

# Project Timeline

**Early 2018**  
Independent hearing decision regarding consent for Panmure to Pakuranga stage

**Late 2017 - Early 2018**  
Public consultation (Pakuranga to Botany stage)

**Mid - Late 2018**  
Notice of Requirement lodged for Pakuranga to Botany stage

**Late 2018 - late 2020**  
Construction of Panmure to Pakuranga section of busway

**Late 2018 - late 2019**  
Construction of Panmure Busway Bridge

**2020 - 2022**  
Construction of Reeves Road Flyover

**2022 - 2025**  
Construction of Pakuranga to Botany section of busway

**2022 - 2025**  
Pakuranga to Botany cycling and walking paths

**2026**  
Construction finishes on Botany Station\*  
\*In planning stages.

## Other news

### Changes to bus services

Everything about East Auckland's buses changed on 10 December 2017; including bus routes, timetables and the buses themselves.

These changes, which cover East Auckland in its entirety including Beachlands and Maraetai, are part of a simpler, more integrated public transport network being implemented for the whole of Auckland.

We're replacing the current services with new bus services that include frequent buses along busy corridors, new local bus routes, improved services to the Half Moon Bay Ferry, and new services to developing areas. Some passengers will need to transfer to another bus or train to complete their journey.

If you use buses you will need to re-plan your journey.

### To find out more:

- Go to [AT.govt.nz/newnetworkeast](http://AT.govt.nz/newnetworkeast)
- Subscribe to the New Network email newsletter at [AT.govt.nz/newnetwork](http://AT.govt.nz/newnetwork) (select New Network for Public Transport under preferences)
- Come along to an information event in the weeks before launch.



# AMETI Eastern Busway Update

March 2018

## Connecting people with quick and easy public transport options in and out of East Auckland is the goal of AMETI Eastern Busway.

Ultimately, the AMETI Eastern Busway will see buses gliding along congestion-free lanes, linking public transport users from Botany and Pakuranga with the efficient rail network at Panmure Station. The completed project will also include dedicated walking and cycling connections throughout the area, improvements to a number of key intersections and urban design enhancements along the project route.

Design development activity on the AMETI Eastern Busway has been ramping up over the past few months with exciting milestones approaching. Momentum has been building behind the scenes as design work across the whole project comes together.

Last year the project team ran a number of information sessions to support the public notification of the Notice of Requirement for the Panmure to Pakuranga stage of the project. Thank you to everyone who took part. It was great to get feedback and hear what you think. This is a project for local people and we valued your input.

A number of submissions were received and a public hearing was held in December to enable the views of people who submitted to be heard. In late February, Auckland Council recommended

the approval of consent. This now means that the project is a step closer to becoming a reality and construction of the Panmure to Pakuranga stage is planned for late 2018.

The first stage of AMETI Eastern Busway saw the completion of a new combined rail and bus station at Panmure, which has made it quick and easy to transfer between buses and trains. Already the station's effectiveness has been proven as it has become the fifth busiest station in Auckland – from 15th in 2013. The Panmure Station is a great example that good quality infrastructure will quickly be embraced by public transport users.

## Adding Mahi Toi to the streetscape

The Auckland Transport project team is working with Mana Whenua representatives to agree how local cultural stories will be integrated into the design and landscaping for Panmure to Pakuranga Busway.

There will be opportunities along the corridor to incorporate cultural and historical references into the urban design and landscape.

Auckland Transport is currently engaging local kiwi artists to work in collaboration with its urban design team to bring the cultural and historical aspects to life.

It is anticipated that these artists will work with Mana Whenua, Auckland Transport and the local community to integrate Mahi Toi (arts and craft) into the life of the project.



Let's get East Auckland Moving

## Unearthing our History

Although the landscape around the AMETI Eastern Busway route has been modified many times over the past century or more, archaeologists working on the AMETI project found evidence of early Maori occupation which has added to knowledge of Maori settlement in Tamaki.

Archaeologists, working with Mana Whenua kaitiaki organisations with an interest in the area, have been involved in the AMETI works since commencement. They worked in the field, as archaeological sites were uncovered by the earthworks.

Stage 1 of the project (now operational) runs from the foot of Maungarei (Mt Wellington) beneath the Panmure Station, to the Mt Wellington Highway. This is an area with a deep history of intensive Maori occupation and also has an interesting history of Pakeha settlement with the establishment of a military pensioner settlement in the 1840s.

Dr Matthew Felgate, a lead archaeologist on the project, recalled that while the area had undergone major landscape modifications, especially after WWII, remains of Maori occupation were still found under modern fill.

“We found signs of changing land use and intensive Maori farming and settlement dating as far back to approximately 1450AD. I believe the area supported a large population from this time forward. There was intensive modification of the rugged volcanic terrain to create substantial gardens and living areas,” he said.

Matthew and his team are now involved in planning for any archaeological monitoring and investigation for the next stage of the AMETI project. Archaeological work in the vicinity of Bridge Street in Panmure is due to start in early 2018.

## Pakuranga to Botany Stage: Public Consultation

Public consultation for the Pakuranga to Botany stage gets underway shortly. This will be a chance to give your feedback on proposed plans for this next stage of the busway including the architectural design Reeves Road Flyover, cycling and walking routes, and further urban design enhancements.



## Success at Panmure Station

**0.6%**  
bus to rail transfers  
in January 2016

Panmure Station  
is now the

**5th**

busiest railway  
station in  
Auckland, up  
from 15th in 2013.

**18%**  
per day now



## Better Access to Great Auckland Events

Auckland offers its citizens and visitors an amazing choice of events, festivals, sports, beaches, nightlife and outdoor activities.

Within the east Auckland area are popular shopping malls such as Botany Town Centre and Sylvia Park. The Pakuranga Night Market draws weekly crowds and Eastern Beach is hugely popular in summer.

The AMETI Eastern Busway will not only improve access and travel choices to events and leisure activities within east Auckland, but will also make it easier and quicker for the residents of Panmure, Pakuranga and Botany to get into the central city or to other parts of Auckland for big annual events such as the Pasifika Festival and the Lantern Festival.

## Public Hearing and consenting process

Following public submissions in early 2017, a public hearing was held in December by independent commissioners to test Auckland Transport's application for consents for the Panmure to Pakuranga stage of the proposal. This process allows any member of the public to make submissions supporting or challenging the Panmure to Pakuranga stage of the project. In late February, Auckland Council recommended the approval of consent.

Features of the Panmure to Pakuranga stage busway include:

- Replacing the Panmure roundabout with an intersection with traffic lights, bus priority and more direct pedestrian crossings.
- Panmure to Pakuranga busway on dedicated lanes separate to general traffic congestion.
- Panmure to Pakuranga footpaths and cycle lanes separate to traffic.
- Second Panmure Bridge for the busway, with high quality footpaths and cycle lanes.

For more information about this project, visit [at.govt.nz/ameti](http://at.govt.nz/ameti)



## Fly Over Video

Auckland Transport has created a special aerial video fly-over to demonstrate what the completed project will look like and its benefits. Visit [at.govt.nz/ameti](http://at.govt.nz/ameti) to see the video which provides a great overview of the entire project through to its final proposed busway linking Panmure to Botany.

## AMETI Eastern Busway by Numbers



38 minutes by bus and train between Botany and Britomart during peak hour



Up to 15 minutes faster travel between Botany and Panmure



Introduction of Reeves Road Flyover results in 40% reduction of car travel on Pakuranga Road (between Pakuranga Road and Lagoon Drive) including improved access for general traffic to Pakuranga Highway



7km of cycle and walkways



7km of dedicated busway between Botany and Panmure



Forecast increase in bus patronage from approximately 5% to 13% bus patronage for south east Auckland suburbs



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



5 new high-quality signalised intersections creating improved flow for general traffic



2 new dedicated 'busway bridges' across Tamaki Estuary and Ti Rakau Creek