

SeaPath: community engagement summary

SEPTEMBER 2018

During August, the SeaPath project team held six 'pop-up' community engagement events in the area surrounding the project route and held meetings with some key stakeholders. It was an opportunity to continue the engagement process from previous project stages, to update on project progress, outline next steps and seek feedback to inform the detailed business case process. The engagement also provided initial inputs for a project social impact assessment.

THE SEAPATH COMMUNITY

Since 2016, the project team has engaged with many community members and organisations with an interest in the SeaPath project.

- › The public
- › Mana Whenua
- › SkyPath Trust
- › Bike Kaipatiki/Bike Auckland
- › Auckland Council
- › Auckland Transport
- › Panuku
- › Kaipatiki Local Board
- › Devonport-Takapuna Local Board
- › North Shore ward councillors
- › Northcote MP
- › Northcote Residents Association
- › Northcote Point Heritage Preservation Society
- › Northcote Town Centre Committee
- › Generation Zero
- › Greater Auckland
- › Walk Auckland
- › Department of Conservation
- › Pest Free Kaipatiki
- › Kaipatiki Project
- › Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ
- › Heritage NZ
- › Education providers
- › Emergency services

WE INTERACTED WITH THE COMMUNITY IN A RANGE OF WAYS

2500 newsletters



Facebook post



Project web page



Seven meetings with key stakeholders



184 emails to the SeaPath subscriber database



29 emails to key stakeholders

Hui and site walkovers with Mana Whenua

Six pop-up events at different locations

Site walkovers with councillors, local MP, Bike Auckland

Media release



WE RECORDED

740

pop-up event 'interactions' – conversations, receipt of newsletter, interaction with the project display

225

'How will you use SeaPath?' stickers

207

pieces of pop-up feedback

Six

feedback emails

POP-UP FEEDBACK

Pop-up attendees were invited to provide general feedback and undertake a short one-on-one interview to provide data to the project team and help inform SeaPath's social impact assessment.

POP-UP 1:
Akoranga Bus Station
Wednesday 15 August,
7am-9am

250 INTERACTIONS



'Make a connection
through Heath Reserve.'

'Where will
people park?'

'Sulphur Beach Road
needs to be slowed down.'

'Please make sure it's
mobility friendly.'

POP-UP 2:
AUT
Wednesday 15 August,
11am-1pm

135 INTERACTIONS



'Build SkyPath first.'

POP-UP 3:
Northcote Town Centre
Saturday 18 August,
9am-10:30am

85 INTERACTIONS

'Onewa Road Shared Path
should be a cycleway.'



POP-UP 4:
Highbury Shopping Centre
Saturday 18 August,
11:30am-1pm

212 INTERACTIONS

'This is well overdue - should
have been done 10 years ago.'

'I like the idea of being
able to get somewhere
without using my car.'

POP-UP 5:
Beach Haven
Saturday 18 August,
2pm-3:30pm

26 INTERACTIONS

'When is SkyPath
coming?'



'Don't just build
one stage.'

POP-UP 6:
Queen Street (The
Bridgeway Cinema)
Tuesday 21 August,
7pm-9pm

32 INTERACTIONS

'Love cycling the city.'

GENERAL FEEDBACK THEMES

Love it! Build it!
Hurry up!

SeaPath needs
SkyPath - city connection

SeaPath needs good links
into local communities

The existing northern
connection to Takapuna
is unsafe

User safety at local road
interfaces

Path width - safe sharing
between walkers and
riders

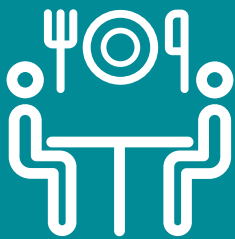
Anti-social behaviour in
the Sulphur Beach Road
area

Impact of large numbers
of walkers & cyclists on
Northcote Point

Amenities needed -
toilets, rubbish bins,
shelter

Link SeaPath with local
parks/reserves

Environmentally friendly



WHAT DO YOU LIKE AND DISLIKE ABOUT LIVING IN YOUR SUBURB?

LIKES

Close to the beach

Close to the city

Close to ferries and buses

DISLIKES

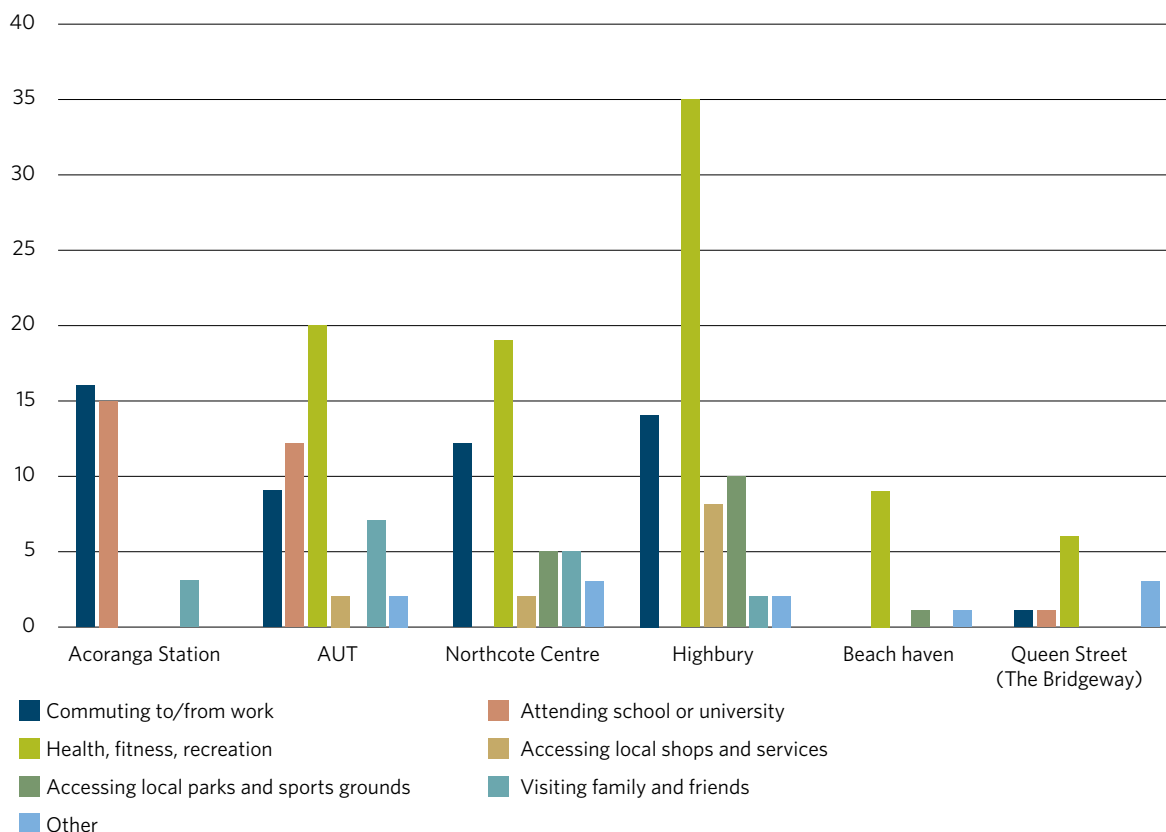
Traffic

Lack of cycle facilities



HOW WILL YOU USE SEAPATH?

We asked pop-up attendees to use coloured stickers to identify how they might use SeaPath.



KEY OUTCOMES FROM 2018 ENGAGEMENT

- › Strong support for the SeaPath and SkyPath projects to work closely together on delivery timeframes.
- › Concern about the impact of large numbers of cyclists on Northcote Point local streets.
- › Long overdue – get on with SkyPath and SeaPath.
- › Main use of SeaPath will be commuting (assuming SkyPath) and recreation.
- › Concerns about safety issues at interface with local roads.

WHAT'S NEXT?

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

- › Detailed business case complete
- › Community engagement
- › Consenting