Welcome to Vision Tamahere 2075

What future do we want for Tamahere – Matangi – Tauwhare?

How should Tamahere, Matangi and Tauwhare manage the growth pressures from Hamilton and Cambridge over the next 50 years?

Vision Tamahere 2075 is a plan about the future for Tamahere, Matangi and Tauwhare

It will describe the future we want and identify how to achieve it.

- **Stage 1** will set the Tamahere priorities (next 3 years) for the next Council Long Term Plan
- **Stage 2** is for the next 50 years, updated as required or every 5 years, looking at Tamahere, Matangi and Tauwhare

The Waikato District Council, with the Tamahere Community Committee, is developing plans, in conjunction with Ngāti Hauā, the Matangi community and Tauwhare community, for the future. These will ensure there is a consistent basis for future decisions, advocacy and investment.

Today, we want to know what you think …

- **Do you agree with the long term outcomes we want to work towards?**
- **What do you want delivered now from your rates in Tamahere?**
- **What are your boldest big long term ideas for Tamahere, Matangi and Tauwhare?**

Why do we need Vision Tamahere 2075?

We pay rates to the Council. The Council decides how to spend those rates based on what is approved through the Long Term Plan. Your ratepayer input is needed to ensure that Council prioritises and delivers what we need.

The area is changing. Tamahere, Matangi and Tauwhare are valued for their character, green spaces, strong community and convenient connections to the wider Waikato. But growth, major transport projects and community needs will re-shape the area over coming decades. Planning now will help ensure change happens on our terms.

Tamahere sits in the fast-growing Hamilton-Waikato metropolitan area*	Tamahere added about 1,300 people and 866 new houses from 2015-2025**	Hamilton and Cambridge added a combined 41,000 more people from 2015 to 2025***
Around 180,000 more people are expected to move here over 30 years* Hamilton and Cambridge will grow a lot and we are in the middle.	There's now 6,940 people in 2025 and around 2500 dwellings	Hamilton grew from 156,000 to 192,000 people Cambridge grew from 17,550 to 22,700 people

** https://www.futureproof.org.nz/*

*** Stats NZ Tamahere SA3 (does not include Matangi or Tauwhare)*

**** https://regions.infometrics.co.nz/hamilton-city/population/growth & https://regions.infometrics.co.nz/cambridge-urban-2026/population/growth*

Do you agree with the long term outcomes we want to work towards? Which are most important to you?

We looked back at feedback, from the community, to come up with ideas about what the future should look like.

Outcomes are what we want to plan for over the long term. Please respond to as many issues as you like.

Which TWO outcomes matter most for Tamahere for the next three years?

What you say here will be the foundation for Council allocating funds and spending priority in Tamahere

These are the future outcomes	**What TWO (of 6) are the most important to you?**
1. A well connected community **People can move around safely and easily, with strong local and regional connections.** *This could include things like better access within Tamahere and to surrounding areas, safer walking, cycling and local travel; improved access for emergency services; stronger community connections.*	
2. A distinctive high-quality rural lifestyle **Tamahere - a green, attractive and distinctive lifestyle location with community access to nature, recreation and open space.** *This could include things like protecting the unique lifestyle character of Tamahere, keeping it a high-quality place to live for all ages, healthy lifestyle options, good access to parks, reserves, nature and recreation opportunities, protecting valued landscape and a rural look and feel.*	
3. A strong identity and active local community **Tamahere is safe, well connected and an active community with strong local identity, participation, culture and heritage.** *This could include things like enabling greater participation in community life, safer neighbourhoods, more active use of public spaces, stronger social connections and support networks, and protection of cultural and historic heritage.*	
4. A healthy, open and natural environment **Tamahere - a natural environment with open spaces, waterways and biodiversity - protected and enhanced for future generations.** *This could include things like improved biodiversity and wildlife habitat; healthier gullies, streams and river environments; and long-term environmental stewardship and resilience.*	
5. A vibrant place with housing choices for future generations **Growth is carefully managed to protect the rural lifestyle, character and open spaces in Tamahere while providing choice for future generations.** *This could include things like greater housing choices; more opportunities for different life stages with the right housing; protection from inappropriate urban sprawl; support for local businesses and economic activity; clear and predictable planning outcomes.*	
6. Value for money and freedom to use your land **Rates spent efficiently, clear rules, less red tape. Landowners able to make reasonable choices about their property. Compensation if rights lost due to Council rule changes**	
Something not quite right or missing? Let us know here	

The Tamahere Community Committee

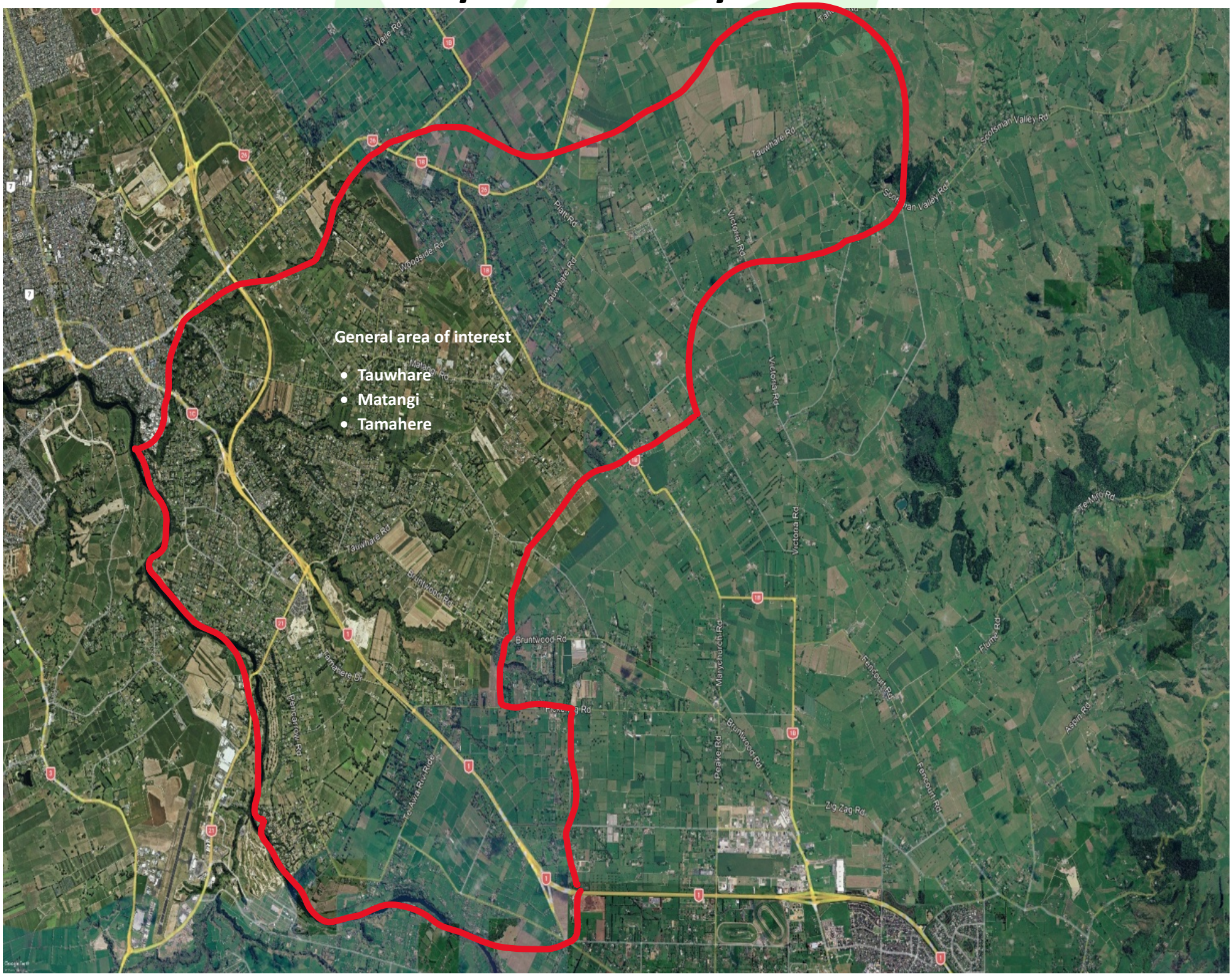
wants to hear from you about the next

3-years for Tamahere

50-years for the Tamahere, Matangi, and Tauwhare areas

- ***Transport and roading***
- ***Southern Links and Airport Road***
- ***Public transport and the bus service trial for Routes 27 and 28***
- ***Tamahere Green Piazza and Playground***
- ***Tamahere targeted rates***
- ***Open space improvements and Footpaths***
- ***Acquiring public land (Narrows golf course and at the village)***
- ***Land development rules and lot sizes***

Plus any other ideas you have

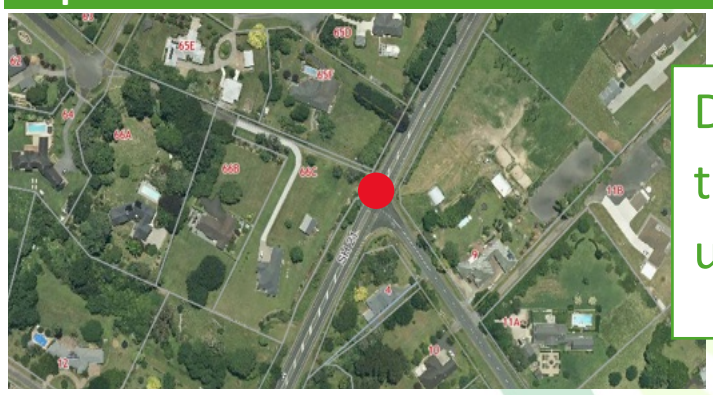
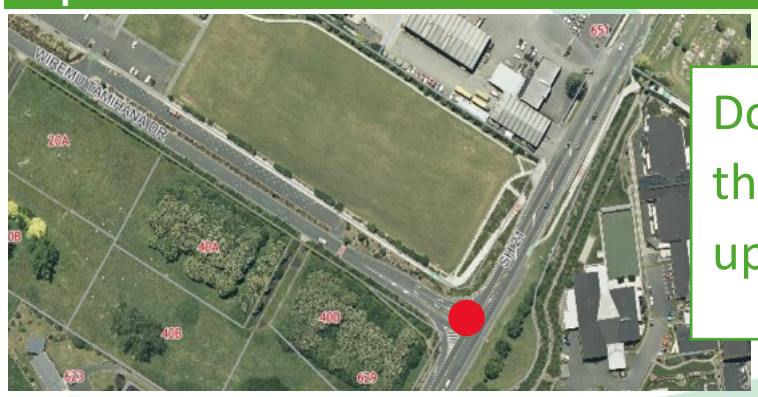


What do you want delivered now for Tamahere?

Transport | Roads

What you say here is what we will ask Council or NZTA to spend funding on in the next three years

Do you agree with these priorities for Council investment? Which one is your top priority?

Transport issues for your feedback		Rank your #1 to #5?
Woodcock Road/Tauwhare Road intersection upgrade - WDC  Do you agree this should be upgraded?	Now?	
	Later?	
	Never?	
Airport Road - Pencarrow Road intersection upgrade - NZTA  Do you agree this should be upgraded?	Now?	
	Later?	
	Never?	
Airport Road - Wiremu Tamihana Drive intersection - NZTA  Do you agree this should be upgraded?	Now?	
	Later?	
	Never?	
Birchwood Lane pedestrian crossing - WDC  Should this crossing be built?	Now?	
	Later?	
	Never?	
Hooker Road / Cambridge Road intersection upgrade - WDC  Do you agree this should be upgraded?	Now?	
	Later?	
	Never?	

What do you want delivered now for Tamahere?

NZTA – Southern Links and Airport Road

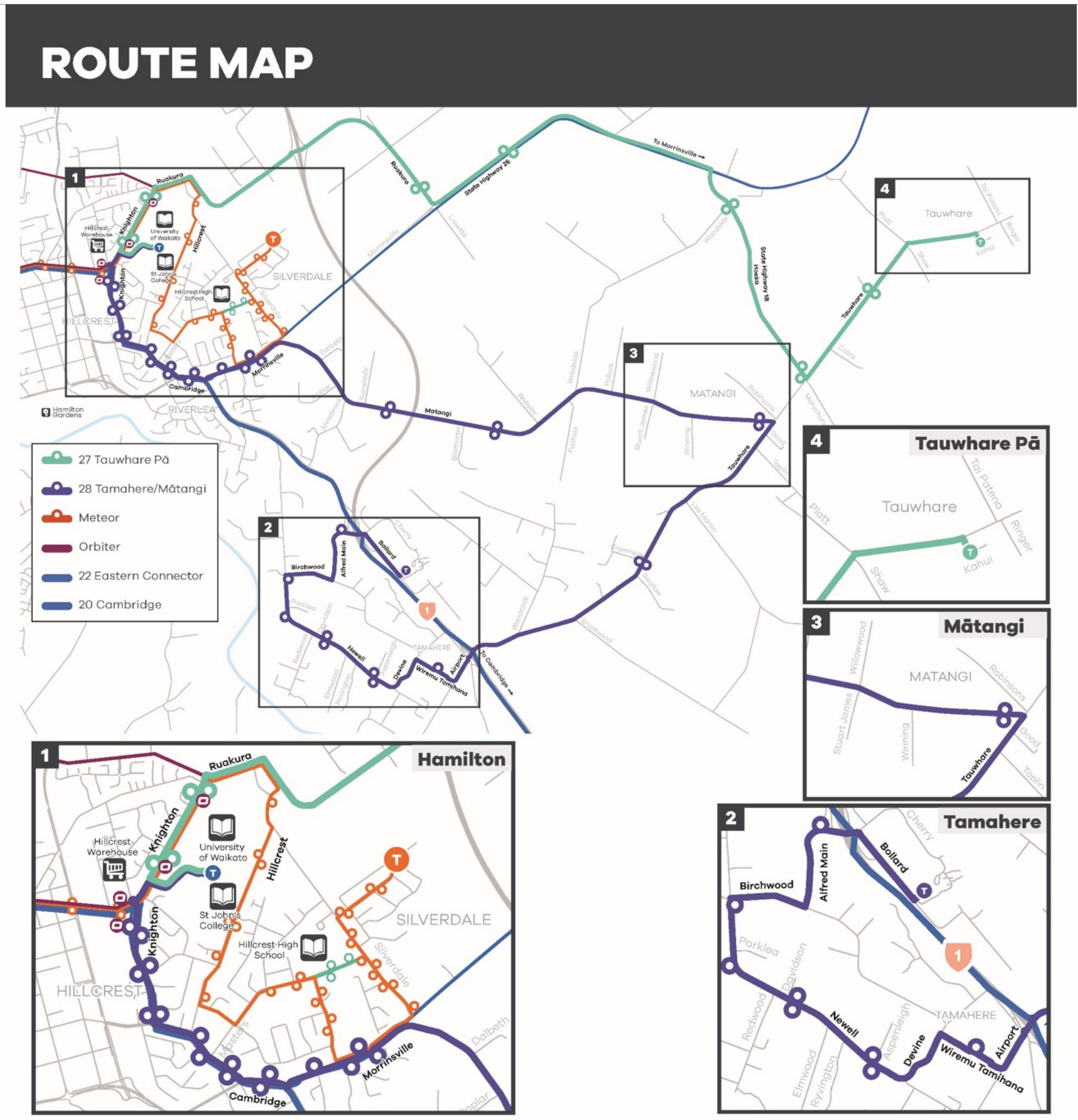
What you say here is what we will ask Council to address and advocate for our community

Do you agree with these priorities for Council action? Which one is your top priority?

NZTA Roading issues for your feedback		Comments
Do you support the Hamilton Southern Links connection from the SH1 Expressway to the Airport and SH3? The new Southern Links road is a Road of National Significance, but the Government has delayed its proposed construction for funding reasons. Do you want this road built?	Yes / No (circle 1)	
When should Southern Links be built? Should the Waikato leaders and MP's push for construction of this **Hamilton Southern Links connection** as soon as possible?	Yes / No (circle 1)	
If it has to be a "toll road" do you support this? If funding needs this to be a toll road, to get built sooner, do you support this?	Yes / No (circle 1)	
Should NZTA provide a local road (Tamahere Drive) connection to the Hamilton Southern Links section of the new road? The RMA consent, and early plans for the Hamilton Southern Links road through Tamahere, provides for a roundabout on Tamahere Drive. NZTA now plans to remove this connection. Do you support a connection to Tamahere Drive?	Support Yes / No (circle 1)	
If so, do you think NZTA should remove the south facing ramps from the Tamahere interchange? NZTA think the existing south facing ramps have to be removed from the existing Tamahere interchange, to build a full diamond interchange to access Southern Links. Are you happy to see these ramps removed?	Yes / No (circle 1)	
Should NZTA reduce the speed limit on Airport Road, from Wiremu Tamihana Dr to the Narrows Bridge? If you support a speed limit reduction, from Wiremu Tamihana Dr to the Narrows Bridge? What should that speed be? 60, 70 or the current 80 kph? *Note: Must be 70 kph or less for engine braking restriction*	Support Yes / No (circle 1) _____ kph	

What do you want delivered now for Tamahere?

Public Transport – Bus Trial



This Bus Trial is run by the Regional Council - funded from District Council rates for 2 years ending early next year.

Does bus service for Route 27 (Tauwhare Pā) and 28 (Tamahere/Mātangi) need to change, be improved, or be scrapped? **Current WDC rates subsidy is $180,000 pa paid to WRC** **Route 27 = 198** [190] **rides/m*, 28 = 379** [404] **rides/m*** (*for **Sept 2026** [Sept 2025])		
Room for improvement? Tell us how.	This service should be continued. Tell us why?	This service must be closed down. Tell us why?

What do you want delivered now in Tamahere?

Tamahere Village Green Piazza | Playground

What you say here is what we will ask Council to spend funding on in the next three years

Do you agree with these priorities for Council investment? Which one is your top priority?

Village, Community facilities, parks and open spaces proposals for your feedback		Comments
Shading the playground at Tamahere Village | Park  	Now? Later? Never?	
Should the Village Green | Piazza host more events? We should seek a 'Tamahere event zoning' for the entire Piazza area to remove red tape? This could be for impromptu events "Covent Garden style", soap box entertainment, busking, music in the park, outdoor festivals, supported with food trucks (anything goes?)	Yes / No	
What else would you like to see/do in the **Piazza (Village Green) area, stage**?		

What do you want delivered now in Tamahere?

Tamahere Targeted Rates

Targeted Rate purpose	Amount of Targeted rate	Term of Targeted rate
Tamahere Community Centre (Hall)	$70 for each dwelling on a property ($140 if you have two dwellings) for repayment of a Council loan of $500,000 (now repaid) and facility maintenance (approx. $175,000 pa)	**Start:** from 1-7-2018 **End:** No specified end date
Tamahere Village Reserve (including playground)	$38 for each dwelling on a property ($76 if you have two dwellings) (approx. $95,000 pa)	**Start:** from 1-7-2019 **End:** 30-6-2034 (15 years)
Tamahere Gully Network	$52 for each rated property (paid to the Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust to accelerate restoration works within the Mangaone, Mangaharakeke and Mangaonui gullies, planting to restore and preserve the Gully network ($1 per week per property for 5 years) (approx. $130,000 pa)	**Start:** from 1-7-2023 **End:** 30-6-2028 (5 years)

Council General Rates

The Tamahere Community Blueprint Plan, and earlier Community Plans, identified **gully restoration, with walking access for the Mangaone, Mangaharakeke and Mangaonui gullies** as the **community priority.** This has been the **number one priority in the Tamahere Community Plan for over a decade**.

Council has allocated approx. **$1.3 million** over this time, from **Open Spaces, funded from general rates**, spent on acquiring access rights, consents and construction of tracks and bridges in these gullies and reserves, including the Tamahere Reserve on Tauwhare Road (including removal of old pine trees), the Alan Turner Bridge, the Bilsthorpe gully access and track construction.

Targeted Rate

The **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust** has acquired thousands of plants and trees and planted them throughout these gullies and reserves, with thousands of hours of voluntary labour. Its vision is for walking, especially along streams, and connecting with wildlife.

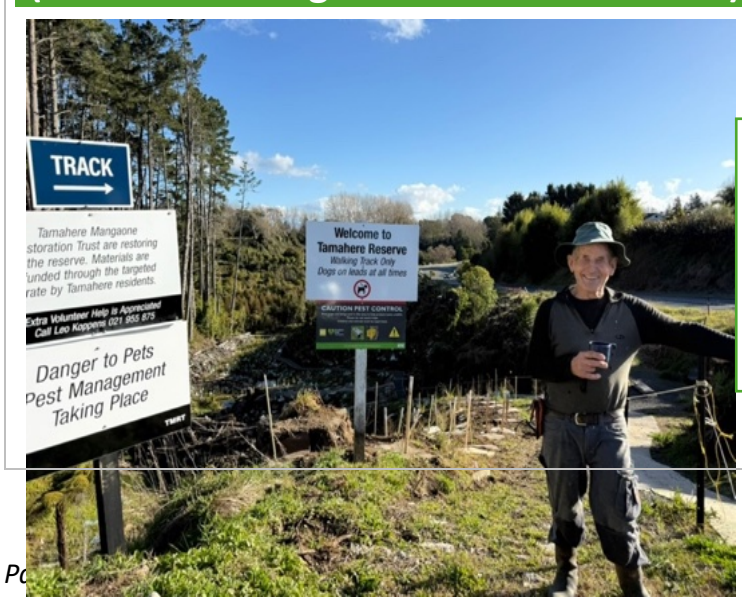
The trust has worked with Council, to **do the things the Council does not do**, and every dollar of its funds have made a difference to the Tamahere Reserve (building the tracks/boardwalks, planting trees), the Bilsthorpe gully (with a future track to Hillcrest), the Alan Turner walkway together with cleared walking access through the Mangaone, Mangaharakeke and Mangaonui gullies. The Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust wants to carry on for another 5 years to 30-6-2033 because developing a walking path from Tamahere Central to Berkley Ave in Hillcrest is a modest cost and a link from the Allan Turner Bridge to Bilsthorpe is low cost (mainly Council to sort out).

What do you want delivered now in Tamahere?

Tamahere Targeted Rates

Do you agree with these Targeted Rates? Which one is your top priority?

What you say here is what we will ask Council to consider

Targeted Rates - your feedback		Your Priorities or comments
Tamahere Community Centre (Hall)  Should this Targeted Rate continue?	Yes? No? • Review date? • Increase? • Decrease? • Terminate? • When?	
Tamahere Village Reserve (including playground)   Should this Targeted Rate continue?	Yes? No? • Review date? • Increase? • Decrease? • Terminate • When?	
Tamahere Gully Network (Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust)  Should this Targeted Rate continue?	Yes? No? • Review date? • Increase? • Decrease? • Terminate? • When?	

What do you want delivered now in Tamahere?

Open space improvements

(from General Rates invested back in Tamahere)

What you say here is what we will ask Council to consider

Should Council investigate (as a long term project to develop) an extended walkway track as a connection from the Mangaone Gully to the Rosebanks Gully, under SH1, to Berkley Normal Middle School?	Yes? No?
Such investigation would consider route options, land and access requirements, connectivity with existing and planned paths, environmental constraints, safety and accessibility. Consider opportunities to coordinate this project with HCC and future transport or infrastructure works.	Later? Never?

Tamahere Gully restoration and walking access Do you consider Council should set aside funds in the LTP, from **Open Spaces funded from general rates**, for ongoing work in the Mangaone, Mangaharakeke and Mangaonui gullies in Tamahere?	Yes? No?
If so, what priority should this work be given for Tamahere? Critical to the LTP is the priority competing requirements have when considering allocation of funds from the general rate, to be spent in each area in the District	Your priority (circle 1)? 1. Very high? 2. High? 3. Modestly important? 4. Not important?

Natural Environment – Reserves. Other ideas?

Please share your thoughts on future work to be done, in and around Tamahere and its Reserves, using Council funds

Add your ideas and comments here:

What do you want delivered long term in Tamahere?

Public Land
(purchase, use and development)

What you say here is what we will ask Council to plan and reserve funding for over the next three years

Do you agree with these priorities for Council investment? Which one is your top priority?

Council Land in Tamahere: purchase, use and development proposals - your feedback	Comments
Expanding Tamahere Village? Should we ask Council to **develop a business case** to buy additional properties for public use around Tamahere Village over the long term?	Yes, supported Do it Now? Do it Later? Not supported Comments:
Purchase of additional Land ? If there are options to acquire land, around the existing Tamahere Village and Park, so it can expand public facilities, services, sports facilities and/or shops to meet future needs long-term, **should the land be purchased**?	Yes? No? Later? Never?

What is missing from Tamahere Village?

Do you want Tamahere Village to grow? What is missing and/or what do you want to see added to the Tamahere Village? Add your ideas and comments here:

Council Office and Community Centre in Tamahere Village Do you support keeping the Council office and Community Centre in Tamahere Village?	Yes No
If Council has to relocate its office in Tamahere, do you support the Council finding a new location in or around the Tamahere Village?	Yes No

What do you want delivered long term in Tamahere?

Land and development | Footpaths

What you say here is what we will ask Council to plan funding for going forward

Acquire the former Narrows Golf Course for public use as a nature and recreation reserve?		Comments
Should Council investigate the purchase of the former **Narrows Golf Course** (surplus land from NZTA) as a permanent public recreational reserve and green space. Use could include walking tracks, riverside reserve, public river access including a boat ramp, picnic area, toilet facilities, overnight stop for self-contained motor homes and caravans, passive recreation, native restoration, wildlife habitat, an off-lead dog exercise area, recreation facilities …..	Yes, supported	
	No, not supported	

What footpaths / cycle ways are needed?	**Approx. length (in meters)**
Location?	

Maniapoto Pā future use



What would you like to see Ngāti Hauā do on this site? Ideas?

NOTE: The Trustees and Ngāti Hauā have the sole right to determine what happens here – we are just gathering suggestions

What do you want delivered long term in our area?

Land subdivision and development

What you say here is what we will ask Council to organise planning for over the next three years

Do you agree with these priorities for Council? What is your top priority?

The RMA is being repealed and replaced with the **Planning Act 2026** and **Natural Environment Act 2026**. Over the next 2.5 years the Council will need to adapt to new rules. Government has asked for a region wide Spatial Plan. **A Spatial Plan for Tamahere, Matangi and Tauwhare is the best way of setting out future development plans for the next 50 years**, so we want to engage and provide input for our area as soon as possible. In the meantime we need to understand your thoughts for our current zoning and land use rights and how they should change.

Some landowners in our area are generational farmers and will not want to see subdivision. Other landowners do.

We have to plan ahead for what happens, including new local roads to deliver services.

Our focus is the Rural Zone and the Country Living Zone ($\geqslant$5,000m^2) for land development/subdivision rights.

Which parts/areas of Tamahere, Tauwhare, & Matangi should be re-zoned from Rural to Country Living? For example: the land between: • Airport Road and the Southern Links route • the Waikato River and the Expressway Your suggestions?	Suggestions	
If a staged approach is considered for each area to be re-zoned, over what period should this happen? This will need roading and infrastructure to support each section of the area to be rezoned.	Suggestions	
Should Council approve subdivision lot sizes, so existing lots can become 2,500m^2, in some parts of Tamahere, Tauwhare, and Matangi? Some CLZ properties (5,000 – 8,000m^2) are too big to manage and are not productive. Should further subdivision be allowed?	Yes, supported No, not supported	Comments
Should Council allow multi-generational housing, with smaller subdivision sizes, in some parts of Tamahere, Tauwhare, and Matangi? If so, how small? We want to ensure that generational living and housing choices are possible for our area. This could look like smaller lots, tiny homes, and would be intended to enable generational living, in separate homes on what is now one property title.	Yes, supported No, not supported _____m^2	Comments

Do you have other ideas? What other ideas should be considered? Hamlets (housing clusters) green zone? Hotels? Commercial development? Big box stores/supermarkets?	Suggestions

Thank you for your help!

Please let us know your details

(Your details will only be used for this consultation)

Name _____

Email _____ *(if you want our email updates)*

Where are you from? Tamahere, Matangi, Tauwhare, other (circle one)

Have we missed something?

Have we missed something, combined ideas that should be separate, or included something you do not support? Let us know here.