

Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Shared Path



In October 2015, construction began on a seven kilometre path stretching from Merton Road near Glen Innes Train Station to Tamaki Drive and the Waitemata Harbour. This joint Auckland Transport (AT) and NZ Transport Agency project is being constructed in four sections, with the first section between Merton Road and St Johns Road on track to open in late 2016. Project completion is expected in late 2018.

**OPEN
DAYS**

Come along to meet the project team, view the path designs and find out more about this exciting project.

When: Tuesday 12 April and Thursday 14 April,
3pm to 7pm

Where: St Chads Church,
38 St Johns Road, Meadowbank

Construction of section one is underway. Later this year we will begin construction of sections two and three:

Section one:

Merton Road to
St Johns Road
Late 2015 –
Late 2016

Section two:

St Johns Road to
Orakei Basin
Late 2016 –
Late 2017

Section three:

Orakei Basin
boardwalk
Late 2016 –
Early 2017

Section four:

Orakei Basin to
Tamaki Drive
Late 2017 –
Late 2018

Section two

St Johns Road to Orakei Basin

- The path will be around four metres wide, constructed mostly in concrete.
- From St Johns Road, the path descends into Purewa Valley, crossing streams and wetlands. The bush environment and cityscape backdrop create one of the most scenic sections of the project.
- A bridge will take the path over the eastern rail line at Tahapa Reserve, connecting with Meadowbank Train Station.
- Future links into the path are under consideration. These would enable more people to access it.

Section three

Orakei Basin boardwalk

- Construction is planned towards the end of winter, taking advantage of the cooler months when fewer people use Orakei Basin. We plan to keep the boardwalk open during construction.
- The boardwalk will be widened from 2.7 metres to 4.5 metres – lots of space for people walking or cycling.
- A slip-resistant surface applied to the wooden boardwalk will keep the path from getting slippery.
- LED lighting incorporated into a wooden handrail will provide a visual effect and extend the hours of use.



Building up an earth ramp to create a gentler slope.



Looking along the route of section one towards Glen Innes.

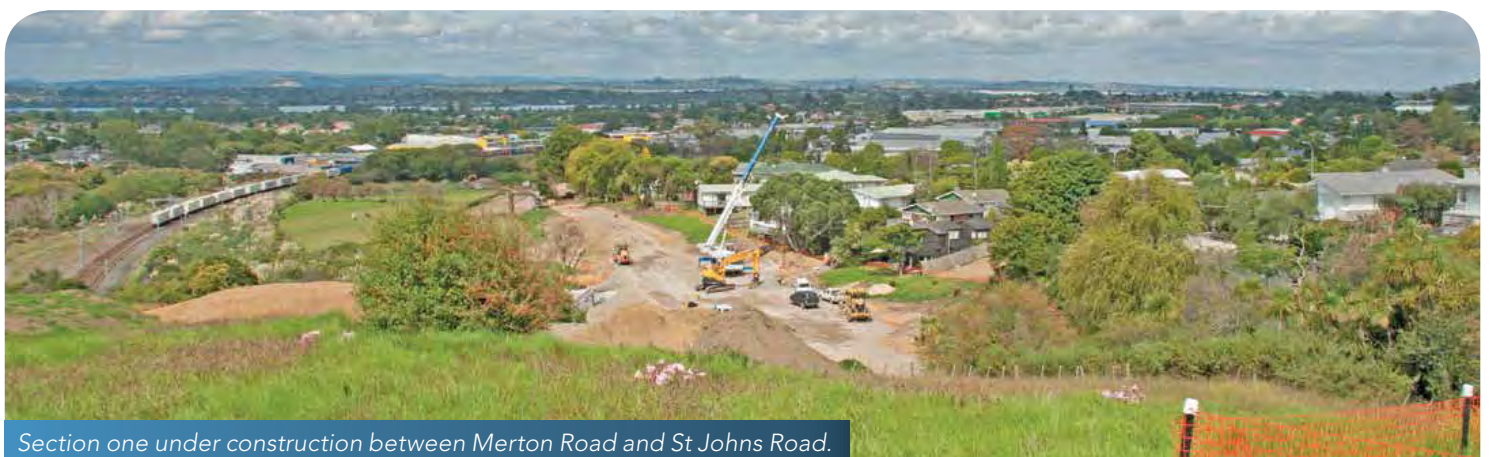


A large 1.5 metre culvert channels water underneath the path.



Features

- Four-metre-wide path, constructed mostly in concrete.
- Timber boardwalks used in some locations, such as over Orakei Basin.
- For shared use by people on foot or bike.
- Connects communities with public transport.
- Good lighting extends hours of access, particularly during winter months.
- The route is hilly in places, but the design of the path keeps gradients as low as possible.
- Links with local communities along the route.



Section one under construction between Merton Road and St Johns Road.

Have your say

In April, we will apply to Auckland Council for the consents needed to build section two and section three. The consents will be “notified” which means you can have a say.

Information on how to make a submission is available on the Auckland Council website and we will update the project web page www.AT.govt.nz/easternpath once notification has taken place.

You can also come along to one of our open days to meet the project team and view the path designs. We will be at St Chads Church in Meadowbank on Tuesday 12 April and Thursday 14 April, from 3pm to 7pm.

A city for bikes

People on bikes are part of the vision for a more accessible, liveable city.

In December 2015, Transport Minister Simon Bridges opened Te Ara I Whiti (The Lightpath) – the colourful pink path that makes use of a disused motorway off-ramp and connects to Nelson Street Cycleway. Since opening, the path has averaged 840 cycle trips every day.

AT, Auckland Council and the NZ Transport Agency are working together on a three-year \$200 million programme of investment in cycling, part of the Government’s Urban Cycleways Programme. A target has been set for a 30% increase in cycle journeys within Auckland by 2019.

Within Glen Innes, a proposed network of local cycleways will connect with the shared path to Tamaki Drive. The existing shared path along Tamaki Drive will be upgraded to connect with a central network of cycleways on Quay Street, Nelson Street and Karangahape Road.

Funded through the Urban Cycleways programme, these new connections will provide communities along the route with improved access to the city centre for work, education and leisure.



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For more information

visit www.AT.govt.nz/easternpath or phone (09) 355 3553.