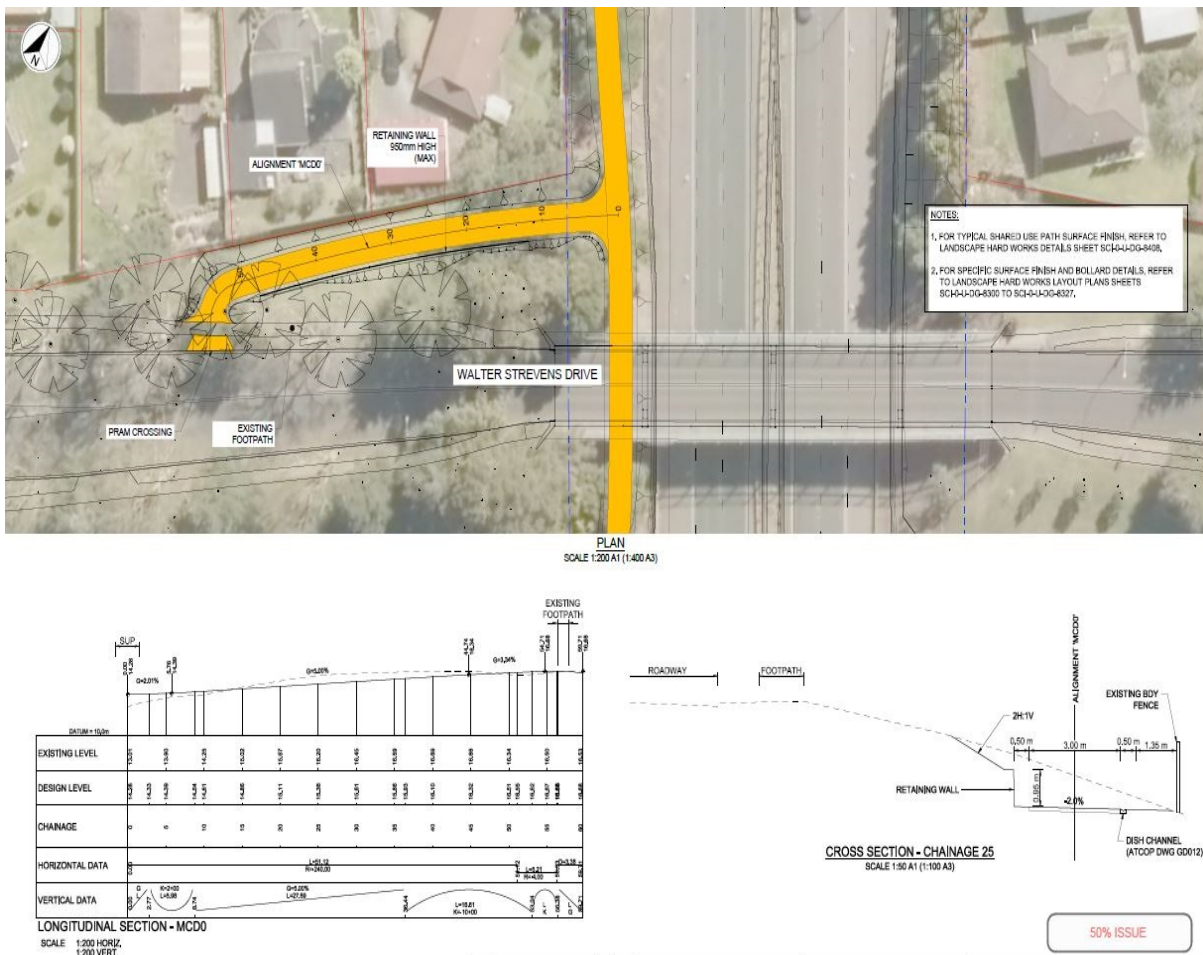


Walter Strevens drive cycling and walking ramp link

Feedback report



Total number of public submissions received = 20

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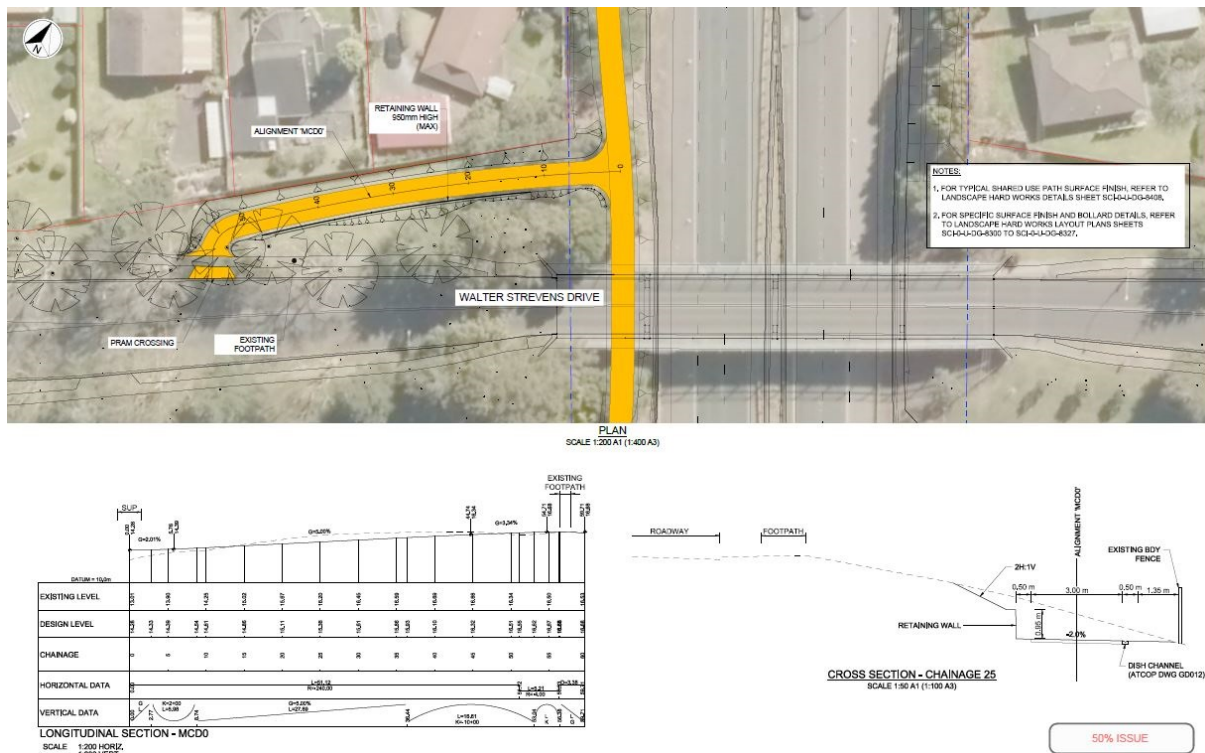
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Background

Auckland Transport (AT) is proposing a new walking and cycling ramp connection on Walter Strevens Drive in Takanini. This will link up with the shared walking and cycling path currently under construction along the Southern Motorway (SH1).

Project Information

Proposed Walter Strevens Drive ramp link



The 3-metre wide connection ramp will open up access for Conifer Grove and residents on the eastern side of the Southern Motorway (SH1) to an expanding off-road cycle network, with opportunities for recreation and connections to key destinations.

There will be minimal tree removal, additional landscaping and lighting to illuminate entry and exit to the ramp, as well as improve safety.

Southern Corridor Improvements project

A 4.5km off-road shared walking and cycling path is currently being constructed alongside the western side of the Southern Motorway between Takanini and Papakura, with local road connections to Great South Road, Brylee Drive, and through the reserves to Walter Strevens Drive, Gardone Terrace and Pescara Point. A new bridge connection at Pescara Point will link the communities of Karaka and Papakura. This project is being carried out by NZ Transport Agency. [Find out more about the NZTA Southern Corridor Improvements project.](#)

Consultation

Auckland Transport consulted on the connection ramp from Monday 22 January to Friday 9 February 2018.

Activities to raise awareness

Communication with the Papakura Local Board and workshop

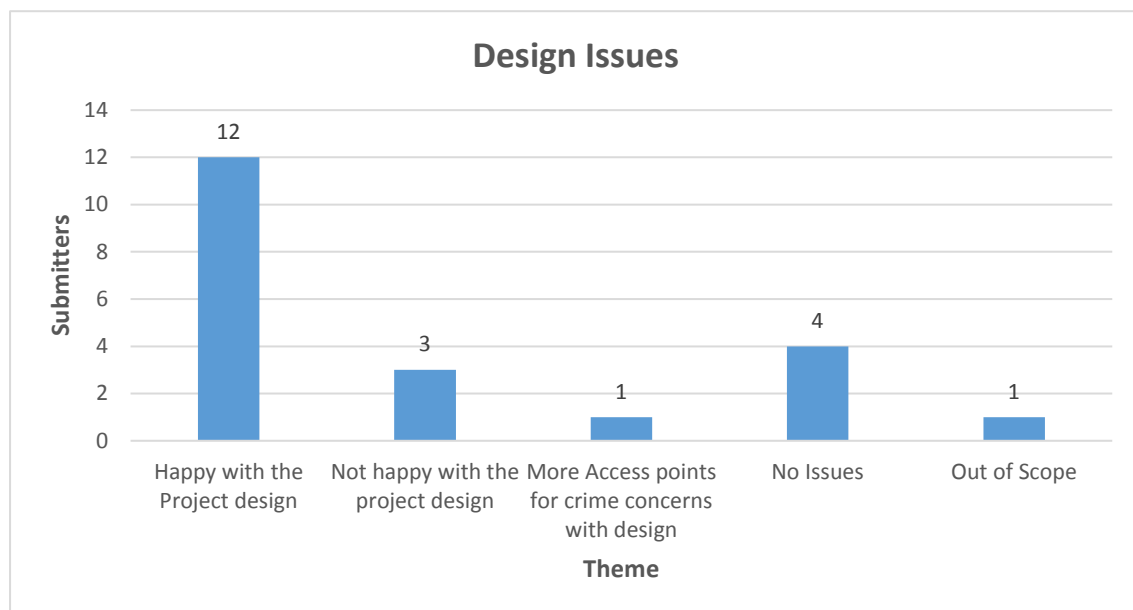
Letter drop to nearby residents, engagement with Bike Auckland – which resulted in story and link on their website.

Communication with other stakeholders.

Feedback

Auckland Transport (AT) sought community feedback on the Walter Strevens Drive ramp link, from 22 January to 9 February 2018.

In total, we received 20 submissions on the proposal. The results of the consultation feedback are summarised below.

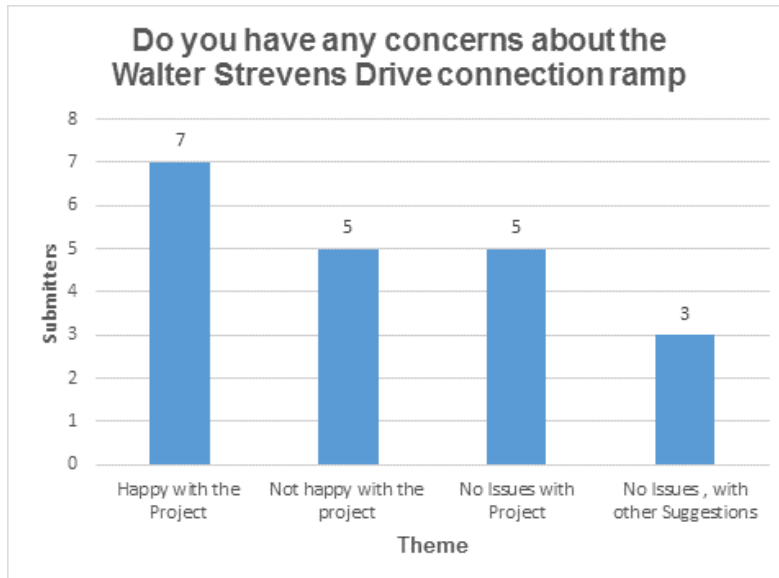


Submission counted in more than one category

Examples of feedback

“I like it. The more connections from the cycleway into the community the better so local people can use a healthy alternative to get around the area and those cycling from outside the area have the option to enter the area and access the local parks and shops”

“A 3m wide access ramp from the local street near the bridge onto the path, so getting between Takanini and the path is more convenient seems to be a simple yet workable solution.”



Examples of feedback

"No concerns. Strongly support the WS Drive connection ramp as a crucial east side link to the Takanini-Papakura shared path".

"Bike Auckland has no real concerns - but please ensure there are no bollards in dangerous (i.e. unexpected or badly visible) locations on the path and that there are no chicane barriers".

Key feedback

The Walter Strevens Drive ramp link indicated that:

- A high level of support, and/or no issues with the proposal overall (75% of all submitters) liked the proposal – or had no problems with it going ahead
- A high level of support (60%) for the design, while 30% stated they had no issues with the design or had other suggestions
- More support (75%) than opposition (25%) for the proposed ramp link connection at Walter Strevens Drive.

The overall summary from the consultation was positive, with most submitters stating the link would be a handy addition to Conifer Grove residents.

Outcome

We have used your feedback to help us improve and finalise design of the proposed improvements, as well as continue with what AT proposed. As a result, we have decided to:

- Include CCTV cameras and lighting on the Walter Strevens Drive ramp link to ensure safety at all times.
- Install a traffic island on Walter Strevens Drive so that prams, and other users can access the ramp safely from the other side of the road.
- Undertake landscaping to improve entry and exit to the ramp connection. This will include six trees to be removed around the connection ramp, with 14 native

trees to be replanted at the same location, and nearby. See below for a list of the trees being removed, which is six in total – with 14 to be replaced.



Photo No.2: Group of she-oak (tree no.1) to be removed on left, group to be retained (tree no.2) on right.



Photo No.4: Tree nos.5 (western red cedar) and 6 (cedar of Lebanon, to right rear) to be removed



Photo No.6: Tree nos.7 (ash, rear right) to be removed and 8 (cedar of Lebanon, to left) to be retained

Key interest group submissions

Bike Auckland - is keen to see this added side access to the future Southern Cycleway be built. Please ensure there are no bollards in dangerous (ie unexpected or badly visible) locations on the path, and that there are no chicane barriers.

Conifer Grove Residents Association - Your undated letter received last week states that this link was considered during the early stages of SCI. If that is so then it was definitely not included in the SH1 Southern Corridor Improvements Urban Design & Landscape Framework (UDLF). I received a copy of this large document when some years ago I was privileged to attend a meeting with NZTA's Principal Transport Planner, Jim Sephton as well as staff from Aurecon. For AT to now want to construct this link is a mystery and quite unnecessary.

Your letter mentions opportunities for recreation, fitness and access to key destinations. The existing plan provides ample opportunity for all this. We are puzzled about the key destinations. There are number of issues, which need to be raised. There are already 3 entry points planned for construction (next to 67 Brylee Drive, through Conifer Grove Reserve, and from Gardone Terrace). The proposed site is not safe from busy vehicular traffic using the ramp. Cyclist traveling westward would need to go round the traffic Island and then enter eastwards. Turning left at the roundabout leads to the Conifer Grove Reserve entry. A close and safe option. The other 2 entry points are also in quiet locations and safe. To construct this 3-metre wide path would require a substantial amount of landscaping. Some mature trees would need to be removed. All year round there is a substantial leaf drop in this area so unless the path was swept regularly a slippery surface would be endanger cyclists. The other 3 entry points are free from this problem. The current ramp would need to be severely excavated to provide a level path 3 metres crosswise. This would damage the roots of the existing mature trees on the road berm. Conifer Grove Residents are rightly proud of the grand tree lined entrance over the bridge. This must not be destroyed. The ramp has had to be rebuilt a number of times over the years. The road base sank below the concrete bridge deck, which rest on piers. It would be unwise to destabilise the area. Moneys would be better spent on the repositioning or removal of the cycle lane on the Great South Road -Takanini from Southgate to Takanini Interchange. This was constructed against the wishes of PLB and the community at large to provide for cyclists of which there are very few. Instead, it adds to the constant frustrating congestion for motorists of which there are many. In view of the above, we would strongly recommend that this link not be constructed, as it is unnecessary and problematic.

Design suggestions in feedback and AT responses

Design suggestion in feedback	AT response
Concerns around Crime	
Conifer grove and this will give those sorts of people better access and escape routes	Lighting and CCTV will be installed to ensure safety at all times
Please make it safe it all hours – lighting and visibility, even CCTV if possible	Lighting and CCTV will be installed on the ramp link to ensure safety at all times
I have concerns about the 3 other access points. Walter Strevens is the preferred as the security camera residents pay for is right by it.	This is outside the scope of this project, but the suggestion has been sent to NZTA.
Route Design	
Should be a connection to the cycle path near Longford Park:	This is outside the scope of this project, but the suggestion has been sent to NZTA.
An access link is needed from Walter Strevens Drive to the east side	This is outside the scope of this project, but will be passed onto NZTA.
Safety	
Please ensure there are no bollards in dangerous (i.e. unexpected or badly visible) locations on the path, and that there are no chicane barriers	There will be no bollards or chicane barriers on the ramp link to restrict access.
Out of Scope	
Just sweep the broken glass off it occasionally!	NZTA and AT will be managing the ramp and will ensure it will be checked and cleaned when appropriate.