## A first glimpse of the new underpass



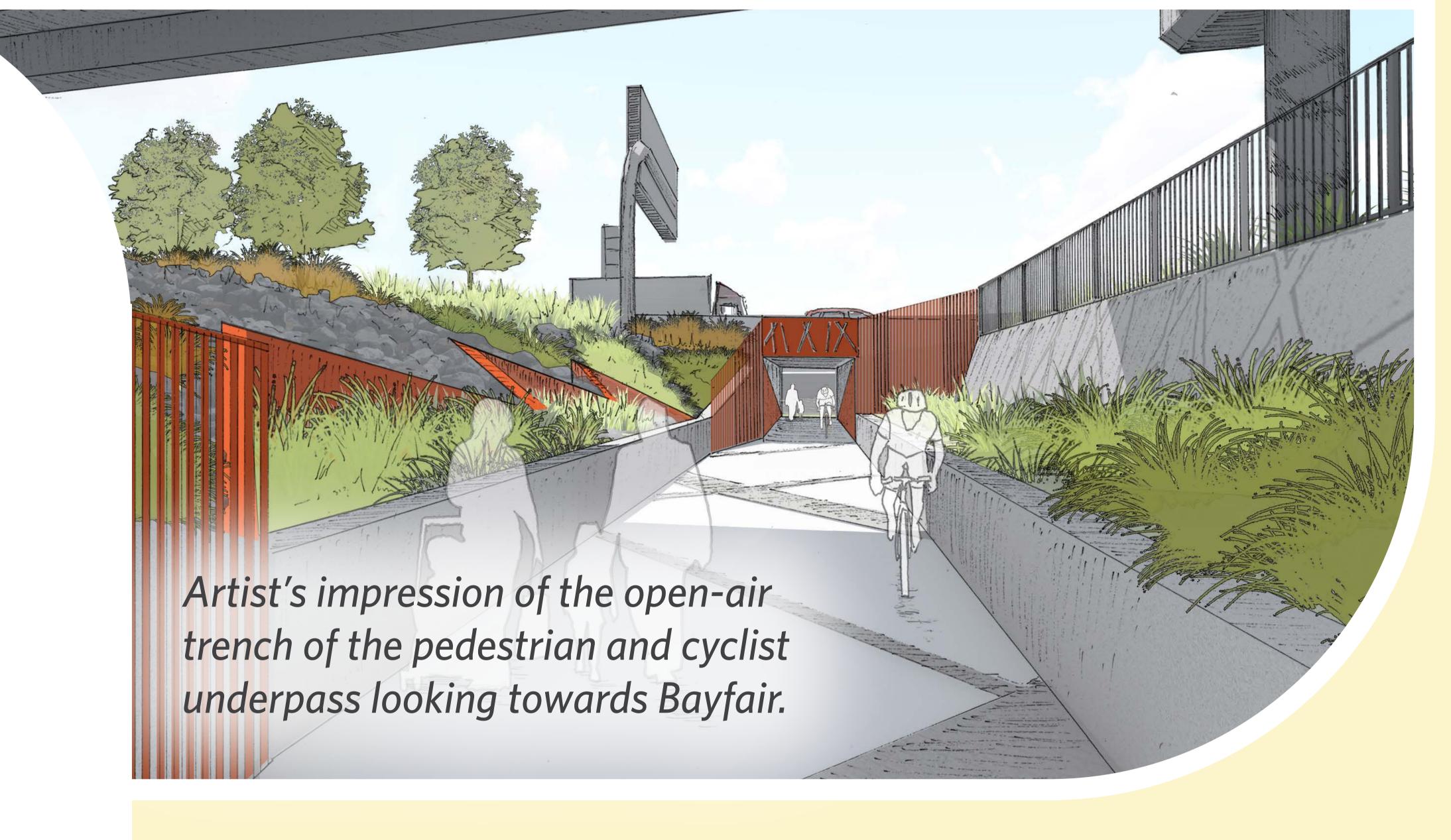
Quick facts

The underpass entrance portals are approximately 3 metres wide and 2.5 metres high similar dimensions to the former underpass.

At the completion of the Bay Link project, people walking, on bikes, scooters and mobility scooters will be able to cross State Highway 2/Maunganui Road between Bayfair and Matapihi via a new underpass. By separating pedestrians and cyclists from the road above, the underpass will provide a safer connection for all users.

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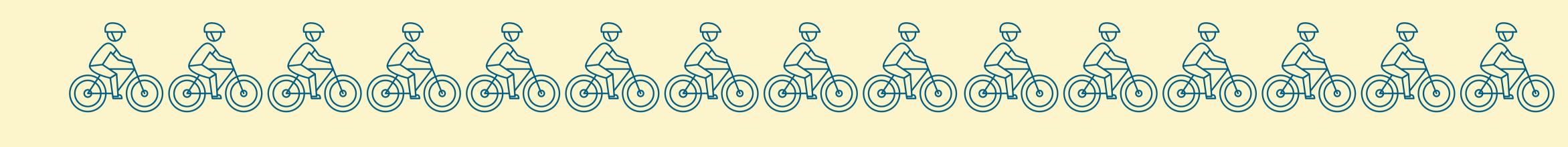
The underpass is being used in its current configuration as the temporary signalised crossing on SH2/Maunganui Road had to be removed to enable construction of the northern ramp of the Bayfair flyover. Construction on the underpass is ongoing and users of this temporary route can expect to see work occurring in and around the area.



#### The new open-air trench

The Bayfair and Matapihi box sections of the underpass are connected by an open-air trench. At the project's completion, this trench will be located under the new flyover bridge.

The open-air trench, which will be located beneath a new bridge span, is approximately 4 metres wide and 28 metres long with sloping sides.



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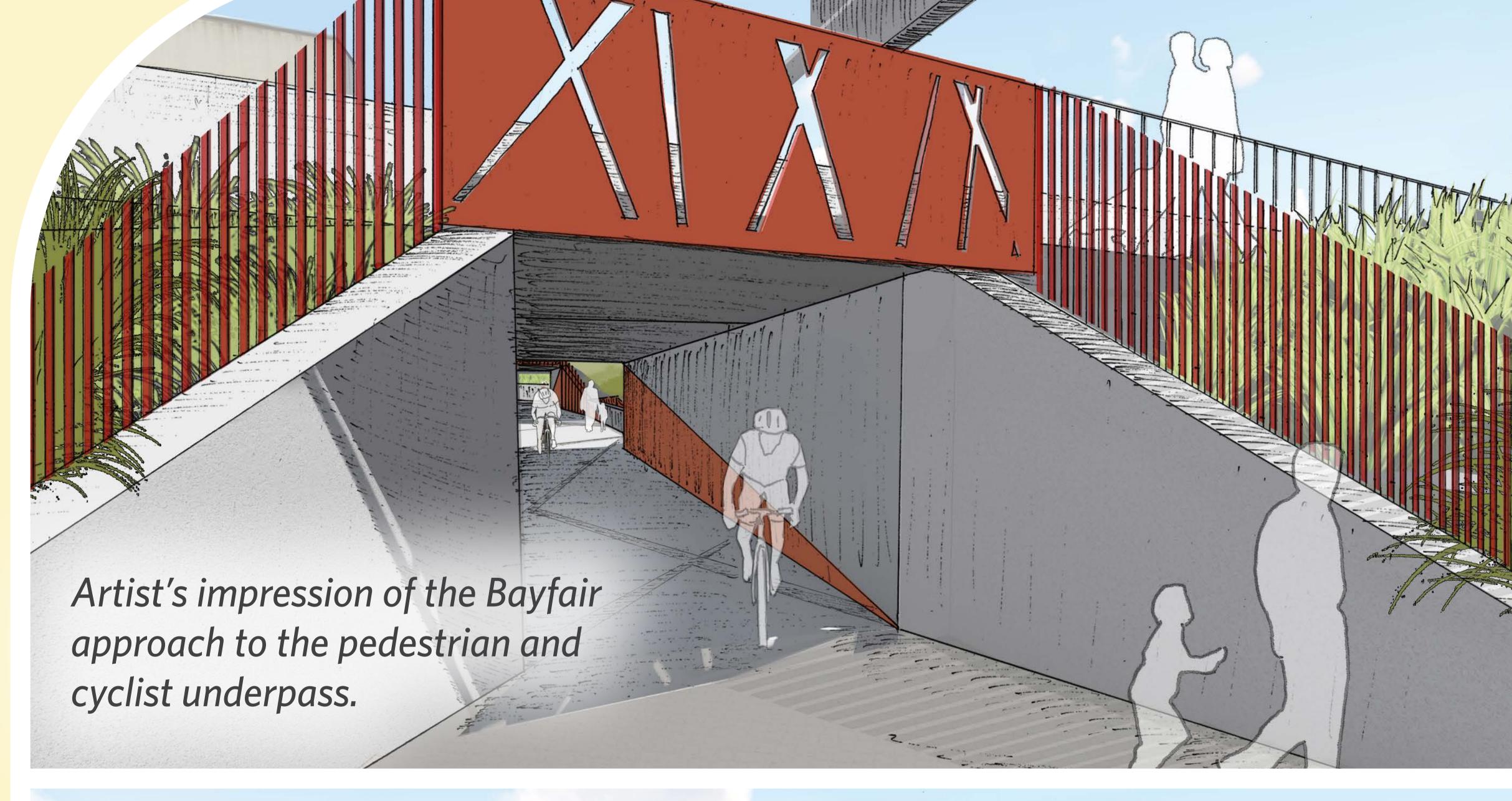
- The box section on the Matapihi side is approximately 15 metres long.
- The box section of the underpass on the Bayfair side is approximately 18 metres long.

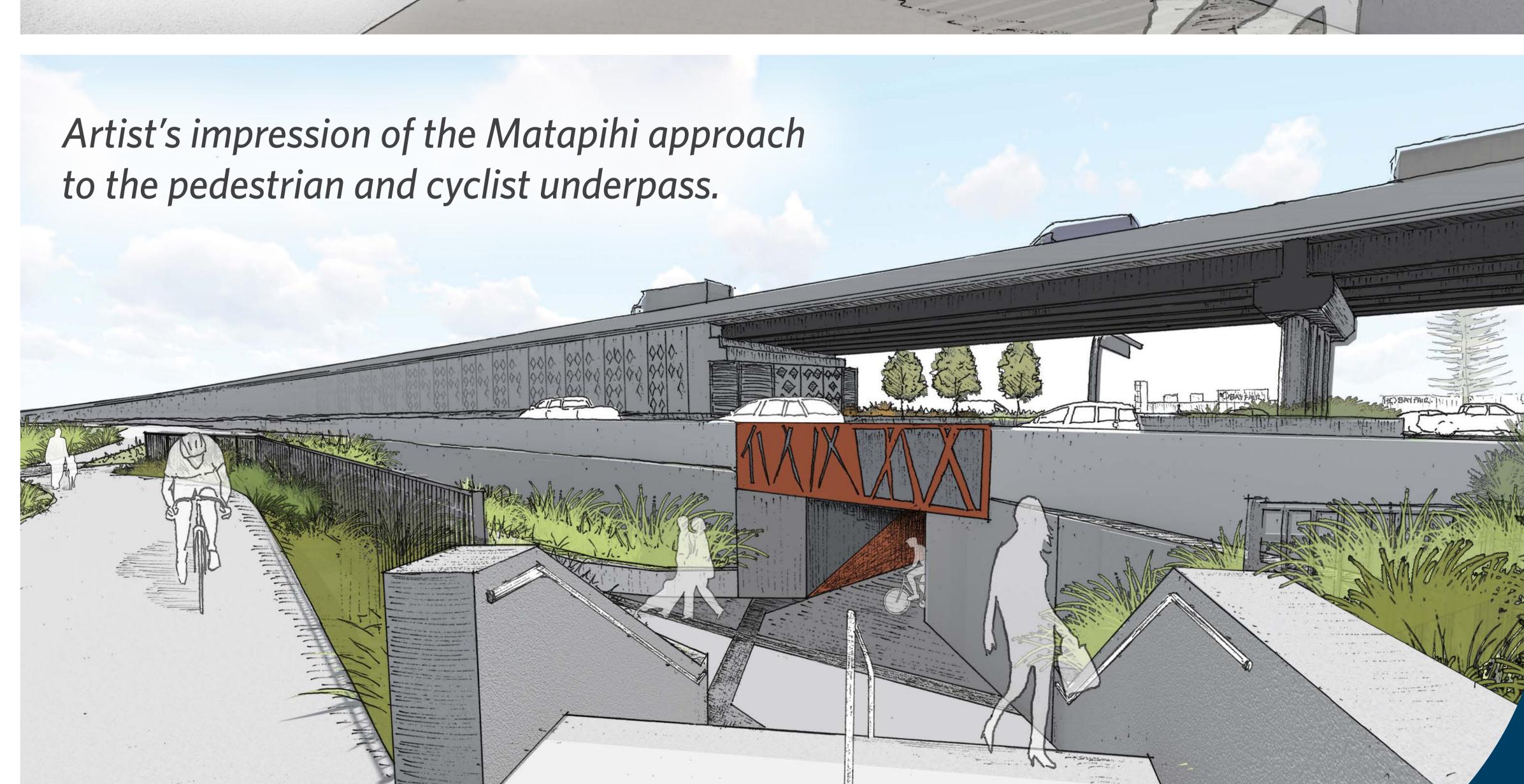
The completed underpass is scheduled to open for use at the conclusion of the Bay Link project in late 2023.

#### Safety and usage first

As part of the planning for the new underpass design, a balanced approach towards safety and usage was required.

On completion of the project, people who walk and cycle will have safer and improved connections, with the option to travel through the new underpass or use the new signalised crossing through the Bayfair roundabout.





### Working with local hapu

We are working closely with local hapū Ngā Potiki, Ngāi Tukairangi and Ngāti Tapu on cultural design elements which will be incorporated into the underpass and across the wider Bay Link project.







