

Ti Rākau Drive is changing

An Eastern Busway update

August 2026

What to expect during this stage of construction

The final Ti Rākau Drive layout is beginning to take shape. When the Eastern Busway opens in 2027, it will provide dedicated cycling, walking and a rapid transit busway, offering better transport choices for East Aucklanders.

The new traffic lanes, footpaths and cycleway towards Pakūranga Road are now complete, with the cycleway already being used by hundreds of people each week.

Work is now progressing on the final stage of Ti Rākau Drive towards Botany, bringing the corridor another step closer to its final

form. Here's a closer look at upcoming work and the impact it may have on you.

We recognise the ongoing changes to your property access as we build the final road layout. We appreciate your understanding as we prepare to complete the busway.



Ti Rākau Drive towards Botany – artist impression

What you can expect between now and the end of the year:

- Installation of fencing around Te Taha Wai – Edgewater Station platforms (night work)
- Completion of planting in the road medians (night work)
- Completion of drainage installation
- Some weekend work may be required as we complete the final road layout
- Site Access Point (SAP) changes between Ti Rākau Drive and Gossamer Drive. Look

- out for the 'Entry' signs. When due to close you will see a 'Closing Soon' sign at the entry points
- You may experience noise and vibration at certain times
- Reopening of Marriott Road (late 2026)
- Opening of the two traffic lanes, cycleway and footpath outside your property (late 2026)

- Permanent removal of on-street parking
- Temporary bus stops near Edgewater Drive and Roseburn Place will remain until the opening of Te Taha Wai – Edgewater Bus Station in 2027
- Installation of cycleway separators
- Installation of new concrete footpaths
- Final asphalt road surface laid.

Please see artist impression above

What’s changing on Tī Rākau Drive

Parking

Tī Rākau Drive is one of Auckland’s busiest arterial roads. The new corridor design provides space for drivers, the rapid transit busway, the footpath and cycleway which is separated from live traffic for improved safety. To enable these improvements, on-street parking will be removed.

When eastbound traffic towards Botany begins using these lanes in Spring 2026, on-street parking along Tī Rākau Drive will no longer be available. These changes will help create a more efficient road environment for all users.

Cycleway

What is a separated cycleway?

As part of the Tī Rākau Drive final road layout, a new separated cycleway is being built for people on bikes. Running alongside the footpath and separated from traffic travelling towards Botany (eastbound), the cycleway will provide a safer, dedicated space for cyclists. Low raised separators between the cycleway and the road, as well as rubber cushions across each driveway entry, will help create this protected area. This still allows access for residents and emergency services to enter and exit properties. As part of wider improvements along Tī Rākau Drive, the cycleway will support more connected travel options and make it easier for people of all ages and abilities to choose cycling.

Access to driveways eastbound towards Botany

The concrete separators have been carefully positioned and set back from driveway edges to provide space for vehicles. Vehicle-turning assessments and a road safety audit have been completed to confirm there is sufficient space for vehicles to enter and exit driveways.

Please note, when entering or exiting a property, drivers will cross both the footpath and cycleway and must give way to pedestrians and cyclists. *Please refer to cross-section below.*

As a reminder:

- Please follow the road rules
- Slow down before reaching the footpath and cycleway

- Give way and move only when both paths are clear
- Be aware that people on bikes or e-scooters may approach more quickly than expected
- Do not stop, wait or park on the cycleway or footpath.

For pedestrians and cyclists, please remain alert around driveways and be aware that vehicles may be entering and exiting properties.

Medians

What are the new medians for?

You may have noticed new medians being built along Tī Rākau Drive. These help guide traffic and improve travel for everyone using the road. The medians also provide space for new planting, including rain gardens, which help prevent flooding and collect and filters rainwater runoff from the road before it enters the stormwater system.

Together, these features create a greener road environment while helping improve the quality of water reaching Tāmaki River.

As the Site Access Points close along Tī Rākau Drive, they will be replaced with rain gardens or planted medians as we prepare for the final road layout in this area.

Traffic signals

New signals and places to turn

The final Tī Rākau Drive layout includes additional traffic signals to support safer pedestrian crossings and help people move to and from the new bus stations.

Dedicated U-turn facilities and signalised U-turn phases are being introduced at key locations along the corridor, providing convenient opportunities for drivers to change direction.

- U-turn locations eastbound (towards Botany):
 - Roseburn Place
 - Tī Rākau Drive/Mattson Road intersection
 - Edgewater Drive (east) intersection
- U-turn locations westbound (towards Panmure):
 - Tī Rākau Drive/Gossamer Drive intersection



Overview of changes:

Tī Rākau Drive between William Roberts Road and Gossamer Drive (towards Botany) will include:

Permanent removal of on-street parking	Separated cycleway infrastructure	Driveway access changes	Median planting and flood mitigation	Upgraded stormwater infrastructure	Safer pedestrian crossings	Traffic signals and dedicated U-turn facilities
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