Akoranga to Constellation Drive
NORTHERN PATHWAY
HAVE YOUR SAY

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is delivering transformational change in walking and cycling in Auckland, offering people active transport choices that are good for their health and the environment.

We’re working to create the Northern Pathway, a shared pathway across the Waitematā Harbour that will connect the suburbs of the North Shore with the growing cycle network in the city. This is part of Auckland’s Better Travel Choice Mode Shift Plan, which aims to provide better access and greater choice for people to adopt new ways of moving around the city.

The section of the Northern Pathway between Constellation Drive and Albany is already under construction as part of the Northern Corridor Improvements (NCI) Project.

For the section of pathway between Westhaven and Akoranga, we are finishing the detailed design, seeking consents and approvals and planning to start construction next year.

Our focus is on delivering the whole length of the Northern Pathway as soon as possible.

We are now developing a business case for the section between Akoranga and Constellation Drive to realise the full vision of the Northern Pathway to serve you and your community now, and generations to come, and we want you to have your say.

The benefits of the Northern Pathway include:

- Provide greater choice for people to travel between Central Auckland and the North Shore
- Reduce the number of short trips taken by private vehicle
- Provide people with a healthy, environmentally friendly way to commute to and from work and education, access services, or connect with friends and family
- Support future growth of the walking and cycling network on both sides of the harbour
- Increase access to transport hubs on the North Shore, including Akoranga, Smales Farm and Constellation Drive Bus Stations
### Benefits

- **No road crossings**
- **Supports connections to Western Valley Business District**
- **Supports connection to Takapuna Golf Course**

### Considerations

- **Potential impact on trees**
- **Proximity to waterways**
- **Proximity to surrounding property**
- **Potential steep gradients**

**East 3

### Benefits

- **Supports connections to Takapuna Intermediate and Sunnymede train centre**
- **Supports connection to bus stations**

### Considerations

- **Likely road crossings around bus stations**
- **Proximity to waterways**
- **Proximity to surrounding property**
- **Proximity to grassland**

**East 4

### Benefits

- **Supports connections to Western Valley Intermediate and Sunnymede train centre**
- **Supports connection to bus stations**

### Considerations

- **Likely road crossings around bus stations**
- **Proximity to waterways**
- **Proximity to surrounding property**
- **Proximity to grassland**

# What we are considering

We are currently developing a walking and cycling route that connects between the Western Highway and Constellation Drive for Aucklanders on both sides of the Northern Motorway. At first stages we are considering the following options:

- Underpass or street level (both options would link to shared-transport facilities)
- Bridge or street level

The initial assessment shows that the following options would link to shared-transport facilities:

- Underpass or street level
- Bridge or street level

The benefits and considerations for each option are as follows:

### West 4

**Benefits**

- **No road crossings**
- **Supports connections to Western Valley Business District**

**Considerations**

- **Potential impact on trees**
- **Proximity to waterways**
- **Proximity to surrounding property**
- **Potential steep gradients**

### West 3

**Benefits**

- **No road crossings**
- **Supports connections to Western Valley Business District**

**Considerations**

- **Potential impact on trees**
- **Proximity to waterways**
- **Proximity to surrounding property**
- **Potential steep gradients**

### West 2

**Benefits**

- **No road crossings**
- **Supports connections to Western Valley Business District**

**Considerations**

- **Likely impact on trees**
- **Proximity to waterways**
- **Proximity to surrounding property**
- **Potential steep gradients**

### West 1

**Benefits**

- **No road crossings**
- **Supports connections to Westlake & Auckland Boys’ High Schools**

**Considerations**

- **Proximity to waterways**
- **Proximity to surrounding property**
- **Potential steep gradients**

### Benefits

- **Close proximity to Smales Farm, Westlake Girls’ High School and Boys’ High Schools, Takapuna Normal Intermediate and North Shore Hospital**
- **Supports connections to the badminton and tennis centres**

### Considerations

- **Likely road crossings around bus stations**
- **Proximity to waterways**
- **Proximity to surrounding property**
- **Proximity to grassland**

# Intersections and interchanges

One of the biggest challenges is managing potential conflicts between people using different modes of transport and balancing the needs of various users when the pathway crosses intersections and interchanges. Options we are investigating include crossings at street level (at grade) or separating the pathway from these intersections via bridges or underruns. Bridges and underruns are higher cost, but we are looking at sharing the costs of these two options so that they can be more affordable for our users. Bridges and underruns provide greater opportunities for local connections and people can feel safer with underruns because they can be seen by other people passing by. Street level crossings are lower cost, but we know from feedback on other routes that people feel uncomfortable crossing streets at these levels. We are considering a range of options that balance these needs.

### Sharing your feedback with us

Presented in this brochure are the initial findings of our technical investigations and the feedback we have received. Our consultation is available for further investigation at each intersection/interchange.

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Northern Pathway

Ensuring consistency across the Northern Pathway and the network

We have used what we have learned through the design process for the other two sections to help us come up with the options we are looking at for this section. We want to ensure consistent user experiences for people who will use the pathway and connect to the wider network. We have also learned a lot from other pathways we have designed in Auckland and around the country.

With more people using e-bikes and scooters and able to travel longer distances, the value of this critical link in the Northern Pathway is clear.
Delivery of the Northern Pathway

We are delivering the Northern Pathway in sections as funding becomes available. We are now working on the design for the seven-kilometre section between Akoranga and Constellation Drive, and we want to know what you think.

Every Waka Kotahi project goes through a robust business case process to ensure that we arrive at the right design. In developing the business case for this section of the Northern Pathway, we have run a series of workshops to gain insight into local priorities and concerns. Attendees have included our mana whenua partners and our key stakeholders: Kaipātiki, Devonport-Takapuna, and Upper Harbour Local Boards, Auckland Transport, Auckland Council, utility groups and organisations representing education, walking, cycling and environmental groups.

These workshops have helped us to understand the benefits and considerations we need to be aware of in developing a shortlist of route options, which we are sharing with you now to get your thoughts.

You can read more about the business case process on the Waka Kotahi website.

Community input into the business case and next steps

Hearing your ideas about the pathway is key to the success of the Akoranga to Constellation Drive business case.

After this consultation period, we will produce an engagement report so that you can see how we have considered your feedback in our plans. Together with ongoing conversations with partners and stakeholders and technical assessments, this will help us identify a preferred route. Later in the year, we will ask for your feedback on the preferred route before we take this option forward for funding approval.

There will be future opportunities to provide feedback during the detailed design and consenting phases of the project.

Who builds walking and cycling paths in Auckland?

Waka Kotahi, Auckland Transport (AT) and Auckland Council all build paths for walking and cycling all over Auckland. Waka Kotahi is responsible for building the Northern Pathway and is working with AT who have a network of paths in the city and on the North Shore. We also work with Auckland Council including the Local Boards to ensure that we are developing an integrated network to enable more people to go by foot, bike or other active modes to get where they want to go.

For more information visit the project webpage or email the team

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