

Summary of feedback from drop-in information sessions

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The NZ Transport Agency took over responsibility for delivering a walking and cycling link over the Auckland Harbour Bridge in 2018. The Auckland Harbour Bridge Shared Path is a critical link connecting the North Shore with Auckland City. It will support the growing network of shared paths and cycleways in the city and on the North Shore (including the future SeaPath), providing more transport choices for everyone. In May 2019, we released concept plans for a preferred option for the Auckland Harbour Bridge Shared Path after evaluating a range of options as part of the project's detailed business case.

We held two drop-in information sessions for the community in early July, in Northcote Point and Westhaven, so people could meet the team, and talk with us about the shared path plans to date.

At these sessions we shared information on the projects, all publicly available on the project webpages, and the feedback from people we talked to has helped us to understand the community's interest in the projects.

HOW WE TOLD PEOPLE ABOUT THESE DROP-IN SESSIONS:

- > 12 000 newsletters delivered to homes and business on either side of the Auckland Harbour Bridge and via our partners
- > Project webpages
- > Media release
- > Information to local boards and local schools

AROUND 100 PEOPLE ATTENDED INCLUDING:

-  Local residents (Northcote Point, Herne Bay, St Marys Bay)
-  Residents from the wider community (Birkenhead, Glenfield, Bayswater)
-  Marina users/owners
-  Cyclists
-  Walkers
-  School children
-  Local MP
-  Local board member
-  Residents' association members
-  Interest groups including Kaipātiki artists, Kaipātiki weed and pest control
-  Local policeman

FEEDBACK FROM THE DROP-IN SESSIONS

At the drop-in information sessions, we invited people to provide general feedback and share their ideas and concerns.

'What mitigations will be in place for increased noise?'

DROP-IN SESSION 1
Northcote War Memorial
Hall, Wednesday 3 July,
4-8pm

'Excellent new design for the
Auckland Harbour Bridge
Shared Path - now just do it!'

'I like the idea of walking
or cycling over the bridge'

'Where will people park?'

'How will this impact
people's properties?'

'Will the Northcote Point
reserve be closed on
New Year's Eve?'

DROP-IN SESSION 2
Ponsonby Cruising Club,
Thursday 4 July, 4-8pm

'Can't wait to be able to walk
over the Harbour Bridge'

'What additional parking
will be in at Westhaven -
the closest public transport
is Fanshawe Street'

GENERAL FEEDBACK THEMES

- › Parking around Northcote Point, Herne Bay and Westhaven Marina.
- › Location and design of north and south landings.
- › Facilities such as toilets, seating and viewing areas.
- › Interface between SeaPath and Auckland Harbour Bridge Shared Path projects.
- › Connections to transport hubs, local parks and reserves, local communities and other cycleways.
- › Impacts on local residents such as noise, privacy, security, views and property values.
- › Hours of operation of Auckland Harbour Bridge Shared Path.
- › Crime, security and safety including user safety, separation of pedestrians and cyclists, traffic safety at Onewa Road, antisocial behaviour, noise, and security at Sulphur Beach Road.
- › Managing congestion during events such as the New Year's Eve fireworks.
- › Cost of the projects
- › Names for the shared paths.
- › Construction timing for the two projects.
- › Signage for points of interest and local features.
- › Art and design to tell local, cultural and historical stories.
- › Restoration planting and weed control along SeaPath.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR FROM US?

We also asked people how they would like to hear from us. Suggestions included:



Community newsletter (post and email).



Drop-in information sessions – including in wider community of interest such as Glenfield, Birkdale and Beach Haven.



Twitter.



Facebook – existing Kaipātiki residents' Facebook groups; new Facebook page for Northcote.



Communicate with residents beyond Northcote Point such as in Birkenhead/Beach Haven who will be high users of the path.

WHAT'S NEXT

We received some very useful feedback from these drop-in sessions which we will consider as we continue our project planning and design development.

Across both projects we will continue to talk with the community, as well as with our project partners, and are keen to use some of the formats that people suggested at the drop-ins.

We know from people's feedback that the community is keen to know, in particular, what our plans for the bridge landings are and we will share more information on this as soon as we can.