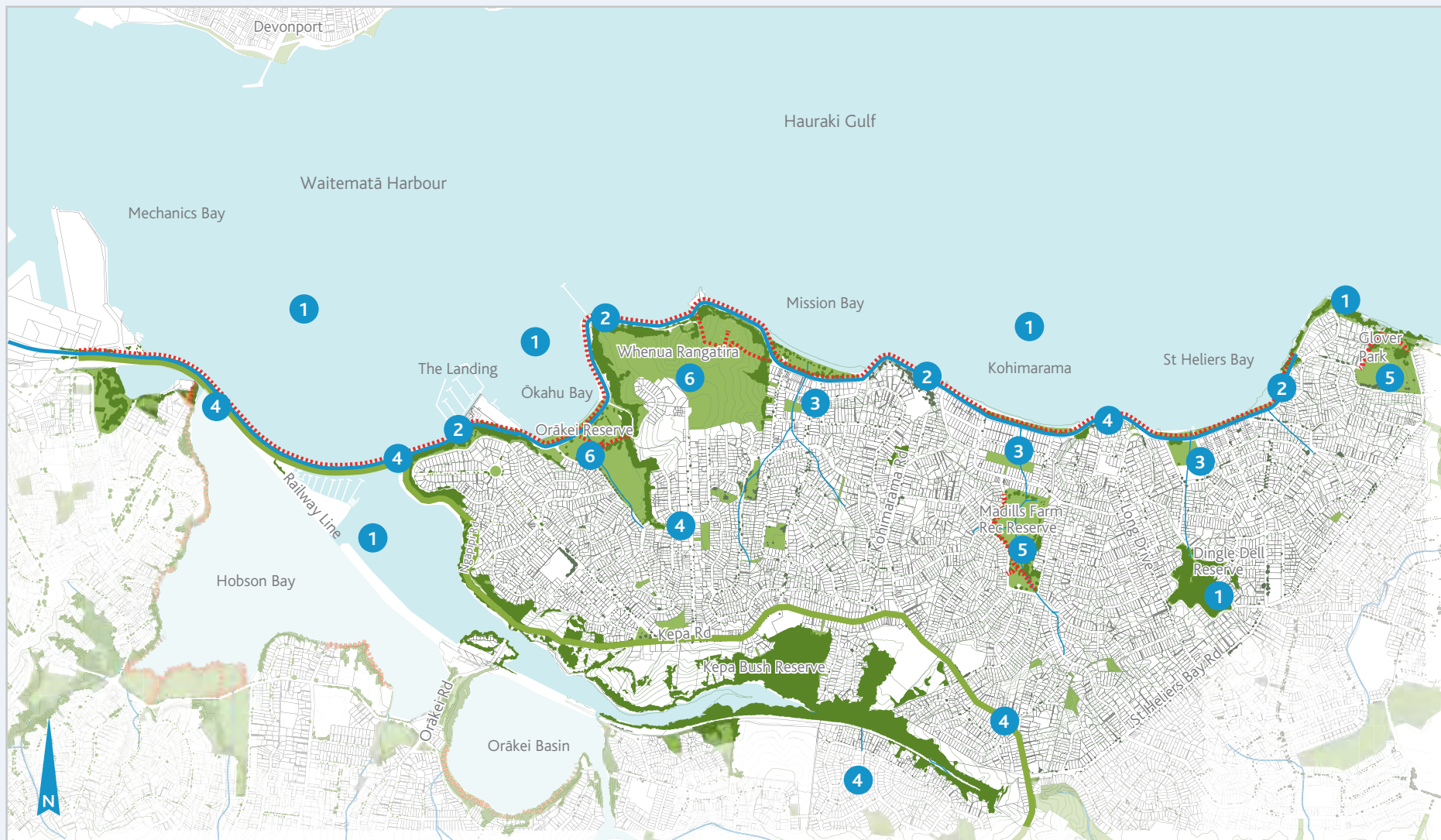
Some are relatively easy to implement; others require a new way of thinking about Tāmaki Drive and the role it plays in our everyday life.

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**All are dependent on us working together towards a common goal – preserving this world-class place for people to enjoy and treasure.**

## Key moves

- 1 Protect and enhance Tāmaki Drive's special environment.
- 2 Provide more space for leisure along Tāmaki Drive.
- 3 Improve quality of the environment in local centres and seaside villages.
- 4 Provide a range of ways to get to and around Tāmaki Drive.
- 5 Consolidate and manage events.
- 6 Recognise the special status of Whenua Rangatira.



# 1. Protect and enhance Tāmaki Drive's special environment

## Why is this important?

Stakeholders told us the things they value most about Tāmaki Drive are the elements that make it such a special and unique environment. This includes the seaside communities and village feel, the unique ecology of the land and water, the views to and from the Hauraki Gulf, the coastal setting, cliffs, open spaces and beaches.

It also has important cultural history and significance. It is very special to Ngāti Whātua – a place of ancestral occupation for centuries, the setting for the watershed Bastion Point protest and home today to the papakāinga (village) based around the meeting house Tumutumu Whenua on the Orākei ridge.

The uniqueness of the environment has also been an important theme of previous planning and policy work, such as the Eastern Bays Coastal Management Strategy (1999) and the Tāmaki Drive Design Guide (2007). It is also recognised in a regulatory capacity by the provision of the 'Tāmaki Scenic Way' within the Auckland City Council District Plan.

## Examples of how this key move could be implemented over time:

- ▶ through a range of planning and design controls, preserve seaside village identity, protecting historic heritage and character of the area and beach communities, including St Heliers Village
- ▶ protect views to and from the Hauraki Gulf
- ▶ ensure design of the road environments reflects the special location and limits visual clutter e.g. through appropriate type, scale and placement of features and materials
- ▶ improve stream health through daylighting and riparian planting and commit to improving stormwater treatment before release into the sea
- ▶ commit to the development of a sustainable catchment management plan for the area.



The Tāmaki Drive cliff line from St Heliers.



Village life in St Heliers.

## 2. Provide more space for leisure along Tāmaki Drive

### Why is this important?

The masterplan process has confirmed that a critical issue which needs to be addressed is the lack of space along the Tāmaki Drive road corridor capable of providing a safe, family-friendly route for leisure activities, such as families walking and cycling together. Currently, the use and design of the road corridor space is mainly focused on cars and private vehicle use, whether for parking or driving.

The masterplan has identified two ways to achieve more space for leisure along Tāmaki Drive. These are:

- ▶ reconfiguring how space is currently allocated within the existing road width
- ▶ extending the seawall in some locations, subject to consenting issues and the need to ensure structural integrity.

Such solutions were highlighted previously in a number of studies, including the Tāmaki Drive Design Guidelines and the Eastern Bays Coastal Management Strategy. These will be explored further as part of the implementation of this masterplan.

### Examples of how this key move could be implemented over time:

- ▶ provide more space for a widened seaward promenade (and promontories) to create a safe family-friendly route for walking and cycling, and to improve connections to the Hauraki Gulf
- ▶ in the context of a wider parking plan for the Tāmaki Drive Masterplan area, consolidate car parking to appropriate locations away from Tāmaki Drive, improving people's ability to enjoy walking and cycling along the coastal edge
- ▶ introduce residents' permits in some locations (if appropriate) to improve the ability of residents to park in neighbouring streets at busy times
- ▶ ensure design and materials reflect special location and support focus on leisure and improving connections to the sea
- ▶ support the development of a waka facility led by Ngāti Whātua on The Landing at Ōkahu Bay
- ▶ ensure improvements at The Landing are focused on providing more space for leisure and recreation, including improving pedestrian and cycle access along and to the water.



### Example of existing use of space in the Tāmaki Drive road corridor.

At pinch points, such as between Takaparawha Point to Selwyn Reserve in Mission Bay, there is limited space for safe family-friendly leisure activities along the seaward footpath, including walking and recreational cycling (as opposed to more frequent commuter cycling).

## A seaside promenade

The promenade will provide a safe route for people, residents and visitors to enjoy Tāmaki Drive, either by walking, or through recreational cycling, inline skating and other leisure activities.

Over time, it will also provide a continuous promenade linking the city centre waterfront to St Heliers. This aspiration is a key part of the long-term vision for Tāmaki Drive and other Auckland initiatives.

## A local commuter route

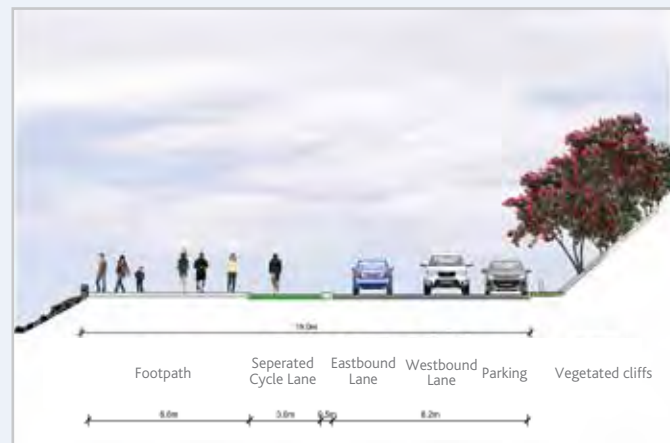
Stakeholders told us that Tāmaki Drive has an important function as a road for the local community. The masterplan vision retains this transport role for both private and public transport (see page 30).

However, the masterplan does propose that any future improvements to the road corridor should be designed and planned in such a way that it is sensitive to the special coastal setting. Transport design and planning will need to respond to the unique seaside character and Tāmaki Drive's special sense of place. This may mean thinking differently about scale and the types of materials that are used.



**An example of how more space for leisure could be achieved.**

One option for creating more space for leisure and a widened seaward promenade is to extend the seawall in some locations, subject to consenting issues and the need to ensure structural integrity.



**An example of how the current configuration could be changed to provide more space for leisure.**

Another option for creating more space for leisure and a widened seaward promenade is to reconfigure the way space is currently allocated and used within the existing road width. This would also improve the physical and visual link between land and sea.

# 3. Improve quality of the environment in seaside villages

## Why is this important?

The visioning workshops made it clear that real value is placed on the seaside feel and character of the St Heliers, Kohimarama and Mission Bay communities. It is important that this character is preserved.

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## Each seaside centre has a different identity and character that needs to be enhanced and protected.

A particular focus of the masterplan is ensuring that any development, project or plan for Tāmaki Drive and the surrounding area:

- ▶ reflects the special seaside location and the local character of the different seaside centres
- ▶ enhances a sense of place, including areas with strong local character, such as St Heliers Village
- ▶ improves village connections to the sea and water.

The masterplan supports the recognition of each seaside centre's specific character by clearly setting out values to be protected and what design outcomes are expected. The Unitary Plan is an important tool to implement this key move.

## Examples of how this key move could be implemented over time:

- ▶ improve quality of existing open spaces such as Madills Farm and Selwyn Reserve, and street environments throughout the area, to improve pedestrian experience and enhance physical and visual connections to the sea and Hauraki Gulf
- ▶ implement local centre public amenity improvements to improve pedestrian experience, address road safety issues and improve connections to the sea
- ▶ in the context of a wider parking plan for the Tāmaki Drive Masterplan area, reduce parking along and adjacent to Tāmaki Drive over time to improve people's ability to safely cross the road and enjoy the coastal setting
- ▶ ensure all design reflects individual identities of each of the bays and reflects the focus on people and commits to a clutter-free approach
- ▶ protect historic heritage and the historic character of the area and beach communities including St Heliers Village
- ▶ preserve village and beach community sense of place through a range of planning and design controls
- ▶ protect views to and from the Hauraki Gulf.





Existing situation – arriving at Mission Bay and Selwyn Reserve.



A future vision – arriving at Mission Bay and Selwyn Reserve.

# 4. Provide a range of ways of getting around Tāmaki Drive

## Why is this important?

There are a number of ways people travel to and around Tāmaki Drive. These include private vehicles, buses, cycling and walking. The road is currently designated as a district arterial and, currently, the majority of people who come to the Eastern Bays coastal area do so by private car.

While it is proposed that the role of Tāmaki Drive as a local commuter route is retained, there is a need to start thinking differently about the way people, especially visitors, tourists and regular commuters to the city centre, get to and along Tāmaki Drive. This is so we can commit to preserving and enhancing this world-class place.

Stakeholders told us that while the local commuter route needs to be retained, it should be with an emphasis on local community use. They would like to see more frequent shuttle and feeder buses and an improved facility for locals to use so that they can commute safely by bike along Tāmaki Drive.

Such ideas are supported by the Auckland Regional Public Transport Plan, which promotes the development of more frequent bus services along Tāmaki Drive to improve ability of people to get to and around the area by public transport.

The masterplan sets out that all design and planning will need to respond to the unique seaside character and Tāmaki Drive's special sense of place. This will mean thinking differently about the scale and the types of materials used. What may be appropriate

design solutions and treatments in other areas of Auckland, may not be so in this special location.

We have provided a vision of how this could look which will be explored further as part of the implementation of this masterplan.

## Examples of how this key move could be implemented over time:

- ▶ provide more space for a widened seaward promenade and promontories to create a safe, family-friendly walking and cycling route next to the Hauraki Gulf
- ▶ provide a two-way cycle lane on seaward side, when the space is available, for local and resident commuter cycling use
- ▶ improve the intersection at Tāmaki Drive/Ngapipi Road and bridge to address safety issues and improve connections to the sea
- ▶ introduce a frequent 'Link Bus Service' which links city centre, Tāmaki Drive and hinterland streets and provides connections to local rail network and stations
- ▶ propose that buses will share the road corridor with other road users (as opposed to having a dedicated bus/public transport lane)
- ▶ explore other ways of getting around, including water-based transport
- ▶ promote campaigns to change people's behaviour and attitudes towards using public transport and non-local commuter use on Tāmaki Drive
- ▶ encourage people driving through the area to use regional arterial routes and consider other ways of getting around, including cycle links to city centre and station developments.



A future vision – providing a range of ways of getting around includes improving frequency of bus services, improving facilities for local commuter cyclists and creating a widened seaward promenade.

# 5. Consolidate and manage events

## Why is this important?

While people appreciate the contribution events make to the area, it was clear during the visioning workshops there was concern about limited communications around events and that they often cause disruption.

Popular local events include Music in Parks, The Stroke and Stride Series, Winter Splash at Selwyn Reserve in Mission Bay and Community Carols on the Green at Vellenoweth Green, St Heliers.

The area is also popular for regional and international events including Round the Bays, the World Triathlon Championships and Ironman Asia-Pacific Championships.

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## There is strong support for events with a community feel that create a sense of pride and a positive local identity.

These local events still enable people to experience the special coastal setting and local village feel. Currently, there is little space available along Tāmaki Drive for such events and an initiative of this masterplan is to consolidate events to key locations and provide event ready spaces for local activities.

We have provided a vision of how these spaces could look and this will be explored further as part of the implementation of this masterplan.

## Examples of how this key move could be implemented over time:

- ▶ provide a clear communication plan for residents regarding events, detailing where and when they will take place
- ▶ identify reserves and spaces suitable for events in accordance with reserve management plans
- ▶ designate non-event spaces and areas
- ▶ provide 'local spaces for local events' at points along Tāmaki Drive and in local centres to control location of events.



Existing situation – arriving in Mission Bay from Kohimarama.



A future vision – arriving in Mission Bay from Kohimarama to enjoy a Farmers' Market.

# 6. Recognise the special status of the Whenua Rangatira

## Why is this important?

The cultural significance of the Whenua Rangatira to Tāmaki Drive and the coastal suburbs is often not clearly understood or appreciated by visitors and locals.

It is very special to Ngāti Whātua – a place of ancestral occupation for centuries, the setting for the watershed Bastion Point protest and home today to the papakāinga (village), based around the meeting house Tumutumu Whenua on the Orākei ridge.

Under the Orākei Act 1991, 48 hectares of Whenua Rangatira around Takaparawhau and Ōkahu (matamomoe) returned to Ngāti Whātua Orākei (NWO) ownership. This is co-managed as a reserve with Auckland Council for the benefit of all Aucklanders.

As well as contributing to heritage and identity – through the presence of the adjacent hapū housing, health clinic, puna reo, social services centre and nursery (supporting a native restoration planting programme) – the co-management arrangement over the land and the maintenance contract held for it by Ngāti Whātua Orākei is central to contemporary community life and a focus of employment and kaitiakitanga for the hapū.

Its development within the bounds of the Act and the reserve management plan will foster cultural, social and economic benefits for Ngāti Whātua, while ensuring its enjoyment by the wider public.

## Examples of how this key move could be implemented over time:

- ▶ assist with the implementation of the Ōkahu Catchment Ecological Restoration Plan, including planting initiatives, the development of wetlands, advocacy for the highest standard management of pollutants and stormwater from the marina and The Landing, as well as the establishment of a sustainable neighbourhood programme
- ▶ where possible, daylight streams down to the sea, including the stream to the east of the urupā in Ōkahu Bay
- ▶ support the Ngāti Whātua Orākei Reserves Board business case for a cultural centre, including car park, at Whenua Rangatira
- ▶ provide more opportunities for recognising Ngāti Whātua's presence and history through design, art and recognition of ancestral namescape
- ▶ improve pedestrian links to the Whenua Rangatira from Tāmaki Drive and surrounding areas.



The Orākei Marae.



The nursery and Whenua Rangatira.

# Implementation





# 10 priority projects

A series of priority projects have been identified which, subject to funding, will be implemented over the next five years. The outcomes of these projects will help to deliver the Tāmaki Drive Masterplan vision and the supporting key moves.

Some projects will be led by the Orākei Local Board, others by Ngāti Whātua Orākei or Council Controlled Organisations such as Auckland Transport.

The successful implementation of the masterplan is dependent on a range of key agencies working collaboratively with the Orākei Local Board to ensure that all projects currently underway or planned along and around Tāmaki Drive are consistent with the Tāmaki Drive Masterplan, its vision and the key moves contained within it.

## Funding

A number of the priority projects currently have funding within the council's 2012-2022 Long-term Plan, mainly projects led by Auckland Transport relating to improvements within the road corridor.

Any additional funding required will be considered as part of the annual planning processes with the Auckland Council Governing Body.

## Review

It is proposed that the implementation of the masterplan will be monitored and reviewed on an annual basis.

### **Provide more space for recreation and leisure along Tāmaki Drive:**

1. Establish new widened seawall promenade with opportunities to get to the water (promontories) in key locations, such as pinch points, including Takaparawha Point (Ōkahu Wharf) to the Millennium Bridge in Selwyn Reserve and seaside centres.
2. Minimise impact on Tāmaki Drive of pack cyclists and explore other available locations they could also use.
3. Improve the intersection at Tāmaki Drive/ Ngapipi Road and bridge, to address safety issues and improve connections to the sea.

### **Improve quality of environment in local centres and seaside villages:**

4. Initiate the Mission Bay Precinct Plan to apply the masterplan vision and key moves to Mission Bay area, establishing five-year implementation plan.
5. Develop a 10-year parking plan for the Tāmaki Drive Masterplan area, including a business case for new car park for St Heliers (as part of the expected library expansion).

6. Implement public amenity improvements in Mission Bay, St Heliers and Kohimarama, including potential streetscape upgrade, footpath upgrades, art initiatives, pocket parks and civic spaces, enhanced pedestrian connections and tree planting.

### **Provide a range of ways for people to get to and around Tāmaki Drive:**

7. Pilot use of shuttle bus routes and monitor impact in partnership with bus companies and service providers.

### **Consolidate events in key open spaces:**

8. Develop communication tool for events and when they are planned e.g. 'Events in the Eastern Bays' webpage on the Orākei Local Board website.

### **Recognise the special status of Whenua Rangatira:**

9. Support the implementation of the Orākei Catchment Ecological Restoration Plan, including planting initiatives and development of wetlands.
10. Support the Ngāti Whātua Orākei Reserves Board business case for a cultural centre, including a car park, at Whenua Rangatira.

Priority projects for implementation over the next 5 years.



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