



WATERVIEW CONNECTION

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Since 2000, NZTA (formerly Transit) has been investigating a preferred option to complete the last link of the Western Ring Route.

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation and reporting project began Identified objectives for the project and collection of information (technical and from the community) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long list of over 100 options identified with community and stakeholder input Social, environmental and technical assessment of options A shortlist of 12 options was drawn up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary scheme assessment identified a short-list of four options which community commented on: AR1, AR3, AW1, AW4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two routes identified for further consideration – AW1 and AR1 Community and stakeholder consultation Auckland Regional Land Transport Strategy confirmed need for link More detailed social, environmental and geotechnical assessment of options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project reviewed from LTMA Project scope amended to reflect LTMA and Regional Transport Strategy
2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project confirmed in Southwestern Transport Corridor Study AW1 confirmed as draft preferred route for community consultation Auckland City confirmed AW1 as preferred, subject to mitigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transit confirmed AW1 as preferred route 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on construction options began Further construction options, including tunnelling considered following community input Technical and environmental investigations undertaken on construction options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transit releases tunnel option as draft preferred construction option Consultation on draft preferred options Transit selects tunnel option to proceed to consenting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZTA asked to review cost effective and future proofed alternatives Combined surface-tunnel option chosen and consultation begins