

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Kaipara District Council, the NZ Transport Agency and the Kaiwaka community have in partnership, developed a plan to address traffic related concerns experienced in Kaiwaka, while also improving the overall attractiveness of the township. This plan details actions or projects to be carried out within the short to medium term (2016-2021) and further aspirational or longer term actions to achieve the overall vision for Kaiwaka as a safe, connected, green, vibrant and distinctive place. Responsibility of implementing these actions is to be shared between all three parties.

Within the next five years (short - medium term), it is anticipated that the following actions be implemented:

- Pedestrian median island's in key crossing locations
- Welcome to Kaiwaka signage
- Review speed limit in Kaiwaka
- A number of footpath or pedestrian connections installed or improved
- Street tree planting for visual amenity
- Art installation
- Engineering assessment of Oneriri Road intersection and Kaiwaka Mangawhai Road intersection and future potential solutions investigated

Further actions are anticipated to be implemented longer term, in keeping with the overall vision.

Acknowledgement is given to the Kaiwaka Can Community Group which has led to the initiation of this project, and to Scott Dalziel as a member of that group who fatally died in a car crash in Kaiwaka in July 2016.

2.2 THE KAIWAKA TOWNSHIP TODAY

What is the Kaiwaka Township like as a place today?

Today Kaiwaka is a rural township, located approximately halfway between Auckland and Whangarei with a population of 579 at the last 2013 Census. Kaiwaka's location means the town supports the surrounding rural sector, and offers industrial support for the Mangawhai residential area. Kaiwaka also provides a convenient rest stop for travellers using State Highway 1. Shops are clustered throughout the township along the State Highway, rather than in one central accessible area. Historically the main retail and commercial part of the township has been centred along Kaiwaka- Mangawhai Rd and has since spread out along SH1.

Kaiwaka has some long standing family owned businesses, such as Jacques Four square which has been in the same family for three generations. The township also has a number of key community facilities that the community take great pride in, such as the school, sports complex and memorial hall.

In recent years Kaiwaka has been known as 'the little town of lights' for its night time light displays, and it has a vibrant artist community. The township has views of farmland either side of the state highway, and is located within close access to the Kaipara Harbour. The Kaiwaka River and Mountain Creek also run through the township, and notable features such as Pukekaroro Scenic Reserve and Baldrock Mountain are within view.

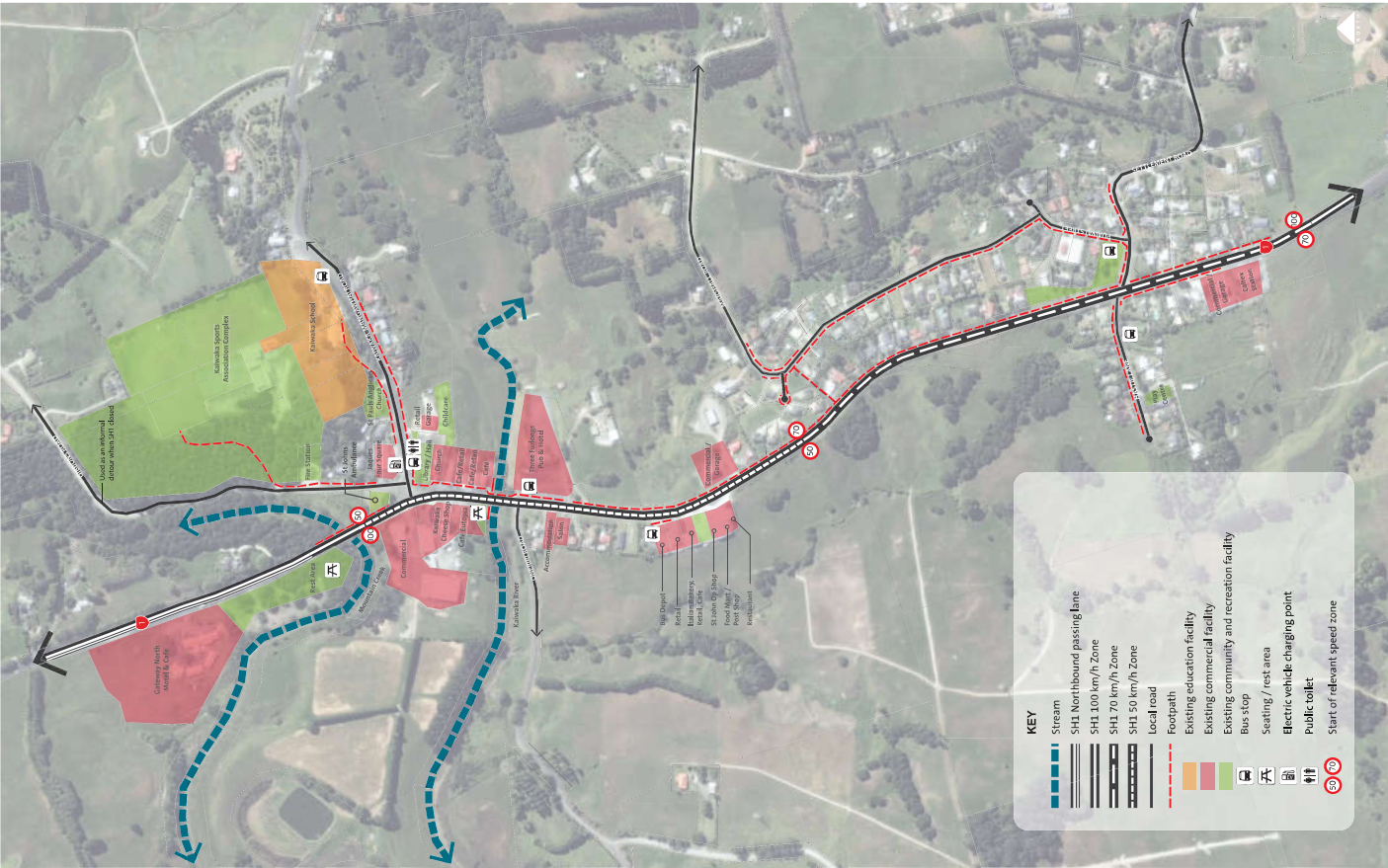
2.3 STATE HIGHWAY 1 (SH 1)

State Highways are roads in New Zealand that form a nationally strategic purpose in moving people and goods nationwide. In contrast to local roads, which are managed by local authorities, State highways are a Crown asset that the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZ Transport Agency) manages on behalf of central government. State Highway 1 is the only highway that runs the full length of the country, from Cape Rēinga in the north to Bluff at the bottom of the South Island.

The Kaiwaka section of SH 1 carries nearly 10,000 vehicles per day on average (12% heavy vehicles) and provides a critical connection between Auckland and Whangarei for freight and the Northland economy. As a National Road, this makes the largest contribution to the social and economic wellbeing of New Zealand, and in this case by connecting the major population centres/ports of Auckland and Northland. For the majority of this traffic, there are currently no alternative routes between these destinations.

The township itself spans either side of SH 1 for approximately 1.5km. As SH 1 is the primary route between Auckland and Whangarei, the street environment within the township is characterised by high volumes of traffic, including a high proportion of heavy freight vehicles. The role of the State highway in this location would be to ensure the safe and efficient movement of vehicles through Kaiwaka Township while balancing the needs and aspirations of the community for a safe and attractive rural township.

MAP 1: EXISTING CONTEXT PLAN

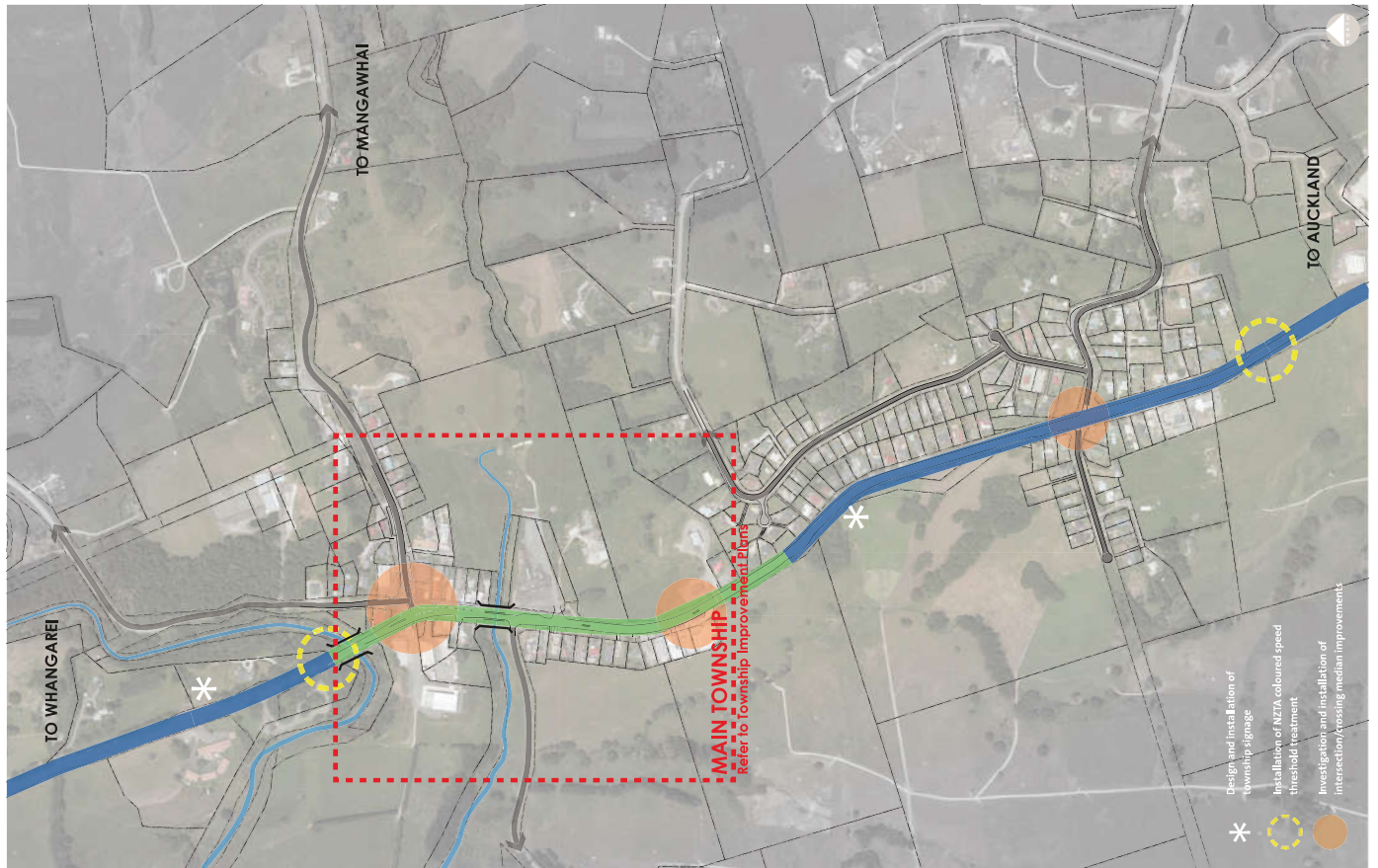


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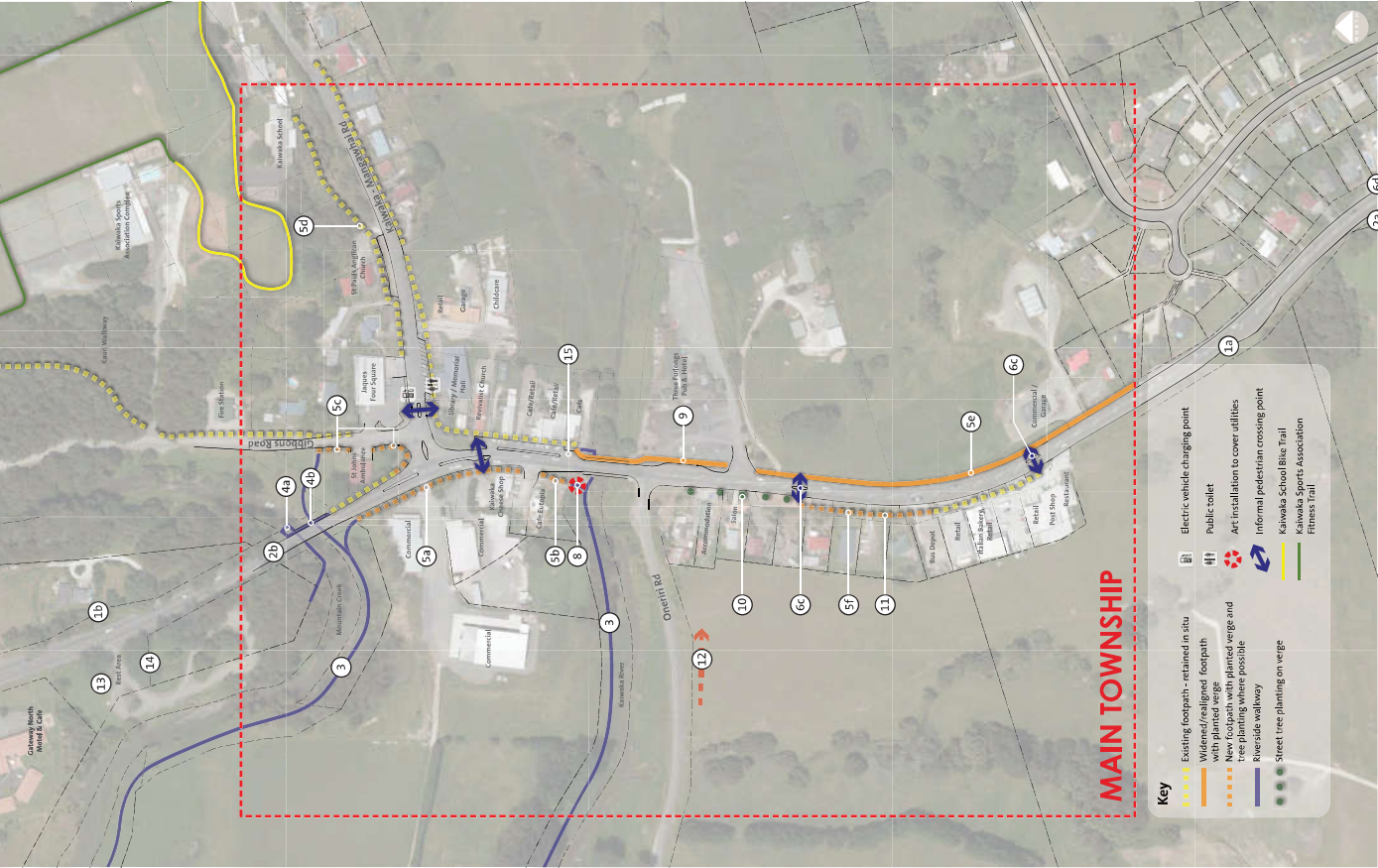
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MAP 3: TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENT PLAN - MAIN TOWNSHIP, SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM (1-5 YEARS, 2016-2021)



MAP 4: TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENT PLAN - MAIN TOWNSHIP, LONG TERM PLAN (5 YEARS+, 2021 ONWARDS)

