



## NORTH SHORE TO CITY CENTRE

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

SeaPath is a 3km walking and cycling path, proposed for Auckland's North Shore. The path connects at Northcote Point with a proposed walking and cycling connection over the Auckland Harbour Bridge, commonly known as SkyPath.

The two projects aim for transformative change through a direct walking and cycling link between Auckland's North Shore and the city centre.

From Northcote Point, SeaPath's proposed route runs north to Esmonde Interchange, on the outskirts of Takapuna. If delivered, this northern link and the connections with communities along the route, will increase accessibility between the places people live, work, study, and play. SeaPath's proposed route follows the original shoreline and will showcase the area's natural features and cultural heritage.



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

## Community engagement

During August, meet the SeaPath project team at six 'pop-up' events. Find out more about the proposed path route and how the project could be delivered.

- Wednesday 15 August, 7am-9am, Akoranga Bus Station
- Wednesday 15 August, 11am-1pm, AUT North Campus
- Saturday 18 August, 9am-10:30am, Northcote Town Centre
- Saturday 18 August, 11:30am-1pm, Highbury Town Centre
- Saturday 18 August, 2pm-3:30pm, Beach Haven Town Centre
- Tuesday 21 August, 7pm-9pm, Queen Street, Northcote

# Progress update

In 2016, more than 2,600 people provided feedback on SeaPath, with around 95% indicating support for the project. The proposed route follows State Highway 1 on its landward side, from Northcote Point to Takapuna. When compared to a coastal option, a landward route provides more connection points with adjacent communities, fewer environmental impacts, and less cost.

There are many challenges to delivering SeaPath. Since 2016, we have refined our proposed route and given more thought to how it could be built. Further investigation has helped us better understand a range of geographical, environmental and

technical considerations and identify how the project might respond to meet these challenges.

The NZ Transport Agency is now responsible for leading both SeaPath and the walking and cycling link over the Auckland Harbour Bridge commonly known as SkyPath.

The NZ Transport Agency is undertaking Detailed Business Cases for the SeaPath and SkyPath projects. The Business Cases will propose a plan for how the projects could be delivered.

The two projects have different histories, construction challenges, and timelines, but will work closely with each other to ensure consistency of approach and user experience.

In early 2019, we expect to know more about the next steps for SeaPath.

## SeaPath environment



Coastal environment



Protected trees and wildlife



Areas of cultural significance



Busy motorway

## What would SeaPath look like?

SeaPath is a shared walking and cycling path, for use by people of all ages and abilities; whether on foot, bike, scooter, wheelchair, pushchair, or skateboard. It will comprise a mix of materials, such as concrete path and raised wooden boardwalk, the latter proposed for many of the coastal sections. The look and feel will be similar to other shared walking and cycling paths adjacent to motorway routes, such as the Northwestern Cycleway.

There will be opportunities to incorporate design elements along the route to reflect the area's rich cultural heritage and natural environment.

### PATH WIDTH

SeaPath will be up to four metres wide. For some sections along the route we are balancing the requirement for a wide path with the benefits of directness. This might mean that the path narrows in places, or it could ascend or divert

to where it can be built wider. These challenges are faced in the area between Onewa Interchange and Heath Reserve, constrained between the motorway and cliff face.

### SAFETY

At some locations where we need to cross a busy motorway on-ramp or off-ramp, we are considering different options to divert the path inland to where a safer crossing can be created.



## SeaPath construction staging

We are considering delivering SeaPath in two stages, with the northern section started first (Esmonde Interchange to Onewa Interchange), followed by the southern section (Onewa Interchange to Northcote Point). This would enable us to begin construction within the current draft budget, indicated within the 2018-21 National Land Transport Programme period and also to accelerate the network benefits of connecting Takapuna to walking and cycling routes in Northcote.

# What's next for SeaPath?

This year, we will develop a Detailed Business Case, which will propose how SeaPath can be delivered. The Business Case will enable greater certainty about refinements to the SeaPath route, staging of construction, and the project timeline. In early 2019, we expect to share a plan for delivering SeaPath.

2016	2017	2018	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public consultation on three route options - land, sea, coastal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning and investigation</li> <li>Discussion with Local Board and community groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community update on project progress</li> <li>Development of a Detailed Business Case on a proposed landward route</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detailed Business Case complete</li> <li>Community engagement</li> <li>Consenting</li> </ul>

## Did you know?

- There were 45,600 new riders in 2017
- 35% of all Aucklanders are now cycling
- Bikes make up 14% of all inbound morning peak traffic via Upper Queen Street
- 324 organisations participated in the Auckland Bike Challenge
- 45% of Aucklanders are positive about the state of cycling, up from 39% in 2016

Enabling more ways for people to move safely and easily around Auckland is a priority for the NZ Government and the Transport Agency. By increasing transport options, we create a more resilient transport network.

*Source: Auckland Transport research.*

## OUR PROJECT PARTNERS

### AUCKLAND TRANSPORT

SeaPath will connect with local cycle routes and public transport hubs

### AUCKLAND COUNCIL

SeaPath will enhance community access to Northcote's parks and reserves

### MANA WHENUA

SeaPath will respect and recognise the area's cultural heritage and values

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

SeaPath will deliver better outcomes by drawing on the expertise and aspirations of local community groups

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



## Stay in touch

We'll keep you up to date with what's happening, but if you have a question for the SeaPath project team, you can email us at [seapath@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:seapath@nzta.govt.nz).

Visit [www.nzta.govt.nz/seapath](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/seapath) to sign up for project updates and to find out more about this transformative walking and cycling route.