

East West Link

PROJECT UPDATE

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HELLO

Welcome to the East West Link project's June e-newsletter. It's a busy time as we move closer to the Board of Inquiry hearing for the East West Link project, which starts on Tuesday 27 June.

As part of this process, the Transport Agency (as the applicant) has lodged its written statements of evidence to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), and submitters on the project have done the same.

If you'd like to know more, the EPA website has details of the inquiry procedures including a timetable of what's happening when, which will be updated during the hearing. We'll also keep you up to date in these e-newsletters.

THE RESULTS ARE IN

We recently surveyed 415 people who live or work (or both) in the Onehunga, Penrose, Mt Wellington, Mangere, Otahuhu and East Tamaki areas. The survey was carried out by a research company with the aim of helping us to build a picture of how people feel about the project right now, and to identify in what areas more information may be needed. We'll use this data to shape the way we communicate with these communities in future.

Here's what the participants told us:

- 68% agreed and strongly agreed that the East West Link will improve transport options.
- 70% agreed and strongly agreed that the new shared path for cyclists and pedestrians between Onehunga and Sylvia Park

will improve access to the area.

- 43% agreed and strongly agreed that when finished, the East West Link will improve Onehunga town centre, while 18% disagreed and strongly disagreed and a further 39% didn't know or were neutral.
- 13% agreed and strongly agreed the East West Link project will enhance the water quality in the area, whereas 33% of respondents didn't know.
- 11% felt they needed more information on the project.
- 7% felt the project would increase traffic in Onehunga.
- 6% felt the project would isolate the Onehunga community from the beach, wharf and port.

We'll carry out these surveys regularly and will include the results in future e-newsletters. In the meantime if you have a burning question about any aspect of the project, please feel free to send us an email.

ANIMATION BRINGS EAST WEST LINK TO LIFE

Keen to see what the East West Link will look like? Check out this short video, which shows some of the features along this transport link including the walking and cycle paths, the coastal boardwalk and green spaces along the foreshore.



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