

Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive

Shared Path



This month on 22 October, construction begins on the first part of a seven kilometre shared path for walking and cycling.

Project overview

Once complete, this joint Auckland Transport (AT) and NZ Transport Agency project will stretch from Merton Road near Glen Innes Train Station to Tamaki Drive and the Waitemata Harbour.

The route will be constructed in four sections, with each section open for use on completion. The first section is expected to be finished in late 2016 and the whole project is scheduled to be completed in late 2018. Transfield Services will construct sections one and two.

Section one of the route connects with Merton Road next to Countdown Supermarket, close to the intersection with Felton Mathew Avenue. Heading north, it follows the western edge of the fields, crossing over the rail tunnel and connects with St Johns Road close to Sunhill Garden Centre.

A path for everyone

The path adds to Auckland's growing network of walking and cycle routes, allowing people to travel easily on foot or by bike between Auckland's eastern suburbs and the harbour. The natural beauty and magnificent views along the route will appeal to people commuting into the city as well as those using the path for short trips, fitness and recreation.

Consultation

In November 2014, we sought community feedback to help shape the route and design of the path. The design for section one has now been refined, so that construction can begin this month. Further community feedback will be sought early next year, as the design for the remaining sections develops.

Construction timeline

Section one:
Merton Road to
St Johns Road
Late 2015 –
Late 2016

Section two:
St Johns Road to
Orakei Basin
Late 2016 –
Late 2017

Section three:
Orakei Basin
boardwalk
Mid 2016 –
Mid 2017

Section four:
Orakei Basin to
Tamaki Drive
Late 2017 –
Late 2018



The path ascends Purewa tunnel near the intersection with St Johns Road



Features

- Four metre wide path, constructed mostly in concrete.
- Timber boardwalks used in some locations, such as over Orakei Basin.
- For shared use by people on foot or bike.
- Connects communities with public transport.
- Good lighting extends hours of access, particularly during winter months.
- The route is hilly in places, but the design of the path keeps gradients as low as possible.
- Links with local communities along the route.
- Helps achieve our target of a 30% increase in cycle journeys within Auckland by 2019.



The path will offer scenic views of Auckland

Starting work

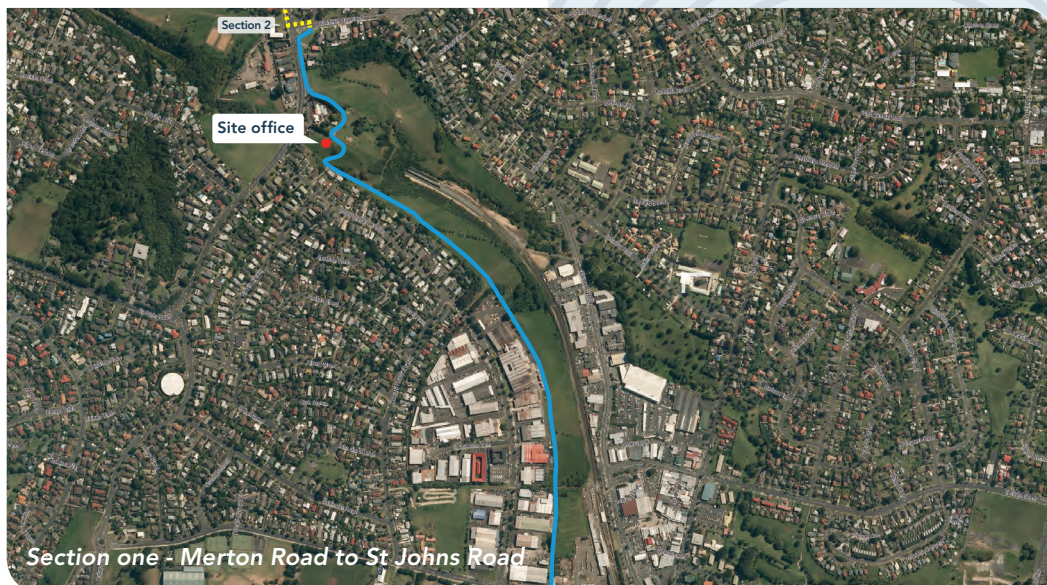
Construction begins on Thursday 22 October. Transfield Services will set up a site office in the field next to Sunhill Garden Centre and use the area to store construction materials and machinery.

The path will be built from both the St Johns Road and Merton Road ends, meeting in the middle. Heavy machinery will be used at times and residents should expect some additional noise during daylight hours, Monday to Saturday.

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A city for bikes

People on bikes are part of the vision for a more accessible, liveable city. Since the creation of cycleways on Grafton Gully and Beach Road, the number of people using this route has increased by more than 50% - a clear link between the number of people on bikes and the provision of safe, convenient cycle routes.

AT, Auckland Council and the NZ Transport Agency are working together on a three year \$200 million programme of investment in

cycling, part of the Government's Urban Cycleways Programme.

Within Glen Innes, a planned network of local cycleways will connect with the shared path to Tamaki Drive. The existing shared path along Tamaki Drive will be upgraded to connect with a central network of cycleways on Quay Street, Nelson Street and Karangahape Road. Funded through the Urban Cycleways programme, these new connections will provide communities along the route with improved access to the city centre for work, education and leisure.

For more information

visit www.AT.govt.nz/easternpath or phone (09) 355 3553.