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Source: Auckland Transport research.

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MANA WHENUA
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Artist's impression: SeaPath creates a dedicated space for walking and cycling on Sulphur Beach Road

Artist’s impression: Looking north along SeaPath toward Esmonde Interchange

Artist’s impression: SeaPath’s Waitemata Harbour context creates a scenic route for commuting and recreation

2016
• Public consultation on three route options - land, sea, coastal

2017
• Planning and investigation
• Discussion with Local Board and community groups

2018
• Community update on project progress
• Development of a Detailed Business Case on a proposed landward route

2019
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• Community engagement
• Consenting
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Coastal environment

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Areas of cultural significance

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