Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is progressing the Northern Pathway project to provide a seamless dedicated walking and cycling link between central Auckland and Albany on the North Shore. It will connect with existing routes to help unlock the region’s wider walking and cycling network.

The project is picking up pace. To ensure that we are creating a pathway that will serve you and future generations, we are wanting your input, specifically on several aspects of the section of the pathway from Westhaven to Akoranga. After we have your feedback, we will be applying for the Resource Consent that we need to construct and operate the pathway.

This year we’ve been working to determine the best route of the pathway, so this update is to share where our planning has got to and also let you know our preferred designs for access to the pathway at Westhaven, Princes Street, Onewa Road and Esmonde Road. Please read on for more information below and to learn how to provide your feedback.

How we will engage with you

We are continuing to progress this project as infrastructure will play a critical role in the economic recovery of New Zealand. In response to COVID-19, it’s no longer appropriate to have face-to-face and buy-in events to share information with you and gather your feedback, so we won’t be bringing people together in big groups as we have done in the past. That means no information days or drop in sessions. Instead, we encourage you to read this brochure and to provide us with your feedback.

As always, we have our dedicated email address so that you can ask questions or let us know if you would like a phone call with one of our team – northernpathway@nzta.govt.nz.

THE NORTHERN PATHWAY WILL:

- Provide more travel choices in Auckland and support the future growth of the walking and cycling network on both sides of the harbour.
- Provide people with a healthy, environmentally friendly way to get to and from work and education, as well as accessing services and connecting with friends and family.
- Reduce the number of short trips by private vehicle.
- Increase access to transport hubs on the North Shore, particularly Akoranga and with future sections of the Northern Pathway, Constellation and Albany Bus Stations.
We’d like your feedback on the following things:

Complete the online feedback survey here.
Next steps

We want to hear your thoughts about these revised designs. You can provide feedback between Monday 30 March 2020 and Sunday 19 April 2020. During this period, we will also continue to have conversations with our partners and stakeholders. Following the consultation period, we will produce an engagement report so that you can see how we have considered your feedback in our plans. We’ll also continue to talk with our partners and the community as the project progresses. The consenting/ approval process will start from mid-2020. Subject to approvals, construction is expected to begin in early 2021 and take around two and a half years.

Get involved ONLINE SURVEY

We invite you to share your feedback on the Northern Pathway Westhaven to Akoranga design. Please clearly state which part of the proposed design you are referencing in your feedback to help inform our final designs.

You can complete the online survey to provide your feedback here.

The Northern Pathway project is being delivered in three stages. The Westhaven to Akoranga part of the link will be the second section to be constructed:

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<th>NAME</th>
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<td>Westhaven to Akoranga</td>
<td>Design, consenting, and procurement underway. We are seeking feedback now.</td>
<td>Lodge statutory approvals in mid-2020, followed by another round of public engagement. Subject to approvals, construction starts in the first half of 2021 and will be complete in 2023/2024</td>
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<td>Akoranga to Constellation</td>
<td>Business case to identify a preferred route is underway</td>
<td>During 2020, Waka Kotahi will be speaking with partners, key stakeholders, and the community about this project to help confirm the preferred route. The business case is expected to be completed in early 2021.</td>
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<td>Constellation to Albany</td>
<td>Being constructed as part of the Northern Corridor Improvements project</td>
<td>Construction of the Northern Corridor Improvements project, including the new walking and cycling paths, is underway and is expected to be completed in mid-2022.</td>
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For more information visit the project webpage or email the team

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