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New Harbour Crossing and Penlink will be “Priority” projects for Tamihere

A new Harbour Crossing and the much needed Penlink Highway will be priority projects under a John Tamihere mayoralty.

Tamihere said when Aucklanders give him the mandate on October 12, a new crossing, not a tunnel and the “on again off again” Penlink Highway would be “put on steroids to get Auckland moving.

“A new 10 vehicle lane Harbour crossing, which will carry cars, rail, pedestrians and cyclists can be completed within 6 years on the existing bridge piers, replacing the existing bridge,” Tamihere said.

“There will be minimal disruption to traffic.

“My team have looked at overseas structures and costs and it is very doable.”

Tamihere said the Penlink Highway will bring much needed relief to North Shore motorists.

“I will personally guarantee and commit to the Penlink Highway because it is the right thing to do,” Tamihere said.

“Ratepayers and motorists on the North Shore need certainty, not hollow promises and backside covering.”

The 7km Penlink road, consented to run between the Northern motorway and the heart of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula, will reduce traffic flow by an estimated 50,000 vehicles per day through the Silverdale Business area.

Almost 130,000 vehicles a day travel through the heavily congested business area.

Tamihere’s complete Track & Road Policy will be released next month.

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