

# Eastern Busway Brief

## Kia ora project neighbours

**This update provides a project overview and marks a significant milestone – the formation of an alliance to design, consent and deliver the next stages of the project in your community.**

The Eastern Busway is progressing towards completion in 2025 to give people in east Auckland an efficient bus and train link between Botany, Pakuranga and Britomart. The new link will also improve cyclist and pedestrian safety and access to work, shops, parks, schools and bus or train connections.

When completed the \$1.4b Eastern Busway is expected to carry more than 30,000 people each day between the rapidly growing southern and eastern suburbs and the rail network in Panmure.

Investing in public transport, walking and cycling facilities, and improvements to general traffic play an important part in building a strategic transport network to meet the needs of the people who live, work and travel in the area.



### The Eastern Busway Alliance partnership

With Stage 1 of the project between Panmure and Pakuranga nearing completion, Auckland Transport has selected four experienced organisations to join them in an alliance to design, consent and build stages 2-4, connecting Pakuranga and Botany town centres.

Auckland Transport will be working in partnership with Fletcher, Acciona, AECOM and Jacobs to start design and consenting work. The initial project alliance agreement will be signed in late October 2020 and the alliance will then progress towards construction, which is expected to start in 2022.

There is one main advantage of delivering the project through an alliance of specialists from the private and public sectors; the project team will complete the work in an innovative and efficient way to achieve better outcomes for our partners, stakeholders, customers and communities.

Thank you to everyone who gave their feedback as part of our consultation in 2018, which has been taken on board as part of our planning process. Our renewed strategy focuses on minimising community impacts of the project and maximising transport, placemaking, community and economic outcomes.

### The project is being delivered in four stages:

- Stage 1** - Panmure to Pakuranga – nearing completion
- Stage 2** - Pakuranga Town Centre
- Stage 3** - Pakuranga to Botany
- Stage 4** - Botany Town Centre Station

### Project Benefits



Rapid transit time of 40 minutes from Botany to the city, improved reliability and 20 minutes faster than now



3 new urban bus stations creating better access to other parts of Auckland



A dedicated, reliable, high-frequency busway that will carry more than 7,500 passengers during peak hours between the new stations at Botany, Pakuranga and Panmure



Safe transport connections for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, bus and train customers



An improved connection between Pakuranga Road and Waipuna Bridge to provide better travel options and reduce traffic congestion in the town centre



Placemaking and urban renewal initiatives to promote growth and development



Social, health and economic benefits for south and east Auckland



New and enhanced walking and cycling connections



2 new bridges across Tāmaki River and Pakuranga Creek



## Proposed Timeline

There are several stages for a project this large and complex. A priority for us is to provide certainty for property owners and the wider community about the design of the busway and supporting infrastructure through regular communication and engagement with you.

### October 2020

Alliance is formed



### Mid 2021

Landowner, stakeholder and community consultation and discussion. This is where you will have opportunity to understand updated designs and how the project could impact your property or neighbourhood and provide feedback to us.



### Late 2021

Consenting process expected to begin



### 2022

Enabling construction work begins

Main construction starts in stages



### 2025

Construction completed in stages and targeted to open.

## Jobs for people in east and south Auckland

The next stages of the project are expected to provide work for many people and businesses in the supply and construction sector.

The Eastern Busway will:

- bring opportunities for local suppliers, contractors, hospitality and accommodation
- grow the local economy
- deliver industry skills

We will let you know when there is an opportunity to register your interest to work with us.

## Cost and Funding

- The Eastern Busway is expected to cost \$1.4b for stages 1-4
- Stages 2-4 are expected to cost approximately \$700 million and will be jointly funded by the NZ Government and Auckland Council, including by the Regional Fuel Tax.



## Staying Connected

Engagement with our partners, stakeholders, local communities and businesses is key to the successful delivery of the Eastern Busway. As the project progresses, we look forward to providing you with more information and giving you opportunities to let us know what you think and how we can work together.

Some of the ways we will communicate with you include information sessions, letterbox drops, emails, website updates and social media. Also keep an eye out for future copies of our Busway Brief.

## Further Information

To receive our Busway Brief updates on the project electronically, please email [info@easternbusway.nz](mailto:info@easternbusway.nz) or visit [AT.govt.nz/ameti](http://AT.govt.nz/ameti)

In future we will be publishing the Busway Brief in Te Reo and Mandarin. Please let us know if you would like the updates available in other languages, too.

We look forward to continuing to share this exciting project journey with you.

**Mā te wā,  
Eastern Busway Alliance**

