

Frequently asked questions - Changes on Ti Rākau Drive from 27 December 2025

Work planned from 27 December 2025 – mid January 2026

From 27 December to mid-January, part of Ti Rākau Drive will be closed around the Ti Rakau Drive and Pakūranga Highway intersection. We'll complete several months of work in just two weeks. Our team will work 24/7 during this time.

What's happening?

We'll be constructing the final Ti Rākau Drive intersection layout which includes:

- Constructing new kerbs and pavements
- New traffic islands and traffic lights
- Installing streetlights
- Laying the road surface.

As a driver travelling through, what can I expect?

- **Road closure:** Ti Rākau Drive closed between Aylesbury Street and William Roberts Road (both directions)
- **No access:** on and off ramps between Ti Rākau Drive and Pakūranga Highway closed
- **Alternative route:** Rā Hihi-flyover remains open for Pakūranga Highway access
- **Timing:** Scheduled during summer holidays when traffic is lighter
- **Business access:** There will be a temporary access road from the intersection of William Roberts Road, Mattson Road and Ti Rākau Drive to Ti Rākau Liquor and Wine, Well Wash Laundromat, VAPR, Birdy Bytes, Poolwerx and Lawn Heat and Leisure. Pedestrian access to these businesses will remain open. Pakuranga Plaza entrances and exits will be open as usual
- **Detours:** Signage will guide drivers.

Why close the entire intersection?

Closing the entire intersection means we can work continuously so that we can avoid multiple phased closures. This significantly shortens the overall work period along with impacts to road users and our neighbours.

I travel on foot or by bike – can I still get around the area?

- Eastbound paths remain open (the Pakuranga Plaza side of Ti Rākau Drive)
- Path between Tiraumea Drive and Pakūranga Highway on-ramp closed for safety
- Westbound footpath near Palm Avenue open but won't connect under Rā Hihi flyover as the path and pedestrian crossing will be closed
- Pedestrian crossings available near Palm Avenue and Mattson Road
- Cyclists should use eastbound shared path and follow road detour.

Will I still be able to catch the bus?

Yes, some routes will be detoured around the closed intersection. Check the AT journey planner for up-to-date information <https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/journey-planner>.

- The bus stop outside Tai Ping moves to Cortina Place (near Pita House)
- Towards Botany: passengers use Cortina Place stop or Ti Rākau Park stop
- Towards Panmure and -bound stop near Palm Avenue remains open
- Towards Howick - no changes to the bus stop locations or routes.

Will the work happening be noisy?

Yes, this work will be noisy at night and may be heard from afar.

Will I still be able to get to and from the Pakuranga Night Market?

Yes, Ti Rākau Drive intersection is closed, however you can access Pakuranga Night Market from Pakūranga Road.

There will be no right turn from Ti Rākau Drive onto Pakūranga Highway. Please use Rā Hihi – flyover from Pakūranga Road to access Pakūranga Highway.

How can I get to Sylvia Park, the city or the South Eastern Highway?

- From Pakūranga Road: use Rā Hihi – flyover
- From Botany along Ti Rākau Drive: use Gossamer Drive to Pakūranga Road where you can access Rā Hihi - flyover.

Upcoming work

There will be work on Ti Rākau Drive and Edgewater Drive near the Edgewater Shopping Centre.

From February, stormwater pipes will be laid along Ti Rākau Drive to help prevent flooding. Watercare will be upgrading the water network at the same time along Ti Rākau Drive between William Roberts Road and Gossamer Drive.

The lanes along Ti Rākau Drive toward Botany will move temporarily onto the new busway lanes along the middle of the road.

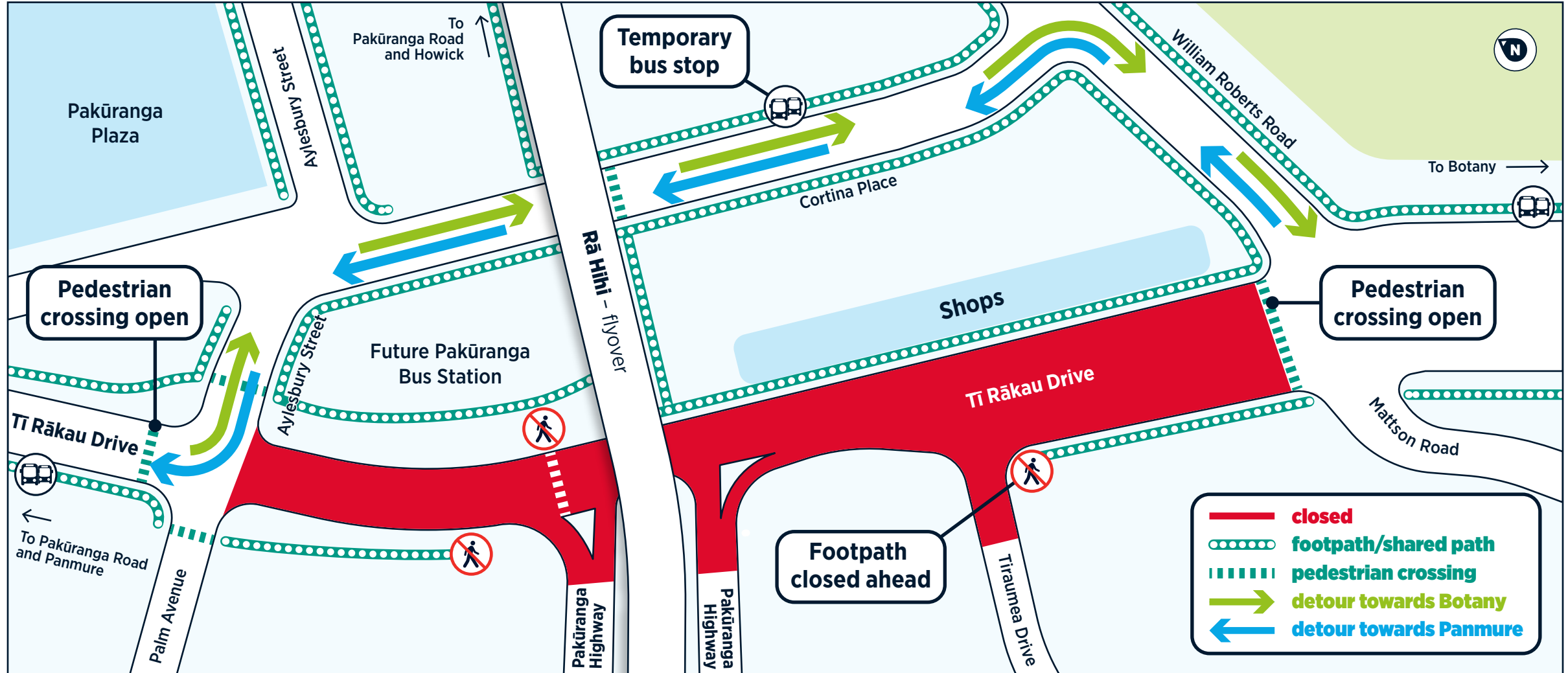
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Thank you for your patience while we build the Eastern Busway.

Plan ahead: part of Tī Rākau Drive closed in Pakūranga

Shared paths, footpaths and temporary bus stop

27 December 2025 to mid-January 2026



Frequently asked questions

Changes on Ti Rākau Drive from 24 October 2025

As part of the Eastern Busway project, work will take place during the coming months to improve underground pipes, drains and cables at the intersection of Ti Rākau Drive and the South Eastern Highway.

Work planned from 24 to 28 October 2025 (Labour Weekend)

What's happening?

The current lane layout of the intersection of Ti Rākau Drive and the South Eastern Highway is being changed so that traffic can keep moving while we upgrade underground services (such as stormwater and utilities) and rebuild the road.

The traffic lights on Ti Rākau Drive between Aylesbury/Palm Avenue and William Roberts Road/Mattson Road will be switched off and there will be stop/go traffic control from 10pm on Friday 24 October. The traffic lights will be switched back on in stages with work planned to finish by 5am on Tuesday 28 October.

There will also be a single lane in each direction on Ti Rākau Drive between the intersection of the South Eastern Highway and the William Roberts Road / Mattson Road intersection. The right turn will be closed from Ti Rākau Drive to the South Eastern Highway.

How can I get to Sylvia Park, the city or the South Eastern Highway?

As the right turn from Ti Rākau Drive to the South Eastern Highway will be closed, people who normally use this onramp are to use the following alternative routes:

- From Pakūranga Road: use Rā Hihi – flyover
- From Botany along Ti Rākau Drive: use Gossamer Drive to Pakūranga Road where you can access Rā Hihi – flyover.

Why have you planned work over the public holiday?

Labour Weekend is a time when there are fewer vehicles on the road across Auckland. Now that Rā Hihi – flyover is fully open, drivers can use it to access the South Eastern Highway instead of using Ti Rākau Drive, which also helps to reduce the number of vehicles travelling through the work area.

As a driver travelling through, what will it look and feel like?

During Labour Weekend, Ti Rākau Drive will be reduced to one lane in each direction.

There will be multiple stop/go control locations operated by our traffic management team (instead of traffic lights) to guide drivers at the following intersections:

- Pakūranga Road/ Ti Rākau Drive
- Ti Rākau Drive/Aylesbury Street
- Ti Rākau Drive/South Eastern Highway

When approaching a stop/go traffic control, please follow the instructions of our team on the ground and take extra care around new road layouts. Temporary speed limits will be in place - please allow additional time for your journey.

Will I still be able to get to and from my home/business?

Yes, access to homes and businesses will be available during Labour Weekend. All extra time for your journey.

- Palm Avenue: will remain open, managed by stop/go traffic control
- Tiraumea Drive: will remain closed, access will be via Mattson Road, Aurea Avenue and Jan Place
- Mattson Road: will remain open, managed by stop/go traffic control
- Pakūranga Plaza and surrounding shops: will remain open, managed by stop/go traffic control if accessing the plaza via Ti Rākau Drive
- Businesses along Ti Rakau Drive between Aylesbury Street and William Roberts Road will remain open.

Will I still be able to get to and from the Pakuranga Night Market on Sat 25 October?

Yes, we've planned our work to ensure that people can still get to and from the night market.

Arrival

- One lane of the South Eastern Highway off ramp to Ti Rākau Drive will be open and drivers will then turn right into Aylesbury Street
- Access via Pakūranga Road will be available, managed by stop/go traffic control.

Leaving

- Until 11pm, there will be a left turn-only lane open from Aylesbury Street onto Ti Rākau Drive
- There will be no right turn from Ti Rākau Drive onto the South Eastern Highway. Please use Rā Hihi – flyover to access the South Eastern Highway.
- After 11pm, use Cortina Place and take another route.

I travel on foot or by bike - what does this mean for me?

A section of footpath along Ti Rākau Drive between the South Eastern Highway and Tiraumea Drive will be closed.

Two pedestrian crossings will also be closed:

- across the South Eastern Highway onramp lanes
- across the South Eastern Highway offramp right turn lane.

See the map and follow the signs that will guide you to the nearest safe pedestrian crossing.

I travel by bus – what does this mean for me?

Bus stops will be open and are not affected by the work. Check the AT journey planner for up-to-date information <https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/journey-planner>

Work planned from 28 October to 27 December 2025

The traffic lights will operate as usual and there will be one lane open in each direction until Saturday 27 December.

There will be no right turn from Ti Rākau Drive to the South Eastern Highway. Use Rā Hihi – flyover via Pakūranga Road to access the highway. Please allow extra time for your journey.

The pedestrian crossings and footpath between the South Eastern Highway and Tiraumea Drive will remain closed. See the map and follow the signs that will guide you to the nearest safe pedestrian crossing. Eastern Busway project staff will be available during peak times on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 October to guide pedestrians.

Your safety is our priority, please only cross the road at pedestrian crossings.