

Eastern Busway Brief

Kia ora project neighbours

The Eastern Busway is a rapid transit busway project that will create faster, more reliable and connected transport options for communities in east and south Auckland. When it is completed in 2025, people will be able to travel by bus and train between Botany and Britomart in less than 40 minutes.

The busway project will include new cycling and walking connections, urban design features and safety improvements.

Section 1 of the busway from Panmure to Pakuranga is being constructed now and is due to be completed in 2021.

Sections 2, 3 and 4 from Pakuranga to Botany are in the design and planning phase and due for completion in 2025.

In this update we share some of the photos of Auckland Transport's construction work on Section 1, and introduce the Eastern Busway Alliance who will work on the design, consent applications and construction of the next 3 sections.

After the many challenges of 2020, we wish you a safe, enjoyable and relaxing holiday season.

Mā te wā
The Eastern Busway Alliance



Mike's Moment

"It is my privilege to join the Eastern Busway Alliance as Project Director, delivering this game-changing project for the people of east and south Auckland."

It is exciting to see work in progress to develop design plans for the final section of the project between Pakuranga and Botany. Our team is building on community feedback gathered during the 2018 consultation period and will seek further feedback on an updated design in mid- 2021.



The Eastern Busway Alliance welcomes Mike Booth (on right of photo) as the Project Director, with alliance team members Mallory Christie and Kyle Rolland. Although far from his native Scotland, Mike has led construction projects in Asia and Australia as well as the completion of Auckland's award-winning Newmarket Viaduct Replacement project and the Causeway Upgrade Project as part of the Western Ring Route.



The newly formed Eastern Busway Alliance team.

We will let you know how you can have your say as part of the next round of consultation.

We look forward to working with you as the project moves forward. If you have any questions, please contact the team at info@easternbusway.nz

Season's greetings,
Mike Booth, Project Director, Eastern Busway Alliance.

Proposed Timeline

The size and scale of the Eastern Busway Project means that it is being constructed in sections and is due for completion in 2025. The proposed timeline is here:

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 sections.



2025

Construction completed in sections and targeted to open.

One of the project's priorities is to give you certainty about the design of the busway and its supporting infrastructure. We aim to do this through regular communication and engagement with you.



Section 1 update: Panmure to Pakuranga

Construction of this section of the project is progressing well and is due to be finished in 2021. Some recent milestones are:

- The 2,000-tonne bridge structure has reached the western side of Tāmaki River
- The new road connection between Latham Ave and Dillimore Avenue has been completed
- The permanent closure of Latham Avenue at the intersection with Pakuranga Road has been rescheduled to early-mid January 2021
- The new Panmure intersection continues to take shape, with the fully signalised intersection scheduled for completion 18 December 2020
- Traffic travelling east towards Pakuranga is temporarily using completed sections of the busway.

These images highlight how the busway is progressing towards completion.



Eastbound traffic is using the new busway, which allows work to continue along the centre of Lagoon Drive.



Looking west along Lagoon Drive with Mount Wellington in the background.

The project is being delivered in four sections:

Section 1

Panmure to Pakuranga
– nearing completion

Section 2

Pakuranga Town Centre

Section 3

Pakuranga to Botany

Section 4

Botany Town Centre Station



The new retaining walls on the corner of Church Road and Lagoon Drive.



The busway bridge has arrived on the Western Abutment. The prefabricated concrete on the busway is placed over steel girders to create the road.

