



Rā Hihi – flyover above Reeves Road

Rā Hihi is the flyover above Reeves Road and across Tī Rākau Drive linking Pakūranga Road and Pakūranga Highway. It's an important part of the Eastern Busway project, improving travel times and easing congestion in the Pakūranga area during peak travel hours.

Work to build Rā Hihi began in March 2024 and the structure was completed in July 2025, five months ahead of schedule. Between July and October 2025 street lighting, paving and line marking were added to complete Rā Hihi so it could open to vehicles.

The size and structure

- 600m long
- 18m wide
- 10m high
- 24 foundation piles including 8 that are 1.5m diameter, 16 that are 3m diameter and each pile is 30m deep
- 16 piers
- 17 spans (sections) made from 136 Super T beams with 8 in each span. The longest span reaches 40m over Tī Rākau Drive and the heaviest beam weighs 90 tonnes.
- includes 11,500 cubic metres of concrete and 2,500 tonnes of reinforcing and pre-stressing steel
- carries 4 lanes of traffic, 2 in each direction.

Mahi toi – artwork

Mana whenua have partnered with the project team to tell the story of the region through mahi toi or artwork. The designs were led by artist Reuben Kirkwood (Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki) to reflect the area's cultural history and importance and help to create a sense of welcome for people who travel through East Auckland.

- **Akura** feature on the piers and are inward woven funnels leading to the entrance of Hīnaki or eel traps.
- **Rau Tuna** can be seen swimming in pairs along the bridge abutments and retaining walls on the underside of Rā Hihi.
- **Kāhui tara** are flocks of tern that represent a gathering of chiefs and navigation. The design was inspired by the nearby nesting site for tara or tern and can be seen on the main barriers of Rā Hihi.

The Eastern Busway Alliance

The Eastern Busway from Pakūranga to Botany including Rā Hihi is being delivered by an alliance of Auckland Transport with Fletcher Construction, ACCIONA, AECOM and Jacobs in partnership with mana whenua.