

Minutes of Meeting

Purpose of Meeting	Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting 9		
Project	Causeway and Te Atatu Interchange Upgrade Projects		
Prepared By	Emma Cushnie		
Place of Meeting	Pringle Park Bowling Club 4 Pringle Rd, Te Atatu Peninsula	Date	4 November 2014 7 - 8.30pm
Present:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Liaison Group members - Simon Paton and Sarah Price from the Causeway Alliance - Paul Baker, Daniel Dryland, Kevin Stevens and Emma Cushnie from the Te Atatu Interchange Upgrade Project - Ken Clive from Auckland Council - Dai Bindoff from Auckland Transport 		
Apologies	Elizabeth Collins, Brian Robertson, Nettie Bird		
Distribution	Project websites and by email to Community Liaison Group members		

1. Meeting Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introductions by Simon Paton • Causeway Upgrade Project works update by Simon Paton • Te Atatu Interchange Improvements Project Update by Paul Baker • Questions and discussion
2. Causeway Upgrade Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of the CLG is to provide a regular forum through which information about the NZ Transport Agency's projects can be provided to the community and an opportunity for concerns or issues to be raised <p>Construction Update: Aerial photos were shown detailing updates of the following aspects of the project:</p> <p>SH16 looking east towards the city</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making good progress on preload fills <p>Whau River Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started and installed temporary staging on south side with piles to follow • North side of the bridge has been successfully "stitched" (connecting the new platforms to the existing ones) <p>Patiki Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piles installed for Patiki on-ramp, and underpass for the cycleway is in progress. <p>Rosebank Road</p>

- There is currently a temporary realignment of cycleway to allow work in the Rosebank area. Building up an embankment which will replace the original boardwalk in this area

Causeway – citybound

- We are placing fill by bridge and can only build in thin layers due to geotechnical limitations
- Settlement is progressing as expected

Causeway Bridge

- Piles have been installed at the abutments in preparation for the new bridge
- The rig will shortly relocate back to the finish the Oakley Boardwalk during which time timber piles will be installed to stabilise an area to be used for access to bridge staging.
- Later in November the rig will return and begin installing access staging for the Causeway Bridge.

Great North Road Interchange

- The Well-Connected Alliance is making great progress with bridge beams
- Great North Road off ramp has been realigned to final levels with some landscaping
- Next stage will be moving on-ramp loop on to the left side pavement currently being constructed
- At Oakley Creek, there are six more piles to be put in to complete the boardwalk
- Target is to move the cycleway onto Oakley Creek boardwalk before Christmas

Environmental Legacy Outcomes

- Whau River Bridge abutment access - provision for pedestrian access under the motorway to Pollen Island
- Maintenance bays to allow contractors access points for activities like pest and weed control
 - Traherne Island North
 - Rosebank North
 - Whau North
- Buildouts and rest areas along the cycleway. Urban design ideas was shared at the previous CLG meeting
 - Whau
 - Rosebank
 - Traherne Island South
- Urban Design
 - Oakley boardwalk/noise barrier
 - Patiki bridge
 - Rosebank boardwalk embankment

Survey Feedback

- Fantastic response from recent surveys of the cycling community, even better from the wider community. Improvement requests have been received and will continue to be worked be on. Some examples of these include lane marking clarity and additional signage.

Two recent awards for the project

- Recipient of the NZ Transport Agency GEM (Going the Extra Mile) Award for Safety Innovation and culture.
- Environmental Management Award to Project Superintendent Jamie Colquhoun.

Upcoming Traffic Management:

- Patiki Road exit changes: November 21-24 or 28-30. A new Patiki Road exit is to be opened approximately 500m earlier than the current exit. Driverstaking the Patiki exit will need to get in the left lane earlier. This change will require a weekend closure of the ramp.
- There will be significant lane shifts over the coming summer and during 2015
- Introduction of new 'Express Lanes' early next year. First area will be around Patiki where two lanes will go up to the left on the new paved area and the third lane, the Express Lane, will continue straight ahead and you won't be able to get exit at Patiki. The lane will re-join in the Rosebank area and all three lanes will still go to the city. If people need to get off at Patiki they will need to be in the correct lane early. The Express Lane concept is like an Express Bus. It is direct. If you use this lane will bypass some of the stops (offramps/exits).

Questions and Answers

Q: Are those the only legacy outcomes?

A: No, more to come. An updated copy of the Schedule to be sent to Margi and environmental CLG members who were involved in the consultation

Q: What is the Oakley boardwalk, have you moved the creek?

A: We have avoided redirecting the creek by adding a boardwalk along the edge of the motorway alignment for the shared path

Q: Where is the noise barrier going?

A: 1.5m barrier is going between the motorway and the cycleway in the Oakley Creek Boardwalk area

Q: Are plants locally sourced?

A: Yes

Comment from Elizabeth Grimmer voiced positive feedback regarding signage and closures. Great forward notice, thinks we are doing a great job, best she has experienced in years. Would like the great communication to be raised at a senior level and shown appreciation. Round of applause for the projects.

Comment: Please send the award winner details to western leader.

Q: Does the express lane increase the footprint?

A: No, it is just a staged way of moving the traffic lanes onto the new levels

Q: The current colour of the line marking when it rains, it's hard to see. Why can't we have yellow lines like the North Shore?

A: The yellow temporary tape on the North Shore can peel off, is being used as the road is not going to be resealed and is expensive. The original motorway paint is a

thermoplastic product that has to be ground off. Temporary alignments use normal paint which is not as long lasting but still often requires grinding.

Q: Do you have a plan to put something in temporarily?

A: We are trying to avoid moving lanes around where possible but it is difficult particularly in the Great North Road area. Temporary line marking will be maintained and remarked where necessary

Q: Is low level UV lighting possible to help with line marking?

A: Potentially, we will look into it.

Q: There are different road levels along the NW, is the old road going to be raised to the level of the new road?

A: Yes the old road will be raised 1.5m to approximately the level of the fill areas alongside the causeway

Comment: Glad speed cameras have gone in to help manage speeding drivers.

Q. Why has the monitoring of birds stopped?

A. We have stopped the monitoring because Auckland Council is satisfied that throughout the seasons the monitoring results demonstrated that the project has not affected the birds

3. Te Atatu Interchange Improvements project

Award

- Recipient of the NZ Transport Agency GEM (Going the Extra Mile) Award for great customer care (including sponsorship of sculpture trails and a local primary school gala).

Construction Progress

- Aerial photo looking west from the causeway
- Creating new westbound exit and eastbound onramp
- Paving ramps early 2015
- Earthworks towards Lincoln Road, pavement layers and moving to Jack Colvin park January 2015
- Te Atatu eastbound exit, new cycleway and pedestrian underpass. First units to go in two weeks
- Alwyn Ave, start around February 2015
- On track to have the earthworks completed this year
- East and westbound widening almost complete

Jacking the Bridge. 7-9 November

- 3 stage process. 1st stage this weekend, 2nd stage over Christmas, 3rd stage early next year date to be confirmed
- Traffic management detailed for the weekend, both day and night lane closures. Motorway will be fully closed at night, local access restricted to one lane.
- Programme of work provided
- Alternative route options provided
- Key messages such as avoid travel if possible and during peak hours

Urban Design Update

- Continuing discussions with iwi on art design
- Art designs available at next CLG

Questions and Answers

Q: Are we having an extra lane on the bridge from Te Atatu Peninsula to Te Atatu south?

A: No additional lanes, but there is a new pedestrian bridge

Q: Will the right turning bay (on the bridge heading west on to the motorway) be extended?

A: Yes, it will be increased slightly

Q: Coming from the city can we go straight across intersection at the offramp and onramp?

A: No. Detours will direct you towards Lincoln Road onramp or go to roundabout and turn around

Q: How are you going to stop people coming off the Te Atatu off-ramp and prevent people doing a u turn along Te Atatu Road?

A: Cones along the centreline towards the Peninsual will hopefully prevent people doing that

Q: How far down the motorway will traffic queue?

A: Depends how well the message is heard. Hoping to drop from 2200 to 1700 vehicles per hour. This weekend has been chosen due to low number of events in the city this weekend

Q: Is the jacked bridge going to be earthquake resistant?

A: Yes, strengthening work to the bridge will be done

Q: Are you expecting problems with the jacking?

A: No. Chosen the pedestrian bridge to start with as it's the lightest and we will see what lessons can be learned

Q: How much are you jacking it by?

A: Approximately 600mm

Q : What's going to happen at Royal Road?

A. The Royal Road interchange will be upgraded along with the bridge as part of the next stage. The motorway through the Royal Road interchange will be widened.

Q. What happened today on Lincoln Road? Lincoln Road was backed up to Henderson?

A. Not sure

Q. Please can you tell us what is happening towards Te Atatu South.

A. Widening, identifying services, increase width to create room for underpass. Cycleway shifts and noise walls to be installed.

Q. There have been significant vibrations on Alwyn Ave, my computer monitor shakes every morning

A. We have regular vibration monitoring, nothing has occurred over the allowed limits but I will check this out

Q. I have reservations with regards to that; I was in the Chch earthquakes. Awaiting response from the team. It happens every day and is unnerving. I raised this in July. Why has it taken so long to come back to me?

	<p>A. We have significant results and we are happy to share this.</p> <p>Q. Why did you not build the noise wall first?</p> <p>A. We had to install and move services first and development of the design includes road widening</p> <p>Q. There was talk of building a path to go under the west end of the Whau River bridge. Is it being considered?</p> <p>A. No, raised too late in the project. Would require a boardwalk structure which is not being included. (Ken Clive) There has been provision for this so it can be constructed in the future.</p> <p>Q. What is your responsibility going to Edmonton corner, where does the project finish and Auckland Transport's responsibilities start? Why did you remove the house on the corner?</p> <p>A. Just at the intersection of Royal View Road. The house on the corner was moved to tie in with the connection to the motorway and the cycleway and pedestrian path.</p> <p>Q. What is happening with the banks of the Te Atatu interchange where all the earth has been removed?</p> <p>A. This is the final profile and will be landscaped</p> <p>Q. Since you have been excavating our water bill has gone up. Leak has been checked. Have you changed water pressure, are you using more water?</p> <p>A. No changes from our side, suggest that you get Watercare to have a look</p> <p>Q. Are you working over Christmas period?</p> <p>A. Yes. Causeway shuts down but Te Atatu will continue through due to the bridge jacking during that timeframe</p>
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4.	Future Meetings and Contact Details
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next CLG meeting is Tuesday 17 February 2015, 7:00pm at the Pringle Park Bowling Club, Pringle Road, Te Atatu Peninsula • Will investigate if the new Te Atatu Community Centre will be available as per audience suggestion • Meeting dates for 2015 are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 17 February ○ 6 May ○ 18 August ○ 11 November <p>For more information;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular project updates will be delivered or emailed to CLG attendees who have registered to receive them • Causeway News – monthly update • info@sh16causeway.co.nz • www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh16causeway • www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wrr • Communications and Stakeholder feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Causeway Alliance - ph 0800 444 449 (mention Causeway, AKI) - Te Atatu Interchange Improvements Project- 0800 300 007 (Nettie Bird) <p>Meeting closed at 8.10pm</p>
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