

### Operating Environment Statement – October 2024

This statement does not form part of the Implementation Plan but provides some insight into the current political environment in which the implementation of the strategy is being carried out. It will be updated as needed.

There are number of initiatives and new policy directives coming from Central government which will influence the delivery of the strategy. While announcements have been made, as yet most initiatives are at an early stage and yet to be fleshed out in detail. The Future Proof partnership will need to be flexible and agile to ensure that it takes up opportunities that may arise and works within the current and future legislative framework to achieve its outcomes. The known initiatives that are likely to be relevant for Future Proof are outlined below:

#### Fast Track Consenting

The government introduced a new bill in March 2024 on fast track consenting which draws on previous fast-track regimes and prioritises regionally and nationally significant infrastructure and development projects. It contains a process for the responsible minister to refer projects for acceptance into the fast-track process, and will contain a list of projects that will be first to have their approvals granted. It is a 'one-stop shop' process for approvals under a range of legislation, including the RMA.

There are twelve projects identified within the Future Proof sub-region, including housing and commercial/industrial development projects that are consistent with the Future Proof settlement pattern and others that are not. Future Proof is working with the developers to understand the implications for the settlement pattern and delivery of the infrastructure needed to support planned development and as well as fast track approved developments.

#### • Going for Growth

The Government has announced their Going for Growth programme as part of their plan to tackle New Zealand's housing shortage. It is structured around three pillars that make system changes to address the underlying causes of the housing supply shortage. These are:

- 1. Freeing up land for urban development, including removing unnecessary planning barriers
- 2. Improving infrastructure funding and financing to support urban growth
- 3. Providing incentives for communities and councils to support growth.

Together, these three pillars have an objective of improving housing affordability by significantly increasing the supply of developable land for housing, both inside and at the edge of our urban areas. The timing of this new legislation is likely to change the timing of the next update to the FDS, particularly the following proposals:

- introducing Housing Growth Targets to require tier 1 and 2 councils to live zone 30 years' worth of feasible development capacity in their district plans
- making the Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS) optional for councils, subject to compliance with Housing Growth Targets
- enabling greenfield development and exploring changes to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD) responsiveness planning policies and Future Development Strategies (FDS)
- o introducing requirements to ensure councils enable appropriate levels of intensification in their urban areas, for example, around strategic transport corridors
- introducing new direction on mixed-use development
- o removing the ability to set minimum floor area and balcony requirements.

#### Regional deals

The Government has launched a framework to establish Regional Deals between central and local government with a focus on economic growth and productivity, delivering resilient critical infrastructure, and improving the supply of affordable, quality housing.

Regional Deals will be used to help coordinate capital investment between central and local government and will also be a tool to enable regions to utilise new and existing funding tools to fund and finance this infrastructure.

Cabinet has agreed to a staged approach for rolling out Regional Deals around the country with up to five regions being to provide straightforward basic proposals for a Regional Deal. The first deals are intended to be finalised in 2025. There will be further tranches of regions invited to put forward proposals.

#### Local Water Done Well

Local Water Done Well is the replacement for the previous Three Waters Reform and is the Government's plan to address New Zealand's long-standing water infrastructure challenges. It recognises the importance of local decision making and flexibility for communities and councils to determine how their water services will be delivered in the future. Changes are proposed to the water services delivery system and to the water services regulatory system. Two bills have already been enacted with the third Bill to provide an expanded range of water services delivery models for councils to choose from. This includes new water organisations that can be owned by councils and/or consumer trusts. They are intended to have the flexibility to be financially independent from their council owners from a credit rating perspective.

Councils will retain legal responsibility and control of stormwater services but will have flexibility to choose the arrangements that best suit their circumstances.

There will be new mechanisms for the Minister of Local Government to address issues with local government water service providers.

The Government is proposing changes relating to the wastewater environmental performance standards that are being developed by Taumata Arowai under the Water Services Act. The legislation will be amended so there will be a single standard, rather than a minimum or maximum.

#### • Amended and new national direction

We are expecting four packages for consultation – housing, infrastructure and energy, farming and the primary sector, and emergencies and natural hazards. These packages will contain new national direction including on infrastructure and renewable energy, and amended pieces of national direction including the NPS IB, NPS HPL, NPS-UD, and NPS FM.

#### • A replacement act for the Resource Management Act

Central government is preparing a bill/s to replace the RMA with new resource management legislation based on the enjoyment of property rights, while ensuring good environmental outcomes. It is possible that it will look at splitting urban/spatial planning from environmental protection.

• Changes to the purpose of the Local Government Act

Cabinet has agreed to remove the four wellbeing provisions from the act and is encouraging local government to get back to basics, including:

review of the bylaws system, including enforcement

- looking into how councils recover costs from fees and charges
- exploring a collective approach to reduce insurance costs
- reviewing councils' transparency and accountability processes
- addressing constraints in councils' consultation and decision-making processes
- exploring whether there are efficiencies in the conduct of council business
- consider the greater use of shared services

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# Part 1: Context

#### Introduction

This implementation plan is prepared to support the Future Proof Future Development Strategy (FDS) as per clause 3.18 of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD).

The implementation plan sets out what the Future Proof partners will do to implement the FDS, including identifying those critical strategy enablers which are essential for the delivery of the strategy.

It does not form part of the FDS, does not carry any statutory weight and is not consulted on. It contains Future Proof's work programme and will be updated annually.

#### What is Future Proof?

The Future Proof Strategy is a 30-year growth management plan for the Hamilton, Matamata-Piako, Waipā and Waikato sub-region. The sub-region sits within the context of the broader Hamilton-Auckland Corridor, the Hamilton to Tauranga Corridor and Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan areas, which encompasses adjacent areas such as Pukekohe and Drury in the north and Tauranga in the east. It also sits within the wider region and is surrounded by other regions. The work being undertaken to manage growth benefits from and provides benefits for this broader area.

The strategy provides a framework to manage growth in a collaborative way for the benefit of the Future Proof sub-region both from a community and a physical perspective. This sub-regional approach seeks to manage growth in a staged and coordinated manner and to address complex planning issues, especially infrastructure funding and cross-boundary matters.



The Future Proof Strategy sets a vision for the sub-region, supported by guiding principles which are grouped under six key interest areas:

- Effective partnerships, leadership & implementation
- Vibrant city centre connected to thriving towns, villages and rural communities
- Protection of the natural environment
- Affordable and sustainable resource use
- Genuine and equal partnership with taangata whenua/mana whenua
- Sustainable resource use and climate resilience.

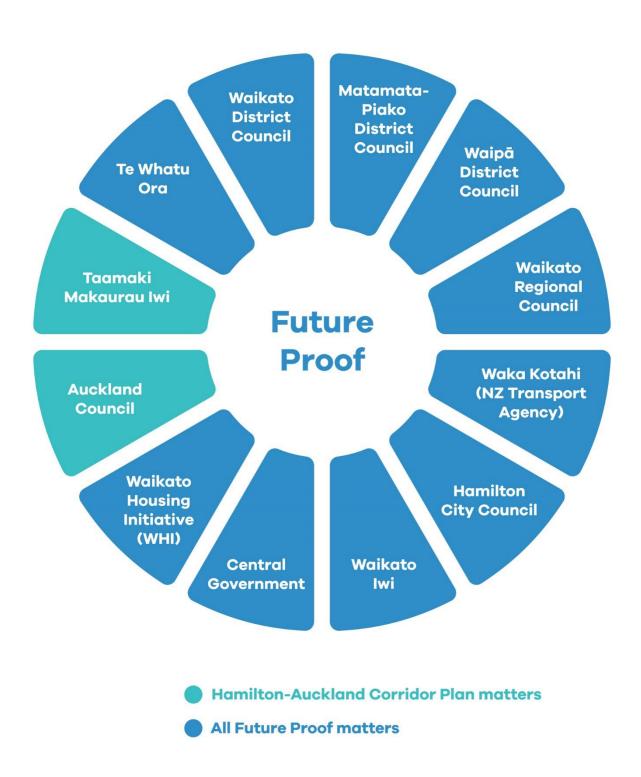
The Future Proof partnership has identified seven transformational moves for change. These transformational moves will provide major place shaping elements in implementing the Future Proof settlement pattern and moving towards a more sustainable form of urban growth development. The transformational moves are based around:

- Iwi aspirations
- Waikato River
- A comprehensive and fundamental evolution of our transport system
- A vibrant metro core and lively metropolitan and town centres
- Strong and productive economic corridors
- Thriving communities and neighbourhoods
- Water wise and water sensitive communities

The Future Proof Strategy can be found here: <u>The Strategy – Future Proof</u>

## Who are the partners?

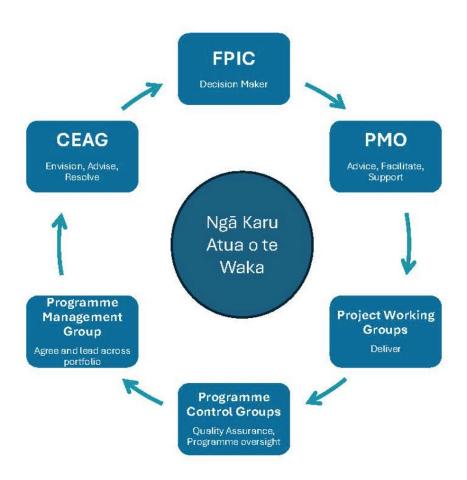
The Future Proof Partners are shown in the diagram below. `



## Governance model

Governance of Future Proof is provided through the Future Proof Implementation Committee. The committee is made up of two elected members from each partner council and three representatives nominated by tangata whenua - one from the Tainui Waka Alliance, one from Waikato-Tainui and one from Ngā Karu Atua o te Waka. The Committee has additional representation from the Waka Kotahi the New Zealand Transport Agency and Te Whatu Ora.

The Committee receives advice from Ngā Karu Atua o te Waka, a forum providing input on matters relevant to tāngata whenua. The Chief Executives and managers from the partner organisations meet on a regular basis and are responsible for the overall management of Future Proof. The staff level working groups undertake the implementation tasks from the Future Proof Strategy.



#### What is the FDS?

The Future Proof partners<sup>1</sup> are required to have in place a future development strategy (FDS) under the NPS-UD. The purpose of an FDS is to *promote long-term strategic planning* by setting out how local authorities intend to:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hamilton city, Waikato and Waipā Districts area Tier 1 councils so are required to have an FDS in place; MPDC is strongly encouraged to have one.

- (i) achieve well-functioning urban environments in its existing and future urban areas; and
- (ii) provide at least sufficient development capacity, as required by clauses 3.2 and 3.3, over the next 30 years to meet expected demand;

An FDS also needs to assist in the integration of planning decisions under the RMA 1991 with infrastructure planning and funding decisions.

Every FDS must spatially identify the broad locations in which development capacity will be provided over the long term, in both existing and future urban areas, and the development infrastructure and additional infrastructure required to support or service that development capacity, along with the general location of the corridors and other sites required to provide it; and any constraints on development. Every FDS must include a clear statement of hapū and iwi values and aspirations for urban development.

# Who is responsible?

Projects on the work programme will be undertaken by partners either individually or jointly. The Implementation Advisor will have oversight of the work programme and will report regularly to CEAG and FPIC.

## How will progress be monitored?

A framework is being developed to assess progress against the seven Transformational Moves as set out in the Strategy.

## How does the implementation plan work?

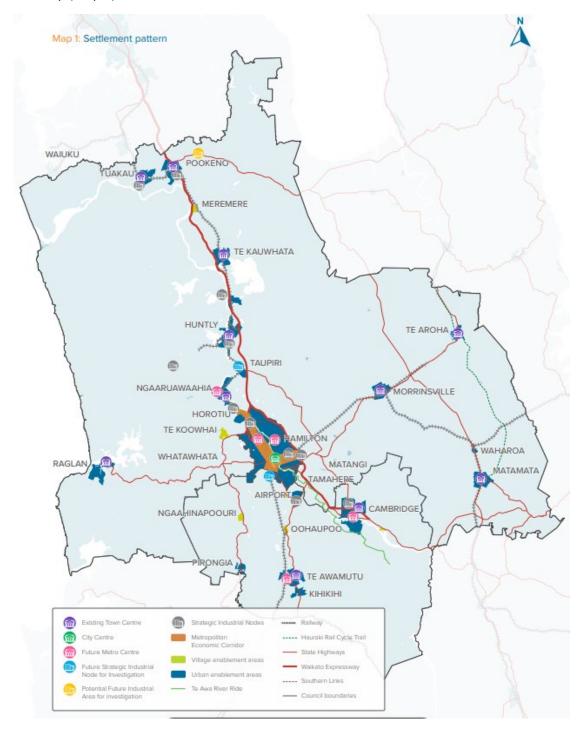
Part 3 identifies the critical strategy enablers which are those essential actions required to enable implementation of the strategy. These are the actions that, if not funded or resourced, will compromise the ability of the partnership to realise the strategy or will cause delays in its delivery.

Part 4 sets out the key actions from the Future proof work programme for implementing the strategy grouped by the Transformational Moves. It indicates who is the lead agency for each action, the supporting agencies and the working group responsible for overseeing the action. Where possible, the expected timing and cost is also listed.

# Part 2: Realising the settlement pattern

The sub-region has a population of around 374,000 people as at 2023, and may grow to a population of around 550,000 by 2054 – a possible increase of around 180,000 people in the 30 year period.

The settlement pattern is the cornerstone of the growth management approach in the Future Proof Strategy. The settlement pattern is underpinned by a compact and concentrated spatial approach. This means that future development should be focused in (through infill and intensification) and around (through new growth areas) the key growth areas shown on the Future Proof settlement pattern map (Map 1).



Future Proof seeks to enable well-functioning and quality urban environments, based around transitoriented development and connected centres. Urban areas are not just about providing development capacity – they must do so in a way that enables all people to provide for their social, economic, and cultural wellbeing, and for their health and safety, now and into the future.

Communities and jobs will be focused in and around centres and corridors in locations which are supported by both rapid and frequent public transport and walking and cycling transport options so that people have choice and opportunity to live close to where they work and play. Employment areas will be focused on corridors that can be easily accessed by people and for freight movements.

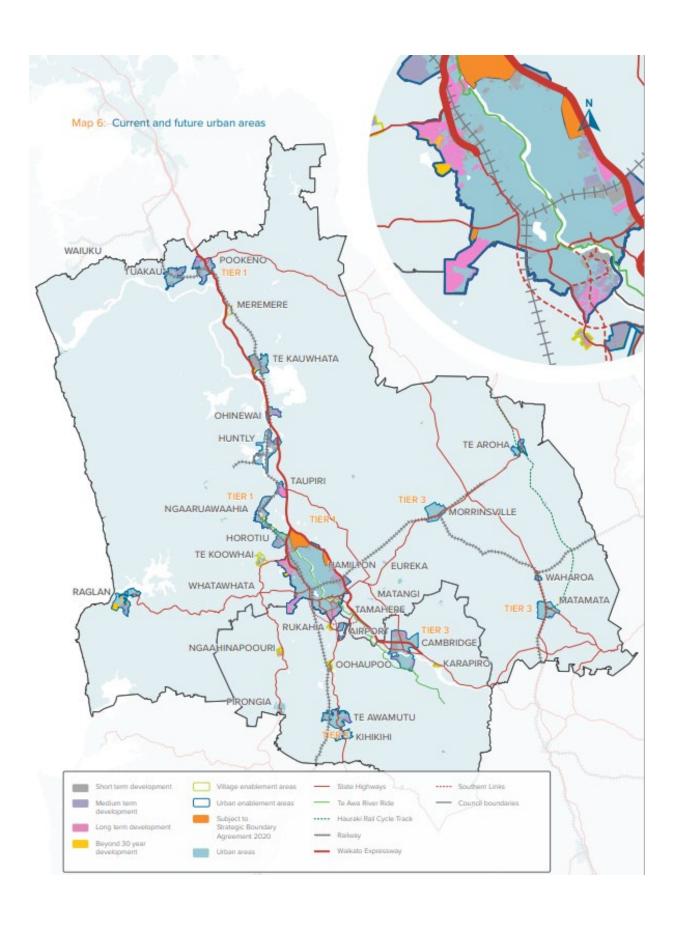
Where redevelopment takes place in existing urban areas (brownfield and infill areas) at higher densities, there will be a strong focus on achieving a high -quality, high amenity built environment with a range of housing types. In greenfield growth areas, there will be a similar focus on providing a high quality, high amenity built environment.

Development in greenfield growth areas will provide for a range of housing types, with some development occurring at higher densities to improve housing supply and affordability. Providing access to local employment, healthcare and educational opportunities and delivering green spaces and community facilities will be important when planning for development in greenfield growth areas.

These key locations for growth are identified on the Current and future urban areas map below as urban enablement areas. Limited growth is also expected in the village enablement areas shown on map 6. Defining the location of these areas will allow councils to stage and time key areas for development, providing more certainty for infrastructure providers and the community and resulting in more cost effective and efficient servicing and providing a clear break between urban settlements.

The maps representing the Future Proof settlement pattern provide the intended extent of urban areas. Definitive boundaries are to be determined by each territorial authority through robust planning processes, including structure planning and more detailed urban boundaries which will be determined in district plans.

The Current and future urban areas map (Map 6 - below), represents the Future Proof settlement pattern which has been agreed by the Future Proof partnership as where urban or village growth is to be enabled. It is also supported by the staging table which indicates the timing of areas being enabled for growth. Providing growth in these areas may require District Plan changes as well as provision of critical infrastructure. Long term plans, Regional Land Transport Plans and other forward planning instruments should include these projects.



Funding and financing infrastructure to cater for growth and increasing compliance requirements is one of the biggest issues facing the Future Proof partners. Despite these issues, the partners are working collaboratively on exploring ways in which new tools can be implemented to address funding constraints. This includes ensuring that funding for infrastructure is aligned across the partners. Water infrastructure as well as water availability will be key issues to be addressed.

While the sub-region has a substantial amount of plan-enabled residential capacity, there are significant infrastructure and feasibility constraints to being able to realise this capacity. These infrastructure constraints also affect the viability of our planned industrial land. To unlock the Future Proof settlement pattern, significant investment is required in infrastructure. There is a need for significant additional finance and the use of a wider variety of funding tools to support infrastructure investment.

Affordability of housing is a barrier to delivering well functioning urban environments, with the sub-region's housing markets failing to provide adequate, good quality affordable housing with long term security of tenure to meet the needs of the population. Without affordable housing that meets the needs of all communities, the potential for the sub-region to thrive in the long-term will be limited. A range of initiatives beyond simply increasing residential densities will be required to meet the affordable housing targets included in the strategy. In the first instance Futureproof will work with the Waikato Housing Initiative to understand what further actions might be required to achieve our targets.

There are also potential localised insufficiencies of industrial land around the periphery of Hamilton City which will need to be investigated to ensure an ongoing supply of industrial land to achieve our economic development aspirations. This may result in future changes to the settlement pattern.

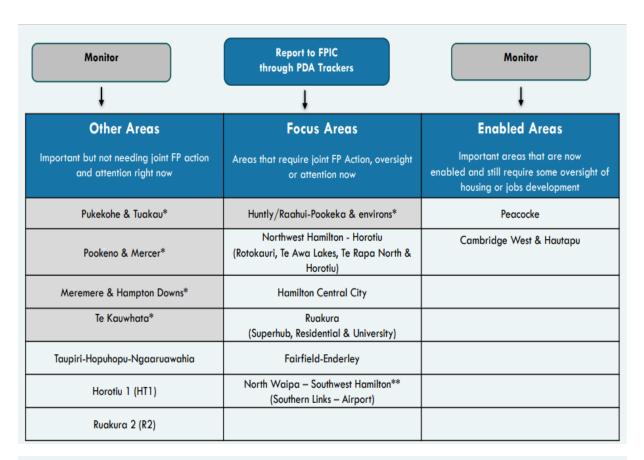
Priority Development Areas are a key tool for focussing implementation of the Future Proof Strategy. There are multiple Priority Development Areas (PDAs) within the Future Proof sub-region. These areas are individual or clusters of growth which, when fully enabled, deliver transformational outcomes at pace and scale.

The Future Proof team work together to identify and remove barriers to the delivery of the PDA's as well as tracking and monitoring progress.

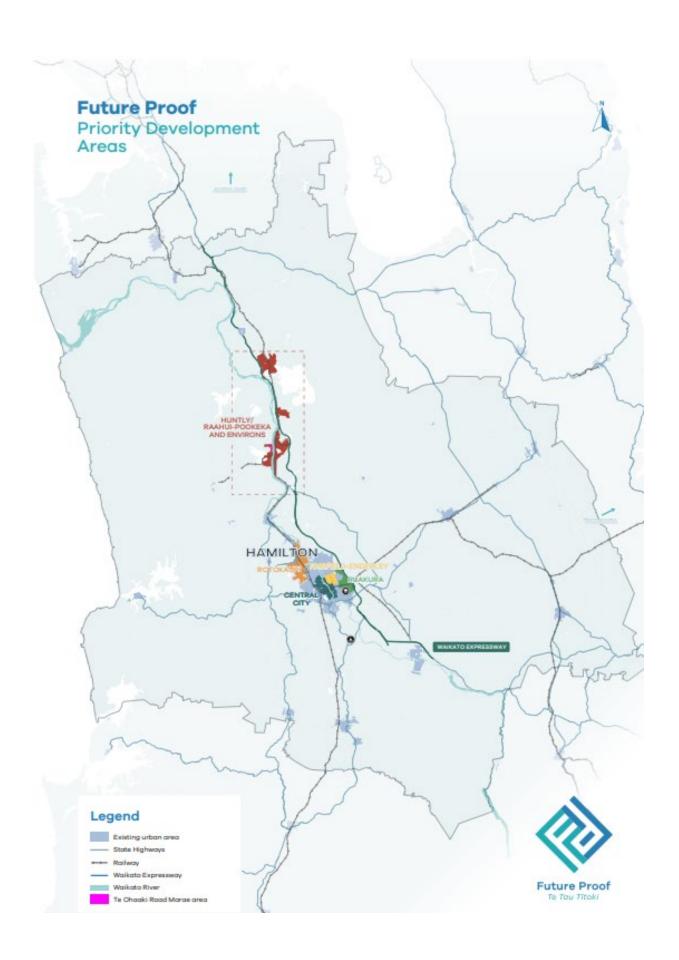
PDAs are selected on the basis that they provide a focus on connecting key areas of the sub-region while supporting the core elements of transport, centres, the proposed economic corridor, and planned intensification and have potential to deliver social, economic, cultural and environmental wellbeing outcomes. They represent areas with significant barriers, or where immediate or priority initiatives have been identified to enable the Future Proof Strategy to be delivered. The areas also provide an opportunity to pilot new funding and finance tools prior to rolling these tools out to the wider sub-region.

Investment and growth planning in other parts of the sub-region will continue to occur in line with the growth management directives of the Strategy. It is anticipated that the PDA locations, sequencing and timing will change across time depending on the priorities of the sub-region and current trends and influences. The Future Proof partnership provides the mechanism to evaluate PDAs, add new areas and/or alter the sequencing and timing of existing PDAs. The Implementation Plan will play an important role in monitoring and updating the PDAs, including reviewing the area that are identified as PDAs and which require immediate focus.

Resourcing is available for the ongoing planning for the PDAs but decisions on funding mechanisms are still uncertain.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Note the Southern Links area is not on the Future Proof settlement pattern future urban growth, however there are joint partnership actions under way or signalled that require oversight and collaboration.



# Part 3: Critical Strategy enablers

The table below is from the Future Proof Strategy and represents the critical elements that are needed to enable the strategy. Should these actions be delayed or not completed, the ability of the partnership to deliver the strategy will be compromised.

It does not include all projects needed to achieve the Future Proof Strategy principles and transformational moves, but highlights the essential projects required.

There is a lot of uncertainty surrounding infrastructure requirements, in particular timing and funding. There is also a more detailed infrastructure list contained in Appendix 1 of the Strategy. That list and the one below will be subject to change and is heavily dependent on other processes such as the outcome of Long-Term Plans and other funding plans.

The Implementation Plan will monitor and update the critical infrastructure list below.

| Кеу:   |                 |          |             |  |
|--------|-----------------|----------|-------------|--|
| Timing | Cost indication |          |             |  |
| Short  | 0 – 3 years     | \$       | <\$10m      |  |
| Medium | 3 – 10 years    | \$\$     | \$10-\$100m |  |
| Long   | 10 – 30 years   | \$\$\$   | >\$100m     |  |
|        |                 | \$\$\$\$ | >\$250m     |  |

| Funding          |  |
|------------------|--|
| Funded           |  |
| Partially Funded |  |
| Unfunded         |  |

**Critical Strategy Enablers:** 

| Growth Area(s) Enabled <sup>2</sup>   | Critical<br>Enablers                    | Lead<br>Agency | Timing            | Cost<br>indication <sup>III</sup> | Funded/parti<br>ally<br>funded/unfun<br>ded |
|---|---|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Huntly/Raahui-<br>Pookeka (incl<br>Ohinewai)  | Huntly<br>Wastewater<br>Treatment Plant | Waikato DC     | Short -<br>Medium | \$\$\$                            | Partially LTP<br>Funded                     |
| Enhanced community and economic wellbeing and enabling connectivity to other towns within the |   |                |                   |                                   |   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Number of dwellings and areas of land enabled are indicative only.

| Growth Area(s)<br>Enabled <sup>2</sup>                      | Critical<br>Enablers   | Lead<br>Agency             | Timing                       | Cost indication | Funded/parti<br>ally<br>funded/unfun<br>ded                 |
|---|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Auckland corridor.  |  |                            |                              |                 |   |
| Ngaruawahia -<br>Hamilton                                   | Northern Metro<br>Area<br>Wastewater<br>treatment<br>Infrastructure<br>upgrades                    | Waikato DC,<br>Hamilton CC | Short -<br>Long              | \$\$\$\$        | Unfunded  |
|   | Variation 3:   | Waikato DC                 | Short                        | \$              | Funded  |
| Hamilton City The economic heart of the sub -region.        | Pukete<br>Wastewater<br>Treatment Plant<br>upgrades and<br>expansion                               | Hamilton CC                | Short -<br>Long              | \$\$\$\$        | Partially<br>Funded   |
| Making the central city a place where                       | Upgrading three waters infrastructure networks   | Hamilton CC                | Short –<br>Long<br>(ongoing) | \$\$\$\$        | Partially<br>Funded   |
| people love to<br>be with up to<br>4000 homes<br>for 10,000 | Water<br>Reservoirs and<br>bulk water<br>mains   | Hamilton CC                | Short -<br>Long              | \$\$\$\$        | Partially<br>funded   |
| people by 2035.   | Stormwater<br>transformational<br>moves (Blue-<br>Green corridors)<br>/ Flood Hazard<br>Management | Hamilton CC                | Medium -<br>Long             | \$\$\$          | Signalled for<br>partial<br>funding in<br>LTP               |
|   | Northern water treatment plant   | Hamilton CC                | Long                         | \$\$\$\$        | Unfunded Commence ment of project signalled in 2024-34 LTP. |
|   | Plan Change 12:<br>Enabling<br>Housing Supply  | Hamilton CC                | Short                        | \$              | Funded  |
|   | Plan Change:<br>Inclusionary<br>Zoning   | Hamilton CC                | Short                        | \$              | Funded  |

| Growth Area(s)<br>Enabled <sup>2</sup>  | Critical<br>Enablers   | Lead<br>Agency   | Timing            | Cost indication <sup>[1]</sup>                                     | Funded/parti<br>ally<br>funded/unfun<br>ded |
|---|--|--|-------------------|--|---|
| Hamilton<br>Central City,<br>Frankton, Te<br>Rapa,<br>Ruakura   | Continuation of bus and cycle network planning aligned to growth enabling a longer term transition to a bus based rapid transit network. | Hamilton<br>CC, Waikato<br>RC, Waka<br>Kotahi              | Short -<br>Long   | \$\$\$<br>(including<br>capital and<br>operational<br>expenditure) | Partially<br>funded                         |
| Ruakura<br>Enable<br>integrated   | Eastern<br>Transport<br>Corridor<br>(Ruakura)  | Hamilton<br>CC, Waka<br>Kotahi                             | Short             | \$\$   | Business<br>Case<br>underway                |
| development anchored by an inland port operation creating thousands jobs alongside approximately 1600 homes for up to 4000 people | Power<br>substation<br>upgrade   | Transpower   | TBC               | TBC  | To be determined – based on investment type |
| Rotokauri<br>Enable<br>development  | Rotokauri<br>Flood /<br>Greenway<br>Corridor   | Hamilton CC  | Medium            | \$\$\$   | Partially<br>funded                         |
| of up to 3,500<br>homes   | Rotokauri<br>Arterials   | Hamilton<br>CC, Waka<br>Kotahi                             | Short -<br>Medium | TBC  | Partially<br>funded                         |
| Southern<br>Hamilton<br>and Airport   | Bus Rapid Transit route investigati ons from city centre to Airport vicinity via Peacocke  | Hamilton<br>CC, Waipā<br>DC, Waikato<br>RC, Waka<br>Kotahi | Medium -<br>Long  | \$\$\$<br>(including<br>capital and<br>operational<br>expenditure) | Partially<br>funded                         |

| Growth Area(s)<br>Enabled <sup>2</sup>  | Critical<br>Enablers   | Lead<br>Agency           | Timing           | Cost indication | Funded/parti<br>ally<br>funded/unfun<br>ded  |
|---|--|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
|   | Southern<br>Links  | Waka Kotahi              | Medium           | \$\$\$\$        | The State Highway Investment Proposal 2024-34 includes provision for SH components of Southern Links |
|   | Southern Sub-<br>regional<br>Wastewater<br>Treatment<br>Plan | Waipā DC,<br>Hamilton CC | Medium -<br>Long | \$\$\$\$        | Partial<br>funding for<br>initial stages<br>signalled in<br>LTP                                      |
| Cambridge Will enable approximately 5,000 new dwellings prior to 2035   | Cambridge<br>Wastewater<br>Treatment<br>Plant                | Waipā DC                 | Short            | \$\$\$          | LTP Funded   |
| Waipā and subregion – part of nationally significance strategic road corridor linking to Tauranga and south to central and southern North Island                      | Cambridge to<br>Piarere                                      | Waka Kotahi              | Short -<br>Long  | \$\$\$\$        | Identified in<br>State<br>Highway<br>Investment<br>Proposal<br>and GPS                               |
| Cambridge, Te Awamutu and Kihikihi to enable considerably denser residential development to occur through large parts of existing residential areas as well as in new | Plan Change<br>26: Residential<br>Zone<br>Intensification    | Waipā DC                 | Short            | \$              | Funded   |

| Growth Area(s) Enabled <sup>2</sup> | Critical<br>Enablers | Lead<br>Agency | Timing | Cost<br>indication <sup>III</sup> | Funded/parti<br>ally<br>funded/unfun<br>ded |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------|-----------------------------------|---|
| greenfield<br>areas.                |                      |                |        |                                   |   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>[1]</sup> The cost indications are best estimates only based on long-term plans, regional and national land transport plan and other infrastructure and funding documents.

# Monitoring Implementation and Refining the Strategy

There are also a number of critical actions needed to ensure that the strategy is continuing to provide sufficient development capacity together with well-functioning urban environments. The table below outlines the key, short term actions that are needed to monitor and implement the strategy, and to respond to changes in policy direction as they may emerge. The Future Proof partnership has responsibility for the actions listed below.

| Critical action  | Timing  | Cost indication <sup>III</sup> | Funded/partially<br>funded/unfunded |
|--|---------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Monitor and continually refine the critical infrastructure list  | Ongoing | \$                             | Funded                              |
| Investigate new funding and financing tools and other potential options to facilitate development of the settlement pattern                    | Ongoing | \$                             | Funded                              |
| South Hamilton/ North Waipa integrated land use and infrastructure study to inform design of future infrastructure and future strategy reviews | Short   | \$                             | Funded                              |
| Hamilton to Tauranga corridor  | Short   | \$                             | Funded                              |
| North Waikato Transport<br>Connections study   | Short   | \$                             | Funded                              |
| Review of the<br>Futureproof Water<br>Strategy   | Short   | \$                             | Funded                              |
| Review of the Priority<br>Development Areas  | Short   | \$                             | Funded                              |

# Part 4: Key Actions

The key actions are summarised below with more detail on each action included in **Appendix 1**. The key actions are grouped by working group in **Appendix 2**.

# Transformational Move 1: Iwi aspirations

Enhancing the environmental health and wellbeing of the Waikato River in accordance with Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato – Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River, while supporting iwi and mana whenua in embracing social and economic opportunities within the sub-region. 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 will include land use aspirations to build papakaainga housing or horticulture/agri-culture farming transformations to name a few. Other iwi and mana whenua groups have high populations of their people living within the subregion and may also wish to pursue social, economic and other opportunities within the sub-region.

| #   | Project  | Lead agency                            | Support agency  | Expected timing | Funding committed                  |
|-----|--|--|---|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1.1 | Continue to support the delivery of the Ruakura PDA and progress a plan change for the industrial land signalled to the east of the WEX. | Future Proof<br>partners<br>TGH        | NZTA<br>Waikato DC  | Years 1 -3      | Future Proof operational Budget    |
| 1.2 | Continue to support the delivery of the Raahui Pookeka Huntly and Environs PDA   | WDC<br>Matawhaanui Trust<br>Kainga Ora | Ngaa Muka Te Puni Kookiri Waahi Whaanui Trust Waikato-Tainui NZTA Waka Kotahi Min Education MHuD Te Whata Ora Health NZ | ongoing         | Future Proof<br>operational Budget |
| 1.3 | Review of land parcels that are being returned to Waikato-Tainui   | Waikato-Tainui                         | Future Proof  | TBD             | TBD                                |

## Transformational Move 2: 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 Paiko, Waitoa and Waihou.

| #   | Project  | Lead agency           | Support agency        | Expected timing | Funding committed |
|-----|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2.1 | Update the strategy to reflect the review of Te Ture Whaimana o te Awa o Waikato | Waikato-Tainui        | Future Proof partners | Years 1-3       | TBD               |
| 2.2 | Review the Future Proof Water Services Strategy                                  | Future Proof partners |                       | Years 1-3       | Yes               |

# Transformational Move 3: 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.

| #   | Project   | Lead agency | Support agency  | Expected timing | Funding committed |
|-----|---|-------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| 3.1 | Complete Bus Rapid Transit Proof of Concept Study       | HCC/WRC     | Waka Kotahi   | Years 1-3       | Yes               |
| 3.2 | Complete Freight & Logistics Study                      | HCC/WRC     | Waka Kotahi   | Years 1-3       | Yes               |
| 3.3 | Complete Bus Rapid Transit Funding & Financing Study    | HCC/WRC     | Waka Kotahi   | Years 1-3       | Yes               |
| 3.4 | Complete PT Pathways project                            | WRC/HCC     | WDC/Waipa   | Years 4 -10     | Yes               |
| 3.5 | Prepare a Rural Access Strategy/Waikato Urban Programme | WRC         | lwi,<br>Waka Kotahi,<br>Waipa DC, Waikato<br>DC, MPDC | Years 4-10      | No                |

| #   | Project  | Lead agency | Support agency | Expected timing | Funding committed |
|-----|--|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 3.6 | Northern Waikato Public Transport & Active Modes | Waikato DC  | WRC,           | Years 1-3       | Yes               |
|     | Improvement Programme                            |             | Waka Kotahi    |                 |                   |
|     |  |             |                |                 |                   |
|     |  |             |                |                 |                   |

# Transformational Move 4: A vibrant metro core and lively metropolitan and 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.

| #   | Project   | Lead agency           | Support agency                                       | Expected timing | Funding committed   |
|-----|---|-----------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| 4.1 | Continue to support the delivery of the Hamilton Central PDA      | Future Proof partners | Kainga Ora<br>NZTA Waka Kotahi<br>Ministry Education | Years 1-10      | Future Proof<br>operational budget<br>\$150.6m IAF Grant<br>LTP Funding |
| 4.2 | Develop a Town Centre Plan for Ngaaruawaahia                      | Waikato DC            |  | Years 1-3       | Yes   |
| 4.3 | Develop a Socio-economic Master Plan for Raahui<br>Pookeka/Huntly | Waikato DC            | Mana whenua Taangata whenua Future Proof Partners    | Years 1-3       | Yes   |

# Transformational Move 5: Strong and 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.

| #   | Project  | Lead agency  | Support agency  | <b>Expected timing</b> | Funding committed |
|-----|--|--------------|---|------------------------|-------------------|
| 5.1 | Prepare an integrated spatial framework – North Waipa/South Hamilton                       | Future Proof | Hamilton City<br>Council<br>Waipa District<br>Council<br>Waka Kotahi            | Years 1-3              | Yes               |
| 5.2 | Prepare an economic and connectivity spatial concept for the Hamilton to Tauranga Corridor | Future Proof | Matamata-Piako District Council Waipa District Council Waka Kotahi, SmartGrowth | Years 1-3              | Yes               |

# Transformational Move 6: Thriving communities and neighbourhoods

Enabling quality employment and denser housing options that allow our natural and built environments to coexist in harmony increasing housing affordability and choice, improving access to employment, supported by community facilities to meet the needs of growing and changing communities.

| #   | Project   | Lead                     | Support | agency          | Expected | timing | Funding con | nmitted                         |
|-----|---|--------------------------|---------|-----------------|----------|--------|-------------|---------------------------------|
|     |   | agency                   |         |                 |          |        |             |                                 |
| 6.1 | Understanding Retirement Sector Demand  | Future Prod              | of      | TA partne       | ers      | Years  | 1-3         | No                              |
| 6.2 | Investigate coordinated subregional approach to affordability and inclusionary zoning | HCC, Waipa<br>Waikato DO | -       | WRC, Kai        | nga Ora  | Years  | 1-3         | Part                            |
| 6.3 | Continue to support the delivery of the Fairfield/Enderley PDA                        | Future Prod<br>Partners  | of      | HCC<br>Kainga O | ra       | Ongoi  | ing         | Future Proof operational Budget |
| 6.4 | Continue to support the delivery of the Northwest Hamilton/Horotiu                    | Future Proo              | of      | HCC             |          | TBD    |             | Future Proof operational Budget |

## Transformational Move 7: Water wise and 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.

| #   | Project  | Lead agency                        | Support agency | Expected timing | Funding committed |
|-----|--|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 7.1 | Post completion of the Water Services Strategy determine a programme of further work including potentially a water services programme business case and subsequent detailed business cases | HCC, Waipa DC,<br>Waikato DC, MPDC | WRC            | Years 1-3       | No                |

# Portfolio Management, Funding and Financing

These are actions that relate to the management of Future Proof and exploration of general funding and financing options rather than a specific transformation move.

| #   | Project   | Lead agency  | Support agency                | Expected timing | Funding committed |
|-----|---|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 8.1 | Review the Vision and Transformational Moves ahead of the next iteration of the strategy to ensure they are appropriate and reflect current priorities. | FPIC   |                               | Years 1-3       | Yes               |
| 8.2 | Monitor and continually refine the Critical infrastructure list   | Future Proof   |                               | Ongoing         | Yes               |
| 8.3 | Respond to Central government changes such as potential future city/region deals, RIF funding etc.  | FP – City Region<br>Deal Sub Group,<br>Implementation<br>Advisor |                               | Years 1-3       |                   |
| 8.4 | Develop an interactive, web based viewer that helps partners, stakeholders and the public visualise how the region will change over the next 30 years   | FP partners  | WRC, HCC<br>(mapping support) | Years 1-3       | TBD               |
| 8.5 | Preparation of the 2027 FDS   | FP Partners  |                               | Years 1-3       | Yes               |

# Part 5: Implementation Risks

There is uncertainty in any long-term strategy. Circumstances can change dramatically through factors over which the partners have no control. In the context of a long-term strategy such as Future Proof, it is essential that changes in the operating environment are tracked. This will be done through monitoring the KPIs as well as reporting on and by updating this Implementation Plan annually. The main risks and uncertainties for Future Proof are outlined in the table below:

| Uncertainty /<br>Risk            | Extent  | Mitigation   |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Population<br>Growth             | <ul> <li>A planning scenario of around 550,000 population with an additional 90,000 dwellings in the next 30 years.</li> <li>This scenario is based on the 'high' population projection for the Future Proof subregion.</li> <li>There are many factors that influence population growth, and given the significant population growth - approximately 180,000 more people - there is a degree of uncertainty associated.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The inherent uncertainty in population projections cannot be removed, but it can be managed to a more acceptable degree of uncertainty. The projections used are based on an agreed methodology. To help manage the uncertainties, projections are reviewed regularly and adjusted as new information arises—such as Census data or similar.</li> <li>Programmes and plans, such as Long-Term Plans, 30-year infrastructure strategies and other nearer term initiatives, all review and monitor the projections.</li> <li>The partners will consider opportunities to pivot work programmes/projects, including accelerating or slowing projects to enable a delivery pipeline.</li> </ul> |
| Achievability of intensification | <ul> <li>The Future Proof Strategy assumes a significant level of intensification within the existing urban areas to achieve a compact and concentrated settlement pattern.</li> <li>Intensification may not occur to the level anticipated due to factors such as infrastructure constraints and market issues.</li> </ul>   | Future Proof will continue to monitor this evolving situation and consider any actions required to achieve the desired settlement pattern.   |

| Uncertainty /<br>Risk  | Extent  | Mitigation  |
|--|---|---|
| Infrastructure<br>(cost and<br>delivery)   | <ul> <li>Rising costs of construction</li> <li>Significant infrastructure<br/>constraints that need to be<br/>overcome to enable the<br/>settlement pattern</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Future Proof will actively monitor<br/>the situation and work on<br/>infrastructure and funding<br/>solutions.</li> </ul>  |
| Funding<br>availability  | <ul> <li>Current funding sources will be<br/>inadequate to deliver the<br/>strategy and settlement pattern.</li> </ul>  | The Future Proof Partners are<br>working closely to identify<br>alternative funding sources to<br>enable implementation.  |
| Uncertainty<br>around future<br>development<br>aspirations for<br>Maaori-owned<br>land | There are clear spatial priorities for taangata whenua in the subregion. However, there is uncertainty associated with the large number of land holdings that have rights of first refusal over them and what actions might be required to enable their use and development.  | <ul> <li>Future Proof contains         an action to work with         Waikato-Tainui on a         review of land parcels         that are being returned</li> <li>The Future Proof Partners will         continue to monitor the situation,</li> </ul>  |
| Delivery risk  | <ul> <li>The Future Proof Strategy will rely on coordinated actions and investment decisions by a number of different organisations and agencies working together over multiple planning and investment cycles.</li> <li>Decisions made via the proposed Fast Track legislation have the potential to compromise the delivery of the strategy.</li> </ul> | The Future Proof model is intended to manage this risk by providing a mechanism for regular review and alignment conversations.   |
| Changes in<br>Government<br>policy   | Changes in Government policy<br>and priorities (eg transport,<br>waters, housing, funding) may<br>require change or<br>reprioritisation.  | <ul> <li>Future Proof will track these changes and make adjustments to the Strategy and Implementation Plan as required.</li> <li>These adjustments should refine the strategy to meet changing circumstances—but without changing the overarching vision and core principles of Future Proof.</li> <li>If possible, the partners will consider opportunities to pivot</li> </ul> |

| Uncertainty /<br>Risk | Extent | Mitigation  |
|-----------------------|--------|---|
|                       |        | work programmes/projects in accordance with changes in Government policy. |

# Part 6: Monitoring and Adaptive Approach

The Implementation Plan will be reviewed and updated in alignment with partner's funding plans. The Plan will be updated on an annual basis and will be regularly monitored and reported on. This Plan is also linked to the Future Proof KPIs.

# Appendix 1: Detailed key actions

| # Key Action  |   |
|---|---|
| 1.1 Continue to support delivery of the Ruakura Pl          |   |
| Ruakura is identified as a priority development             | ·   |
| partnership approach to deliver. Its purpose is             |   |
| delivering major economic, social, environment              | al and cultural benefits to New Zealand.  |
|   |   |
| It includes the delivery of the Ruakura Superhul            | <u> </u>                                  |
| the progressing the Ruakura Eastern Transport               |   |
| 1.2 Continue to support delivery of the Raahui Poo          |   |
| The purpose of the Raahui Pookeka Huntly and                | . , ,                                     |
| enhance community and economic wellbeing a                  | •   |
| within the Hamilton to Auckland corridor. It inc            | ·   |
| choices and social infrastructure, alongside gree           | _   |
| 1.3 Review of land parcels that are being returned          |   |
| Waikato-Tainui has been in negotiations with the            |   |
| whenua. Once this whenua has been returned,                 | ·   |
| into the Future Proof Strategy should be undert             |   |
| 2.1 Update the strategy to reflect the review of Te         |   |
| Te Ture Whaimana is the primary direction sett              |   |
| activities within its catchment and was reviewe             |   |
| Under the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Wai                | •   |
| 19, the review of Te Ture Whaimana is to be ini             | ·   |
| previous review. Therefore, this is the first majo          |   |
| was established more than 10 years ago as a ke              | y part of the River Settlement.           |
| Once the Te Ture Whaimana review is complete                | d, the Future Proof Strategy will need to |
| be reviewed to identify any changes needed as               |   |
| 2.2 Review the Future Proof Water Services Strate           |   |
| The Future Proof partners developed a Sub-Reg               |   |
| set out how water, wastewater and stormwater                | - ·                                       |
| 12 years on this document is now due to be upo              | lated to reflect the current context and  |
| revisions to the Future Proof Strategy. Changes             | include:                                  |
| - The criticality of addressing climate cha                 | nge and ensuring the climate resilience   |
| of communities;   |   |
| <ul> <li>The maturing of Taangata Whenua part</li> </ul>    | nerships and embedding of Te Ture         |
| Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato;                                |   |
| <ul> <li>Changes in the regulatory landscape for</li> </ul> | water management and services, and        |
| national debate on institutional arrange                    | ments;                                    |
| - The expansion of the Future Proof parti                   | nership to include Matamata Piako         |
| District Council which exists in the catch                  | ments of the Waihou and Piako rivers      |
| and relevant aspects of the Hauraki Col                     | ective treaty settlement.                 |
| 3.1 Complete Bus Rapid Transit Proof of Concept S           | -   |
| A core recommendation of the Hamilton Waika                 | to Metro Spatial Plan Programme           |
| Business Case (PBC) was that a bus raid transit (           | BRT) system is investigated for the sub   |
| region with a focus on Hamilton. Bus Rapid Trar             | sit has not been studied in detail in     |
| Hamilton, nor in New Zealand cities outside ma              |   |
|   |   |
| and Christchurch. The intent of this BRT Proof o            | f Concept Study is to provide confidence  |

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|     | in Hamilton and to broadly define what a fit-for-purpose BRT would involve from a  |
|     | physical and operational perspective. The work will help build understanding and   |
|     | alignment around what BRT could be to inform future investigations with workable,  |
|     | well-defined inputs for options development and testing.   |
|     | The BRT study will:  |
|     | Benchmark potential solutions for Hamilton against BRT systems in other  |
|     | relevant cities around the world   |
|     | Provide recommendations with respect to the characteristics of such a system   |
|     | <ul> <li>including some specific guidance around alignments, river crossings and</li> </ul>  |
|     | operations   |
|     | Demonstrate how a future BRT would fit into the local movement and public  |
|     | transport networks   |
|     | <ul> <li>Define, conceptually, the form and function of central city interchanges, in</li> </ul>   |
|     | particular Anglesea Street (interface with IAF project) and the existing   |
|     | interchange. Define bus system requirements to inform the future investigations  |
| 3.2 | Complete Freight & Logistics Study   |
|     | The Future Proof Metropolitan Spatial Plan (MSP) Transport Programme Business Case   |
|     | (PBC) 2022 set out a high-level analysis of road and rail freight considerations in the  |
|     | metro area. However, the Future Proof Partners agreed that they would like to  |
|     | understand more about both current and future freight movements, needs and impacts.  |
|     | Concurrently, Hamilton City Council was seeking to update and inform its existing freight  |
|     | guidance and seek guidance on asset management planning for the future. Management   |
|     | of freight access on a route and corridor level is likely to be an operational need in the   |
|     | urban areas of the metro and is also a key consideration for this study. This is especially  |
|     | important as the Future Proof Partners focus on developing long-term public transport  |
|     | networks. The recent investments in inland ports at Horotiu and Ruakura linked to  |
|     | seaports at Auckland and Tauranga, cements the role of the MSP area in freight and   |
|     | logistics.   |
| 3.3 | Complete Bus Rapid Transit Funding & Financing Study   |
|     | Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) would improve public transport accessibility and mode share and  |
|     | support intensification along identified corridors. It would consist of buses using  |
|     | dedicated corridors and/or bus priority measures. It is a key part of the longer term  |
|     | strategy identified in the Transport Programme Business Case. In order to deliver BRT,   |
|     | the partners will need to determine how the network changes are to be funded.  |
| 3.4 | Complete PT Pathways project   |
|     | The PT Pathways project is aimed at aligning public transport infrastructure with  |
|     | growth and public transports services via the PT Pathways study. It will look for  |
|     | operational improvements to the public transport network including transitioning   |
|     | to a low-emission fleet, demand-responsive services and integrated ticketing. Introducing peak and more frequent off- peak bus services between towns. |
| 3.5 |  |
| 3.5 | Prepare a Rural Access Strategy/Waikato Urban Programme  A project scoped and approved by the Transport Project Control Group that would utilise       |
|     | the Tainui Waka Alliance and the Mana Whenua Kaitiaki Forum Scoping led by Shane   |
|     |  |
|     | Solomon and WRC incorporating some elements of existing WRC community planning   |
|     | that seeks to develop a programme of work for Marae and surrounding areas that builds  |
|     | on existing workstreams to improve access to rural marae and adjacent communities to   |
|     | address some of the concerns around accessibility raised as part of the 2022 MSP   |

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|     | transport PBC. Study would include information on current and future rural access needs, based on targeted engagement information on how access issues are affecting rural people's lives, based on targeted engagement and develop a programme that contributes to packages of interventions, the pace and scale required to deliver them, costs and a sequenced pathway for delivery to meet the 2035 reduction target. Essentially, the work would help iwi and partners to understand how rural communities might best access the metro areas in the future. Works on the basis of Marae potentially acting as a long term focus for a form of community transport that goes beyond healthcare needs.   |
|     | This would involve partnering with Health Agencies and MOE to explore opportunities for future public transport services and demand responsive (incl. ride share) transport. This would be a partnerships and service response rather than infrastructure led but would include links to rural cycleways that may provide opportunities to improve health and access.   |
| 3.6 | Northern Waikato Public Transport & Active Modes Improvement Programme This project will look at short, medium and longer term public transport opportunities and interventions for better connecting the northern Waikato and southern Auckland. This work will also align with the northern Waikato   southern Auckland concept plan.   |
| 4.1 | Continue to support delivery of the Hamilton Central PDA  The purpose of this priority development area is to ensure that Hamilton central city is the economic heart of the sub-region and to make the central city a place where people love to be. The PDA includes the delivery of the Infrastructure Acceleration Funded projects to enable up to 4000 homes by 2035 in the central city and surrounds.  |
| 4.2 | Develop a Town Centre Plan for Ngaaruawaahia As part of the review of the Ngaaruawaahia and Surrounds Structure Plan (2017) the development of a Town Centre Plan for Ngaaruawaahia was identified. The project commenced in late 2022 and is expected to be completed by September 2024.   |
| 4.3 | Develop a Socio-economic Master Plan for Raahui Pookeka/Huntly Raahui Pookeka has many socio-economic opportunities to better support the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of its residents. Investment in the cultural, social and economic sectors is vital to the success of the township. WDC recognises this and is seeking to develop a plan to put the opportunities in writing. WDC has roles, such as Economic Development Advisor and Community-led Development Advisor, to ensure there is a connection and clear understanding of the socio-economic issues within the community. WDC will prioritise work with marae to understand and prioritise their aspirations at the local and central government levels so they are represented in the Plan. |
|     | Additionally, priority has been placed on Raahui Pookeka at a Sub-Regional Future Proof level. Raahui Pookeka has been identified as a Priority Development Area (PDA), and subsequently a working group consisting of central and local government agencies and mana whenua partners has been established.   |
| 5.1 | Prepare an Integrated Spatial Framework – North Waipa/South Hamilton This action is in response to ongoing interest in development of this area. The approach will be to create concept plans that provide sufficient detail on the function of this and how it connects to other parts of the region to clarify key infrastructure and planning  |

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|     | requirements to enable their development where appropriate. It will include Southern   |  |  |
|     | Links, Ōhaupo, Rukuhia, Hamilton Airport, and surrounds.   |  |  |
| 5.2 | , , , , ,  |  |  |
|     | Corridor   |  |  |
|     | This action is in response to ongoing interest in this area and recognises the connection  |  |  |
|     | between the Future Proof sub-region and the western Bay of Plenty sub-region. The  |  |  |
|     | approach will be to create a concept plan that provides sufficient detail on the function  |  |  |
|     | of this and how it connects to other parts of the region to clarify key infrastructure and   |  |  |
|     | planning requirements to enable development where appropriate. It will include   |  |  |
|     | Hautapu-Matamata-Waharoa-Hinuera, and surrounds.   |  |  |
| 6.1 | Understanding Retirement Sector Demand   |  |  |
|     | There is ongoing pressure in the subregion for new retirement living developments,   |  |  |
|     | particularly in the rural area. With an aging population, it is likely that this pressure will   |  |  |
|     | increase. Further work is needed to assess the level of demand and where retirement  |  |  |
|     | living should best be provided/enabled.  |  |  |
| 6.2 | Investigate a coordinated subregional approach to affordability and inclusionary   |  |  |
|     | zoning The lask of offendable benefits in the submaries is well recognised. Future Proof's   |  |  |
|     | The lack of affordable housing in the subregion is well recognised. Future Proof's response will include the following:  |  |  |
|     | · ·  |  |  |
|     | <ul> <li>Joint approach to inclusionary zoning</li> <li>set measurable targets/definitions for determining affordability - such as linked</li> </ul>                   |  |  |
|     | to median household incomes - to ensure that any new affordable housing that   |  |  |
|     | is provided is genuinely affordable to households on low to moderate incomes   |  |  |
|     | and backed by a strong understanding of the local housing needs.   |  |  |
|     | further work with urgency should also be undertaken to define the housing  |  |  |
|     | range and typology KPI on p111.  |  |  |
|     | <ul> <li>Investigate opportunities to address housing affordability issues and advocate</li> </ul>   |  |  |
|     | for use of a full range of measures which focus on both demand and supply, in  |  |  |
|     | conjunction with the Waikato Housing Initiative. Opportunities include   |  |  |
|     | infrastructure funding arrangements which aim to reduce council balance sheet  |  |  |
|     | impacts, affordability targets in new developments, promoting smaller dwellings,   |  |  |
|     | the use of the Specified Development Projects process, betterment and  |  |  |
|     | concessional funding.  |  |  |
|     | <ul> <li>Provide an appropriate level of public, social and rental housing in current and</li> </ul>   |  |  |
|     | future growth areas. This includes working with Kainga Ora and community housing   |  |  |
|     | providers on identifying public housing redevelopment opportunities.   |  |  |
| 6.3 | Continue to support delivery of the Fairfield/Enderley PDA   |  |  |
|     | The Fairfield/Enderley priority development area is a regeneration area where it is  |  |  |
|     | intended to enable good quality, affordable housing choices and to improve the   |  |  |
|     | wellbeing of the community.  |  |  |
| 6.4 | Continue to support delivery of the Northwest Hamilton/Horotiu PDA   |  |  |
|     | The Rotokauri priority development area is a greenfield area. It requires the delivery of  |  |  |
|     | strategic infrastructure to enable development of up to 3,500 homes for around 9000  |  |  |
| 7.4 | people.  |  |  |
| 7.1 | Post completion of the Water Services Strategy determine a programme of further  |  |  |
|     | work including potentially a water services programme business case and subsequen  |  |  |
|     | detailed business cases.  Three waters resources, infrastructure and services are both an enabler and a key.   |  |  |
|     | Three waters resources, infrastructure and services are both an enabler and a key constraint for sustainable development and growth in the metro area. The delivery of |  |  |
|     | Constraint for sustainable development and growth in the metro area. The delivery of   |  |  |

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|     | integrated and sustainable three waters services is essential for the sub-region to gro  |  |  |
|     | over time.   |  |  |
|     |  |  |  |
|     | Te Ture Whaimana is the key direction-setting document for the sub-region which  |  |  |
|     | requires the way in which we plan in relation to the three waters to undertake a   |  |  |
|     | paradigm shift. The ability for wastewater and stormwater to be treated adequately and for environmental impacts on receiving environments to be addressed is a key issue in |  |  |
|     | relation to the growth of the sub-region. The availability of fresh water for households   |  |  |
|     | and businesses is also a critical issue which will need to be addressed in order to deliver  |  |  |
|     | the Future Proof settlement pattern.   |  |  |
|     | The Three Waters programme business case and subsequent detailed business cases set  |  |  |
|     | out how to deliver the required waters resources, infrastructure and services in a way   |  |  |
|     | that is best for river.  |  |  |
| 8.1 | Review the Vision and Transformational Moves ahead of the next iteration of the  |  |  |
|     | strategy to ensure they are appropriate and reflect current priorities.  |  |  |
|     | The Transformational Moves were initially prepared as part of the Hamilton Waikato   |  |  |
|     | Metro Spatial Plan and then incorporated into the overall strategy. While minor changes  |  |  |
|     | have been made to better reflect the subregion as a whole, FPIC would like the   |  |  |
| 0.0 | opportunity to take a more detailed look at the Transformation Moves.  |  |  |
| 8.2 | Monitor and continually refine the critical infrastructure list  |  |  |
|     | The critical infrastructure list highlights the key infrastructure needed to support the Future Proof settlement pattern. It is not an exhaustive list and there is a lot of |  |  |
|     | uncertainty around infrastructure requirements and funding. This list will need to be  |  |  |
|     | monitored as it will be subject to change and is heavily dependent on other processes  |  |  |
|     | such as Long-Term Plans.   |  |  |
|     |  |  |  |
|     | The ability to provide infrastructure to support growth, both infill and greenfield, has   |  |  |
|     | been identified as a key constraint to delivery of the strategy. The following additional  |  |  |
|     | actions are proposed to address this:  |  |  |
|     | continue to work towards providing certainty around infrastructure provision to  |  |  |
|     | support the settlement pattern.  |  |  |
|     | Identify and adopt new funding and financing models for infrastructure, along  |  |  |
|     | with the creation of an infrastructure pricing model that sees levies reinvested in  |  |  |
| 8.3 | the infrastructure being utilised.  Respond to Central government changes such as potential future city/region deals, RIF  |  |  |
| 8.3 | funding etc.   |  |  |
|     | Central government policy is constantly evolving. Future Proof will need to actively   |  |  |
|     | monitor, contribute and assess how to work within this changing landscape such as the  |  |  |
|     | imminent "Going for Growth" changes. Future Proof will also continue work on a   |  |  |
|     | City/Region Deal. This will include look at various funding mechanisms such as Value   |  |  |
|     | Capture to advance implementation & delivery of the FDS. Future Proof will need to   |  |  |
|     | determine sub-regional investment priorities and level of commitment from partners   |  |  |
|     | appropriate to priorities  |  |  |
| 8.4 | Review and refine PDA criteria and priorities  |  |  |
|     | There are currently 21 Priority Development Areas with five focus areas across the sub-  |  |  |
|     | region. Following the review of the FDS, changes to Government funding and priorities  |  |  |
|     | alongside progress in some of the focus PDA areas it is now timely to review the PDA   |  |  |
|     | framework and priorities to ensure alignment with transformational outcomes.   |  |  |
| 8.5 | Preparation of the 2027 FDS  |  |  |

| # | Key Action  |  |
|---|---|--|
|   | This will include the preparation of evidence to support the FDS such as:           |  |
|   | <ul> <li>Updated projections based on the 2023 census data.</li> </ul>              |  |
|   | The Market and Locality report prepared for Future Proof by Formative Ltd.          |  |
|   | An updated HBA based on a refined process (see above)                               |  |
|   | The retirement living work (Action 6.1)   |  |
|   | The integrated spatial frameworks/spatial concepts (Actions 5.1-5.4)                |  |
|   | Other key inputs include the Te Ture Whaimana review and any updates to legislation |  |
|   | and policy.   |  |

# Appendix 2: Actions by Working Group

The following list shows the actions that each Future Proof entity is responsible for. These groups may not always be the 'lead' agency but they are required to oversee the action.

#### **Waters Working Group**

- 2.2 Review the Future Proof Water Services Strategy
- 7.1 Post completion of the Water Services Strategy determine a programme of further work including potentially a water services programme business case and subsequent detailed business cases

#### **Transport Working Group**

- 3.1 Complete Bus Rapid Transit Proof of Concept Study
- 3.2 Complete Freight & Logistics Study
- 3.3 Complete Bus Rapid Transit Funding & Financing Study
- 3.4 Complete PT Pathways project
- 3.5 Prepare a Rural Access Strategy/Waikato Urban Programme
- 3.6 Northern Waikato Public Transport & Active Modes Improvement Programme
- 5.1 Prepare an integrated spatial framework North Waipa/South Hamilton
- 5.2 Prepare an economic and connectivity spatial concept for the Hamilton to Tauranga Corridor

#### **Policy and Planning Working Group**

- 1.3 Review of land parcels that are being returned to Waikato-Tainui
- 2.1 Update the strategy to reflect the review of Te Ture Whaimana o te Awa o Waikato
- 4.2 Develop a Town Centre Plan for Ngaaruawaahia
- 5.1 Prepare an integrated spatial framework North Waipa/South Hamilton
- 5.2 Prepare an economic and connectivity spatial concept for the Hamilton to Tauranga Corridor
- 6.1 Understanding Retirement Sector Demand
- 6.2 Investigate coordinated subregional approach to affordability and inclusionary zoning
- 8.1 Review the Vision and Transformational Moves ahead of the next iteration of the strategy to ensure they are appropriate and reflect current priorities.
- 8.2 Monitor and continually refine the Critical infrastructure list
- 8.4 Develop an interactive, web based viewer that helps partners, stakeholders and the public visualise how the region will change over the next 30 years
- 8.5 Preparation of the 2027 FDS

### **Priority Development Areas Working Group**

- 1.1 Continue to deliver the Ruakura PDA and progress a plan change for the industrial land signalled to the east of the WEX.
- 1.2 Continue to support delivery of the Raahui Pookeka Huntly and Environs PDA
- 4.1 Continue to support delivery of the Hamilton Central PDA
- 4.3 Develop a Socio-economic Master Plan for Raahui Pookeka/Huntly
- 6.3 Continue to support delivery of the Fairfield/Enderley PDA
- 6.4 Continue to support delivery of the Northwest Hamilton/Horotiu PDA

## **Senior Managers Steering Group**

8.1 Review the Vision and Transformational Moves ahead of the next iteration of the strategy to ensure they are appropriate and reflect current priorities.

### **Chief Executives Advisory Group**

8.3 Develop a Future Proof city/regional deal with the government

#### **Future Proof Office**

Investigate new funding and financing tools and other potential options to facilitate development of the settlement pattern

# Appendix 3 List of Acronyms

| CC    | City Council          |
|-------|-----------------------|
| DC    | District Council      |
| FPIC  | Future Proof          |
|       | Implementation        |
|       | Committee             |
| GPS   | Government Policy     |
|       | Statement             |
| НВА   | Housing and Business  |
|       | Development Capacity  |
|       | Assessment            |
| HCC   | Hamilton City Council |
| IAF   | Infrastructure        |
|       | Acceleration Fund     |
| MPDC  | Matamata-Piako        |
|       | District Council      |
| NKOTW | Ngaa Karu Atua o te   |
|       | Waka                  |
| NLTF  | National Land         |
|       | Transport Fund        |
| PDAWG | Priority Development  |
|       | Areas                 |
| PPWG  | Policy and Planning   |
|       | Working Group         |
| RLTP  | Regional Land         |
|       | Transport Plan        |
| RONS  | Roads of National     |
|       | Significance          |
| SHIP  | State Highway         |
|       | Investment            |
|       | Programme             |
| SMSG  | Senior Managers       |
|       | Steering Group        |
| TWG   | Transport Working     |
|       | Group                 |
| WRC   | Waikato Regional      |
|       | Council               |
| WWG   | Waters Working        |
|       | Group                 |