

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

We are grateful for the feedback received during our most recent consultation period, which ran from June to August 2016. Your valuable comments have been reviewed by the team and helped inform the concept design that has been lodged:



YOU ADVISED US THAT:

SO, WE HAVE:

“Keep impacts to local roads to a minimum during construction”

Designed our plans and timelines to ensure the least amount of disruption to drivers and public transport users, and committed to early and effective

“Improve the Greville Rd Interchange”

Improved the interchange layout and changed the roundabout on the eastern Greville Rd side to an intersection, with traffic signals to improve safety and reduce queuing.

“I’m worried the project won’t help with congestion around the Constellation interchange and along Upper Harbour Highway”

Confirmed a series of local road improvements that will improve journey times. Improvements include an upgraded intersection at Caribbean Dr/Paul Matthews Rd with direct access to on and off-ramps to SH18; improved traffic light phasing; and the addition of another left-turning lane on the SH1 off-ramp to Upper Harbour Highway heading west.

The biggest improvement will come from the new motorway connection itself - thousands of cars a day will be removed from the Constellation interchange and will remain on the new motorway, heading north and west.

“Improvements are needed at Caribbean Dr to reduce queuing”

Confirmed that Caribbean Dr will be widened with additional turning lanes to relieve pressure and reduce queuing.

The new direct motorway to motorway link between SH1 and SH18 will also reduce traffic at the Caribbean Dr intersection – many motorists will stay on the new link rather than using the local roads.

There was general support for the proposed Unsworth Bridge link, however many of you also raised ***“concerns about safety, increased traffic and industrial rat-running”***. You were keen for us to continue our investigations.

The project team looked at this proposal in detail and assessed predicted traffic volumes, safety impacts and design challenges.

The outcomes of these assessments and your concerns led us to a decision not include the bridge as part of the NCI Project. The predicted increase in traffic volumes was too high for this suburban environment, and there are safety issues with the visibility, stopping distances and gradients of the bridge for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

“We’d like more walking and cycling opportunities and connections on the shared path”

More than 12 access points from local roads or reserves have been added to the design.

“Having wide shared walking and cycling paths is important to us”

We have been working closely with Auckland Transport to agree a 3-metre wide shared path, with 1-metre wide shoulders on either side along most of the route, to improve safety and passing distances. At least 12 local road access points are included.

“We support a new walking and cycling bridge across SH1 at Spencer Rd, Albany”

Proposed a new walking and cycling bridge across SH1 that will link the East Coast Bays/Pine Hill over to Albany metro centre (from Spencer Rd to Corinthian Drive, close to the North Ridge Plaza). This will be progressed in parallel to the NCI project.

In urban design feedback...

“Use native planting where possible”

Included extensive native planting in the project’s Urban Landscape and Design Framework (ULDF), focusing on eco-sourced, native planted areas.

“Make bridges and walls interesting”

We will work closely with our urban designers and iwi to incorporate artwork and other features to enhance the local environment and project area.

“Improve the treatment of stormwater run-off in our area”

Incorporated effective stormwater management treatment methods, including swales and wetlands to improve the current stormwater quality and enhance the local environment.

“We support an additional bus station to service the Busway Extension”

We are continuing to investigate options for a new bus station located along the new Busway Extension, to be delivered in parallel with the NCI Project.