

# Pakūranga's new connection

## Introducing Rā Hihi

**A groundbreaking development is in progress in Pakūranga with the construction of Rā Hihi (flyover) that's set to soar above Reeves Road and across Tī Rākau Drive.**

It's an important part of the Eastern Busway project that will improve travel times and ease congestion in the area. Establishing this direct link between Pakūranga Road and the South Eastern Highway will lead to a reduction in traffic along Pakūranga Road and Tī Rākau Drive, particularly during peak hours.

Work to build Rā Hihi began in March 2024 and it will take approximately two years to complete. During that time, access to the Pakūranga town centre, local businesses and homes are being maintained to minimise disruption to the community. To help residents navigate the changing road layouts, we provide information about alternative routes, including the new link from William Roberts Road to Tī Rākau Drive.



**Above.** Artist impression of the completed Rā Hihi (flyover) above Reeves Road in Pakūranga.

**Below.** Artist impression of Rā Hihi across Tī Rākau Drive and connecting to the South Eastern Highway.



# Benefits

**Traffic reduction.** Decreasing traffic by up to 40% during morning and evening peaks on Pakūranga Road and Ti Rākau Drive near Pakūranga town centre.

**Cultural integration.** Embracing elements of te ao Māori and sustainable design such as the innovative reuse of stormwater runoff and weaving cultural richness into the infrastructure with bespoke mahi toi / artwork.

**Safety and reliability.** Enhancing overall road safety and ensuring the new busway service is reliable, while offering a new connection and improved traffic flow between Pakūranga Road and the South Eastern Highway.

**Economic vitality.** Boosting the economic vitality and sustainability of East Auckland through improved transport connections.

# Fun facts

Here's some info about the size and structure of Rā Hihi.

**600m long**  
= six times the length of  
**Eden Park's rugby field**

**18m wide**  
= the width of an  
**Olympic pool**

**10m high**  
= the height of an  
**Auckland ferry**

**17 sections (spans)**

that will be supported by

**16 piers.**

The longest span will reach

**40 metres over Ti Rākau Drive**

**136 Super T beams**

with 8 in each section / span.  
The heaviest beam weighing

**90 tonnes**

= the weight of a  
**large whale**

**24 foundation piles,**

INCLUDING

8 that will be 1.5m across

AND

16 that will be 3m across

= 3 skateboards end to end

**4 lanes of traffic,**  
2 in each direction

Will include:

**11,500 cubic metres of concrete**



**2,500 tonnes of reinforcing and pre-stressing steel**

Each pile will be

**30m deep**

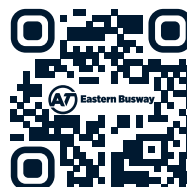
= a stack of  
**15 buses**

# Embracing change for future gain

As we pave the way for new transport connections in East Auckland including the Eastern Busway, Rā Hihi (flyover), additional routes for cyclists and walkers, some adjustments to your travel routes are inevitable.

Changes will be marked along impacted roads between Pakūranga and Botany. We appreciate your patience and urge you to take extra care when passing through the project area.

**Thank you for your ongoing support as we shape a more connected and accessible future for East Auckland.**



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