

Keynote address

**A corridor for wellbeing - the
role of rail in the Hamilton-
Auckland corridor**

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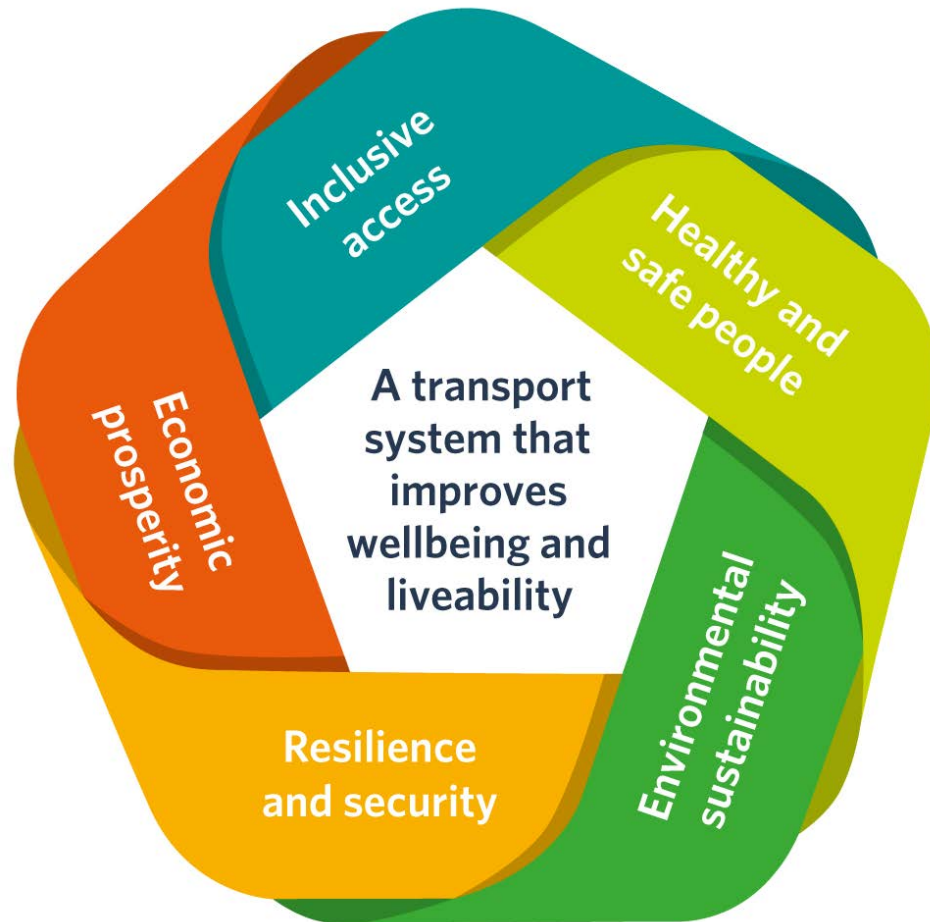
Transport Knowledge
Conference 2019



Overview

1. Delivering transport outcomes through rail
2. Introducing the Hamilton-Auckland (H2A) Corridor
3. The H2A 'start-up' service
4. Future intercity connectivity – business case
5. Conclusions

Context – rail and the transport outcomes



The national value of intercity rail

- Enabling the sustainable growth of our cities and regions
- Delivering across multiple outcomes to improve wellbeing
- Enabling mode shift, reducing emissions and improving health
- Addressing a growing demand for inter-regional passenger services

Hamilton-Auckland (H2A) Corridor

Wāhi toitū

The places with enduring presence that should be protected in perpetuity

Wāhi toiora

The places where change or development should only occur with greatest care

Awarua

The movement corridors that bind places together

Wāhi mahi

The places where we work and transact (and often live too)

Wāhi noho.

The places where we live (and often work too)

Whakamana

The elements that enable and support development

Hamilton-Auckland (H2A) Corridor

Hei Awarua ki te Oranga

Corridor for Wellbeing

NOT GOVERNMENT POLICY OR THE VIEW OF ANY ONE ORGANISATION

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A summary of **shared** spatial intent for the **Hamilton-Auckland [H2A] Corridor**

Encompassing the settlements along the transport corridor between Cambridge-Te Awamutu and Papakura

Focus areas

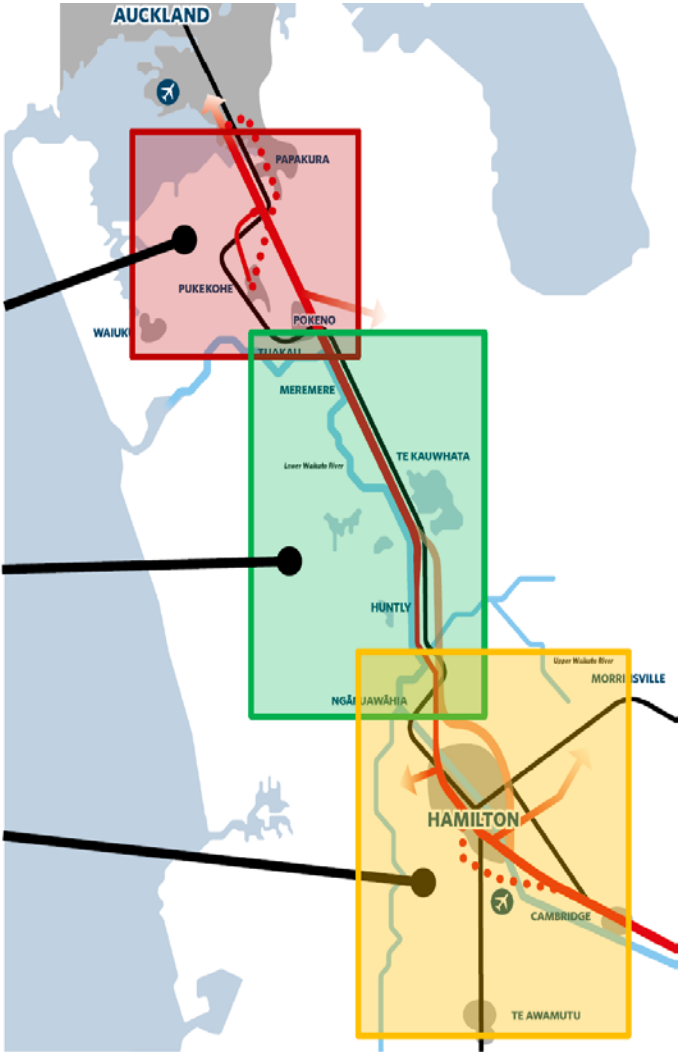
Rivers
Four Waters

Stronger
corridor
connections

Papakura-Pokeno
corridor

River
communities

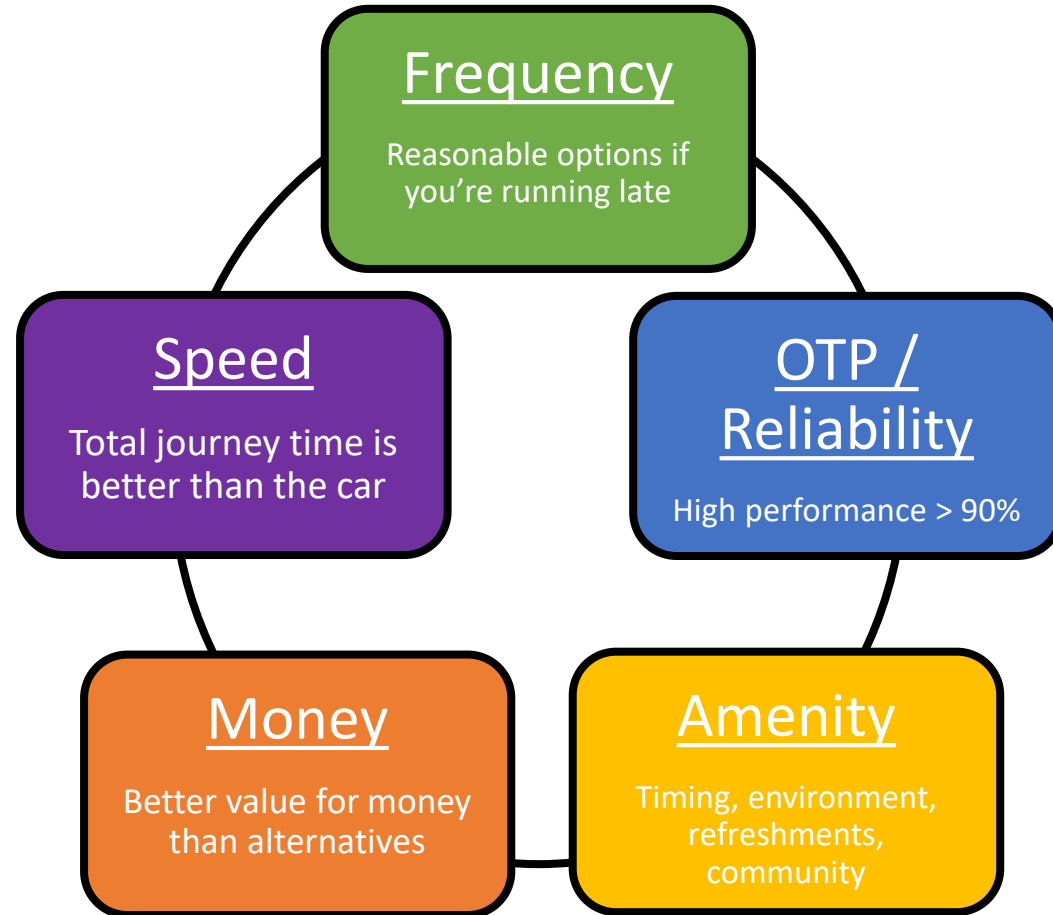
Hamilton-Waikato
metro area



Hamilton to Auckland Commuter Rail from June 2020



What do customers want from a service?



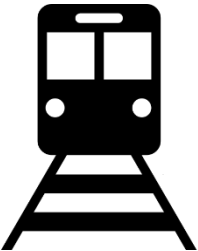
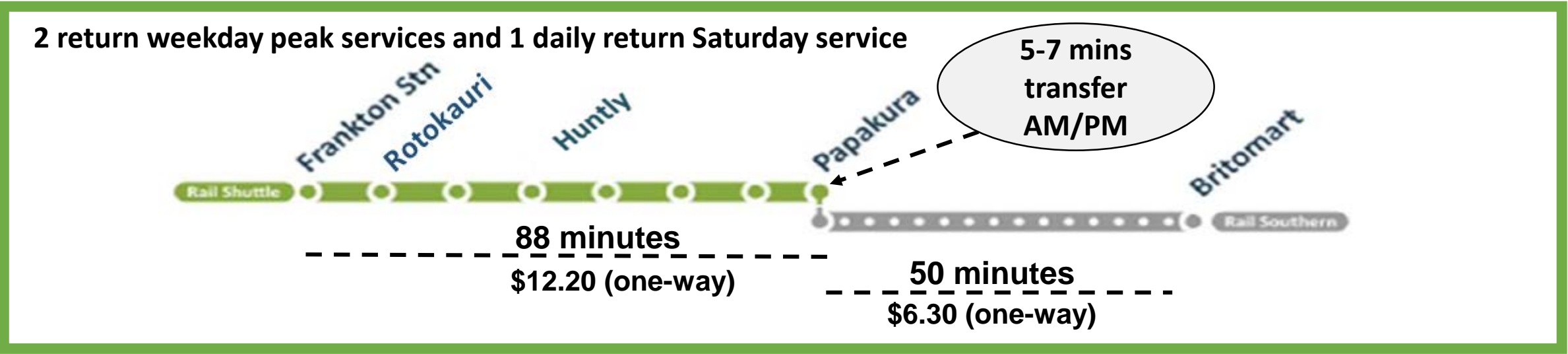
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**You need them all
for a sustainable
service**

Before / after



H2A start-up service




4 carriages



2 hrs and
20/30 mins



Seating capacity
145



RITS Ticketing
System



Transfer

H2A start-up service



**Vestibule
Luggage
Racks**



**USB and
power
points**



WIFI



**Work
friendly
environment**

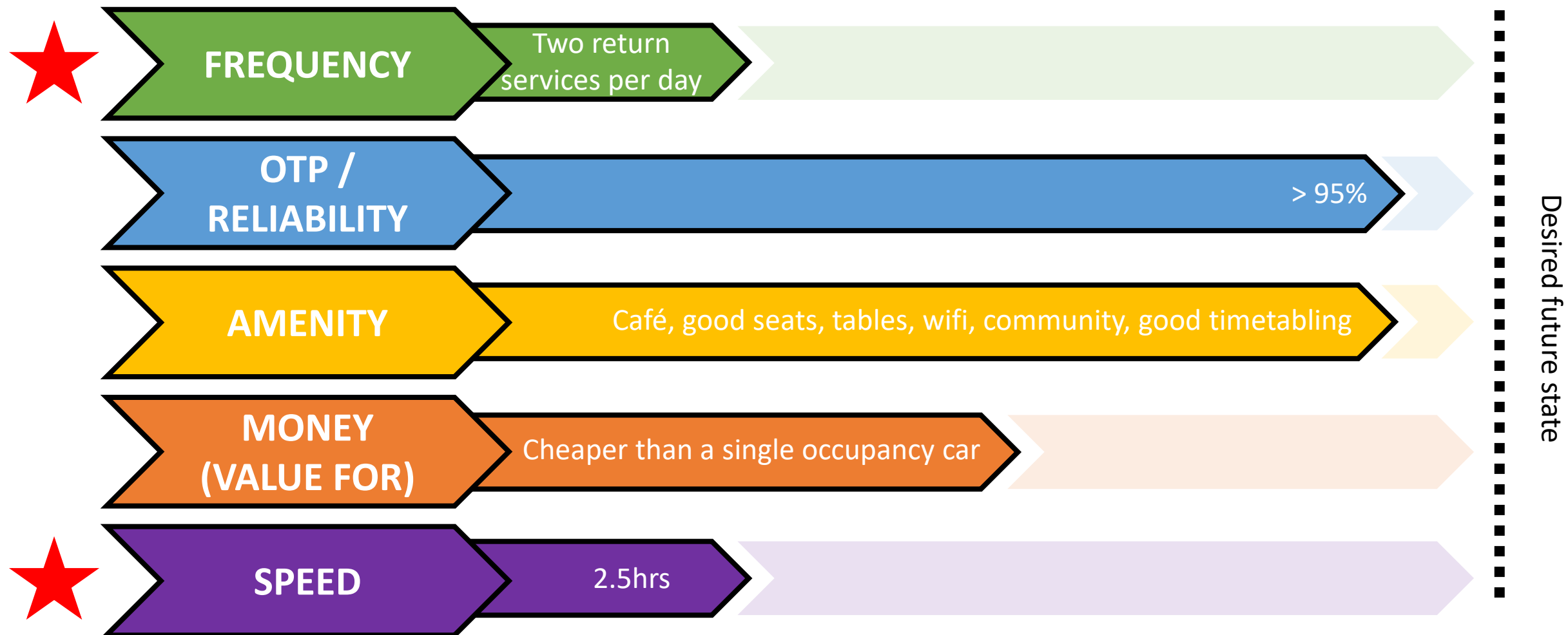


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Toilets**

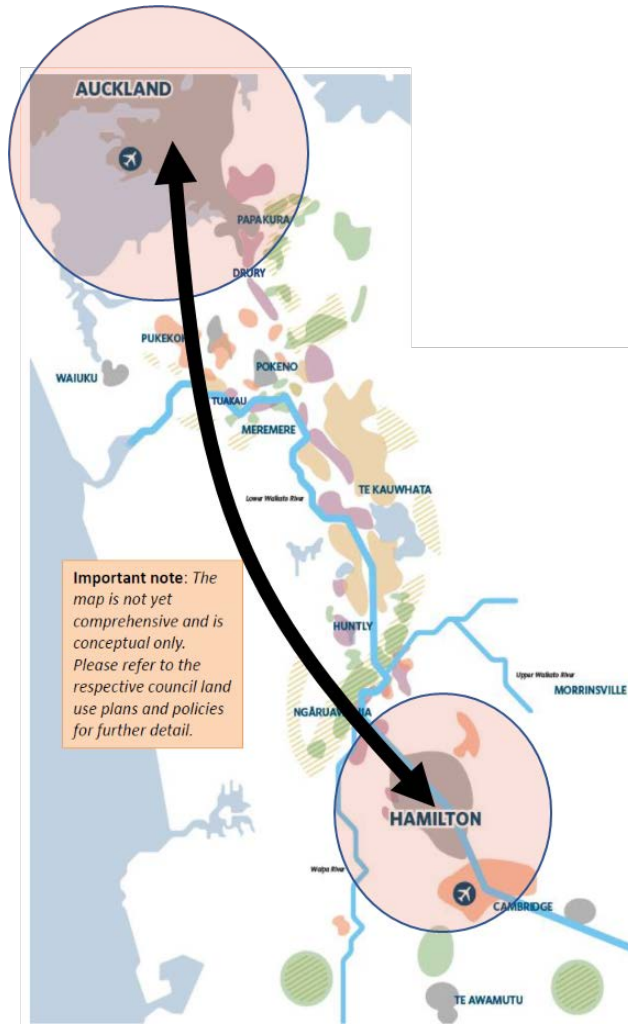


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Cafeteria**

H2A start-up service – how do we move forward?



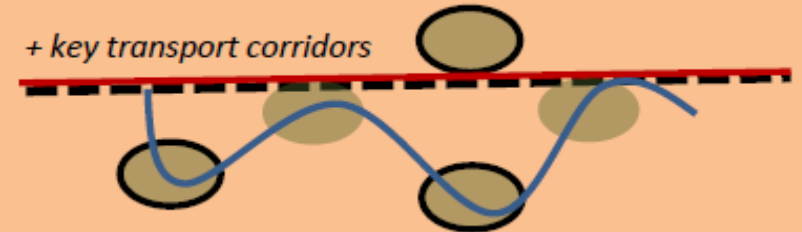
What are the long term the benefits of better intercity connectivity?



Layer 3: Awarua

The movement corridors that bind places together

e.g. railways and motorways



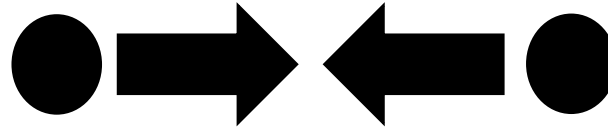
What might the benefits be of...?

- **Reduced travel times** – can this increase the combined productivity of Hamilton and Auckland, and improve access?
- **Greater connectivity** – can this unlock benefits for long term planning – ‘territorial to relational’ thinking?
- **Improved urban form** – can higher-density, transit oriented development help reduce emissions and improve safety and health?

A Cabinet mandated business case process is underway, asking key questions



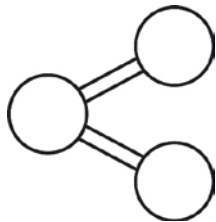
What benefits would different journey times stimulate, and who would benefit?



What options exist for reducing the journey time?



How much investment is needed (broadly) and when?



Where are the key hubs that would broadly benefit?



What other transport measures are required to maximise benefits?



What other interventions are needed to enable growth?

Concluding thoughts - rail and wellbeing

