SeaPath is a 3km shared walking and cycling path up to four metres wide, proposed for Auckland’s North Shore.

SeaPath will connect 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.

SeaPath is 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.
SeaPath route

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 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). 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.
There are many challenges to delivering SeaPath. Since public consultation on a landward route in 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.

SeaPath environment

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

Coastal environment

Busy motorway

Protected trees and wildlife

Areas of cultural significance
How will you use SeaPath?

Commuting to and/or from work

Attending school or university

Health, fitness, recreation

Accessing local shops and services

Accessing local parks and sports grounds

Visiting family and friends

Other

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.

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