

Manukau Bus Station

October 2017



Construction update

The project team hit a major milestone this month, with the completion of the exterior of the bus station building. Technically speaking, the building is now structurally complete with the roof, concrete slabs, exterior glazing and plywood soffits installed. (Soffits are the underside of an architectural structure such as an arch, a balcony or overhanging eaves).

Work continues on the interior (bathrooms, internal ceilings, wall linings, signage, installation of tactile indicators for the visually impaired and completion of the customer service centre).

Following months of preparation, construction crew have begun pouring concrete on the surface of the large bus manoeuvring area at the southern end of the station.



Local Board members visit construction site

On 3 October 2017, the construction project team invited members of the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board to visit the construction site. They were welcomed by AT's Principal Project Managers Ian Kingston and Scott Keene.

Local Board Chair Lotu Titi Fuli was very pleased with the progress made at the construction site, the station is due to open in the second quarter of 2018. She said, "The Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board is extremely happy with the project, which together with the train station just across the road, will make it safer and more accessible for our people to travel around South Auckland and the rest of the city. It will be major pull for people looking to move to the area, local communities, developers and others in making Manukau an even more desirable place to live, study, work, play and invest."



Image (from left): Navmeet Kaur (AT Infrastructure Development Engineer), Ian Kingston (AT Principal Project Manager), Apulu Reece Autagavaia (Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Member), Dai Bindoff (AT Communications), Dawn Trenberth (Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Member), Kenneth Tuai (AT Elected Member Relationship Manager), Ashraf Choudhary (Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Member), Rob Fa'ata (AT Stakeholder Relationship Advisor), Albert Scott (Local Board Advisor - Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board).

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An enduring partnership with Mana Whenua

The partnership with Mana Whenua has been an important component in the development of the Manukau Bus Station. Auckland Transport has maintained a close working relationship with Mana Whenua during the project from concept design development through to construction. Regular hui have helped set clear narratives and priorities for structural design and cultural elements.

Several Mana Whenua groups have been included, but in particular we would like to acknowledge:

- Ngāti Tamaoho
- Ngāti Paoa Trust
- Te Ākitai Waiohū
- Ngai Tai Ki Tāmaki
- Ngāti Te Ata

AT embraces Te Aranga Māori design principles and have incorporated them in the bus station design. During the concept stage the combined Iwi groups were asked to identify the relevant Te Aranga principles that should be incorporated. A guideline document was adopted and the ensuing development designs were presented at key stages for interested groups to review and comment.

Some of the principles incorporated are

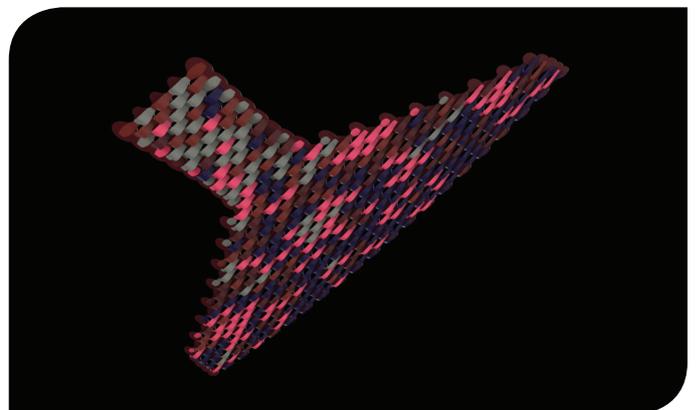
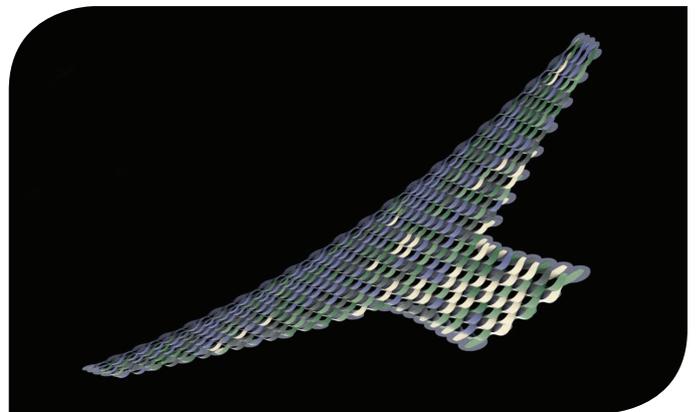
- The comprehensive use of natural timber finishes and inclusion of prominent Iwi art features. Mana Whenua were invited to submit art designs. Te Ākitai Waiohū and Ngāti Tamaoho have since been commissioned to create the pieces.



Carvings depicting Kaitiaki. These magnificent pieces are being created by Ngāti Tamaoho artists and will adorn the entrances to the bus station

- A net (kupenga) motif referencing Kaiwhare (the guardian of the Manukau) has been designed by Amiria Puuia-Taylor and will be a feature of the glass façade.
- Effective treatment and management of storm water via rain gardens was championed by environmental officer Lucie Rutherford of Ngāti Tamaoho with strong support from all Iwi. This initiative and the requirement for treatment by this method has been made a condition of the development consents and the gardens created will provide an attractive landscape;
- Passive temperature control methods and abundant native planting are being used to improve the bus station environment. The landscape/streetscape solution is a collaborative effort between the architects (Beca), Mana Whenua, AT and Panuku Developments and builds on what has been done at the adjacent MIT building.

For the opening of the building we will be asking Mana Whenua to provide a Karakia (blessing) and the removal of tapu for the bus station, thereby completing the journey with AT from beginning to end.



Kites (manu tukutuku) commissioned from Te Ākitai Waiohū and being created by David Trubridge