

Future Proof

Hamilton to Tauranga Corridor Spatial Study

Vision and Outcome Statements for the Study Area (2055)

The vision and outcome statements below are based on the 7 Key Transformational Moves from the Future Proof Strategy (2024) (<https://www.futureproof.org.nz/our-strategic-direction>, section B1, pp40-41).

VISION:

The Hamilton to Tauranga Corridor will be a vibrant, productive economic hub, anchored by metro centres at either end and well-connected to the rest of the Upper North Island, home to thriving and interconnected communities and sustainable infrastructure, and shaped in partnership with iwi and key community groups. Growth will be focused in and around existing settlements to protect the natural environment and make efficient use of existing infrastructure.

OUTCOME STATEMENTS: “WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE”

The following outcome statements build on the Vision above, linking to the Future Proof Strategy’s key transformational moves in relation to the study, and provide potential metrics against which success can be measured.

Theme	Description	Relevant Key Transformational Move from Future Proof Strategy (see below table for more info)	Potential Metrics (measurements of success)
Strategic Growth	Economic productivity grows through well-placed development that leverages transport investments and respects infrastructure and environmental limits.	<i>Transformational Move Five: Strong & Productive Economic Corridors</i>	• Number of jobs created
Thriving Communities	People enjoy access to diverse, affordable housing in communities that balance built form with the natural environment.	<i>Transformational Move Six: Thriving Communities & Neighbourhoods</i>	• Number of new residential units • Density levels • Ratio of price / rent to income (affordability)

Sustainable Transport	A connected, multimodal transport system that links communities to jobs and services.	<i>Transformational Move Three: A Comprehensive & Fundamental Evolution of Our Transport System</i> and <i>Transformational Move Four: A Vibrant Metro Core & Lively Metropolitan & Town Centres</i>	• Frequency, availability and patronage of public transport in the area • Travel times and reliability between home and work and/or home and services
Advancing Iwi Aspirations	Iwi aspirations are realised across economic, social, cultural, and environmental outcomes through genuine partnership.	<i>Transformational Move One: Iwi Aspirations</i>	• TBC
Protecting the Waikato River and Natural Environment	Te Ture Whaimana guides development that respects Te Mana o Te Wai and fosters water-wise, river-sensitive communities – both within and outside the Waikato River catchment – including the Piako, Waitoa and Waihou River catchments. A sustainable development approach protects the natural environment, including biodiversity and freshwater values.	<i>Transformational Move Two: Waikato River</i> and <i>Transformational Move Seven: Water Wise & Water Sensitive Communities</i>	• Local water quality and quantity • Freshwater values and ecosystem health • Maintained or improved local biodiversity through restoration initiatives • Offsetting mitigation measures where habitat loss or environmental impact occurs

These Outcome Statements are broadly consistent with the Key Outcomes from Future Proof's Hamilton to Tauranga Investment Programme (pp 30-31 of the Future Development Strategy), as follows:

- Providing safe and efficient options for goods and people to travel between Hamilton and Tauranga.
- Ensuring people living and working along the corridor can access the services they need (e.g. hospitals, schools, work) within 90 minutes.
- Supporting the transition to clean energy by providing key infrastructure and incentivising different ways to travel.
- Making the best use of land, ports, road and rail assets to support economic activity and community well-being.

Future Proof Strategy's Key Transformational Moves (for further reference)

Transformational Move One: Iwi Aspirations

“Enhancing environmental health and wellbeing while supporting iwi and mana whenua in embracing social and economic opportunities within the sub-region. This includes a focus on the Waikato River and its catchment, in accordance with Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato - Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River, and the Piako, Waitoa and Waihou Rivers. For Waikato Tainui this is a specific emphasis on Hopuhopu and Ruakura, and Meremere in the longer term after Ruakura, for other mana whenua groups within the sub-region this will include land use aspirations to build papakaainga housing or horticulture / agriculture farming transformations to name a few. Other iwi and mana whenua groups have large populations of their people living within the subregion and may also wish to pursue social, economic and other opportunities within the sub-region.”

Transformational Move Two: Waikato River

“Give effect to Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato - the Vision and Strategy – including by celebrating the Waikato River as the defining ecological feature connecting the metro area to the heart of a blue-green network supporting environmental and recreational use and creating a sense of place. While our current focus is on the Waikato River catchment and Te Ture Whaimana, our approach also highlights the importance of other river catchments in the subregion such as the Piako, Waitoa and Waihou.”

Transformational Move Three: A Comprehensive & Fundamental Evolution of Our Transport System

“A comprehensive and fundamental evolution of our transport system – transform our transport system to a resilient multi-modal transport network, that connects the metro area and supports our rural communities through a transformational shift to using public transport, active travel modes and inter-regional rail where possible. This will be achieved through interventions such as, the

establishment of a rapid and frequent public transport network, efficient freight networks and comprehensive walking and cycling networks shaped around where and how our communities will grow.”

Transformational Move Four: A Vibrant Metro Core & Lively Metropolitan & Town Centres

“Growing Hamilton central city as our civic, administrative, cultural and commercial metro core, alongside lively metropolitan and town centres, well connected by public transport and safe walking and cycling networks, where people can afford to live, work and play.”

Transformational Move Five: Strong & Productive Economic Corridors

“Establishing economic corridors that connect our centres of production to our metro areas of employment and our ports and airports with a particular emphasis on access to the highly productive employment areas between Hautapu, Ruakura, Hamilton central city and north to Horotiu and Ngaaruawaahia.”

Transformational Move Six: Thriving Communities & Neighbourhoods

“Enabling quality denser housing options supported by employment with a focus on increasing housing affordability and choice and improving access. Our communities are supported by facilities and infrastructure that meet the needs of growing and changing communities and allow our natural and built environments to coexist in harmony.”

Transformational Move Seven: Water Wise & Water Sensitive Communities

“Grow and foster waterwise communities through a fundamental shift and approach that places sustainability, resilience and environmental protection at the heart of our urban water planning and ensuring that urban water management is sensitive to natural hydrological and ecological processes.”

