

Summary of feedback on the Poynton Terrace – Myers Park Connection Project

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Summary

Auckland Transport is working alongside Auckland Council to improve the visual and functional access to Myers Park from St Kevin's Arcade through Poynton Terrace.

The project involves a raised crossing for pedestrians connecting Myers Park to St Kevin's Arcade and Karangahape Road, to provide a safe and attractive entrance to Myers Park.

Engagement with key stakeholders, local property owner and tenants occurred between November 2017 to February 2018 with public consultation happening from 24 January to 5 February 2018.

The proposal received positive feedback, and included some suggestions raised by respondents.

After reviewing this feedback and all other supporting evidence, the proposal will proceed to construction stage with investigations to continue around lighting and rubbish bins.

Next Steps

Construction is proposed to take place between May - June 2018 with an estimated construction period of 6 weeks, which includes underground utility works. Auckland Transport will make every effort to minimise disruption and to keep residents and businesses informed of any changes to road access should this be necessary.

Timeline

- November 2017- March 2018: Public and stakeholder feedback on the proposed design.
- February-April 2018: Detailed design phase.
- May-June 2018: Construction to start.

Background

Project Information

The project was initiated as part of the 2012 Myers Park Development Plan programme of works. This programme was focused on improving access, public safety and providing greater facilities for enjoyment. The Development Plan underwent extensive public consultation in 2012 led by the Waitemata Local Board.

The Poynton Terrace crossing aims to promote connection from Karangahape Road, through St Kevin's Arcade to Myers Park and beyond. It was originally planned for construction in 2015 but was put on hold due to a significant private development construction on Poynton Terrace.

Now that the private construction is complete, Auckland Transport is working to deliver the raised pedestrian crossing.

Consultation

Between November 2017 and February 2018, Auckland Transport engaged with residents, businesses and key stakeholders on the Poynton Terrace – Myers Park Connection project. Following pre-engagement with residents and businesses an online public consultation was undertaken from 24 January to 5 February 2018.

Residents and businesses within the immediate vicinity were informed via delivered letters. Feedback could be provided online (on our Have Your Say website) or by email.

This consultation and engagement builds on the extensive consultation that was carried out for the Myers Park Development Plan in 2014-2015.

Your feedback

Overview

Overall, the proposal received positive feedback, and included some suggestions raised by respondents.

A summary of the feedback received has been included at the end of this report.

Four submissions were received during the public consultation.

Key themes identified in the feedback:

- Shared pedestrian and vehicle space
- Car parking
- Lighting and security
- Rubbish bins and maintenance
- Heritage and character
- General feedback regarding improving the area

Feedback and responses

Feedback by theme	AT Responses
<p>Shared pedestrian and vehicle space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Poynton Terrace function as a space for both pedestrians and cars - both need to be able to access the area and move through it. However, pedestrians should have right of way over vehicles in this space. • Poynton Terrace is a shared pedestrian and car space, and [the submitter] recommends that any improvements in this space need to adequately take into consideration the needs of both pedestrians and motorists. • Supports the provision of a pedestrian crossing outside the St Kevin's arcade exit, to allow pedestrians safe access into Myers Park • Great idea for traffic calming and joint use of the zone. 	<p>Poynton Terrace is a local road with a No-exit. Functionally, this is acting as a shared environment due to the narrow road reserve. The proposed work is happening closer to the No-exit end of the road.</p> <p>According to AT's Road Safety and Traffic Engineering experts the speeds are generally low at the No-exit end.</p> <p>The importance of the area's cultural heritage has been highlighted during engagement on this project, and this has been reflected in the project design. It was determined during engagement with Mana-Whenua that the paving design should respect the cultural heritage referencing Wai Horotiu (ripples of water flowing over stone). In order to depict the Wai Horotiu, three tones of grey stone are used on the pavement representing flowing water.</p> <p>Introducing a zebra crossing into this environment means including additional signage and road markings which would undermine the character of the area and its cultural heritage.</p> <p>In order to improve safety for pedestrians coming down St Kevin's Arcade stairs, the design team is amending the design to include a change in the stone paving pattern and tactile pavers at the last tread of the St Kevin's Arcade stairs.</p>
<p>Car parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration needs to be given to the need to retain some car parking in the area. The removal of car parking options restricts the utilisation and accessibility of this end of the park for some sectors of the community. • Provision for service vehicle assess and short term parking is important. There are a range of businesses located in the surrounding area that require stock deliveries so consideration needs to be given to this. 	<p>There will be no changes to car parking under this proposal.</p> <p>During construction, there will be temporary access restrictions.</p> <p>AT will try to keep the access open for goods/garbage trucks and resident cars. In case of full closure, AT will look for alternate options to</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends that provision be made in the plans for service vehicle parking (such as a loading zone). [The submitter] notes that the new bus stop located outside 217 Karangahape Road has resulted in a loading zone being removed, and it is important for local businesses that service vehicles have adequate parking available. 	<p>keep the stakeholders and affected parties informed.</p>
<p>Lighting and security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good design for the area should encompass excellent lighting (for night time security). • Appropriate plantings to ensure public safety. • Supports all efforts to improve lighting, security and the general ambiance of Poynton Terrace to make it a more desirable place for visitors. 	<p>Preliminary discussions were carried out by AT with the occupiers of apartment units and residents in the Poynton Terrace regarding the lighting. Residents have requested AT to consider illuminance levels in such a way that they don't penetrate residents' units. AT will assess this further and continue to work with the resident groups on this.</p>
<p>Rubbish bins and maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An adequate number of rubbish bins/ recycling bins that are frequently cleaned. • Recommends that sufficient rubbish bins be provided in the outdoor area, which should be regularly monitored by Auckland Council and emptied as required 	<p>AT have raised this request with Auckland Council and it is currently being investigated by AC waste management team.</p>
<p>Heritage and character</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myers Park is a treasure within our business district, used as a place to meet, rest and pass through by residents, visitors and our members themselves. • The Connection has the potential to be designed in a 'heritage' way so that adjacent buildings and the history of Myers Park are emphasized and enhanced. The Connection itself could develop its own heritage value and become part of the areas uniqueness that is so valued by local residents and 	<p>The importance of the area's cultural heritage has been highlighted during engagement on this project, and this has been reflected in the project design. As part of the Myers Park Redevelopment programme, a full-scale stakeholder consultation was carried out in the year 2014/15. During the engagement with Mana Whenua, it was suggested that the</p>

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<p>businesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports efforts to transform and improve Poynton Terrace and the access from Myers Park into St Kevin's Arcade, with the proviso that any such transformation must be in keeping with the heritage nature the area and appropriate to the surrounding environment. 	<p>design must reference Wai Horotiu. therefore the design was done in three tones of grey to indicate ripples/water running over stones.</p> <p>The bluestones at the base of the St Kevin's Arcade stairs will be retained within the raised crossing design.</p>
<p>General feedback regarding improving the area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I fully support the proposed raised crossing between St Kevin's Arcade and Meyers Park. It will be visually accommodating, connecting, welcoming and comforting to locals and visitors alike. Well done. Great idea for traffic calming and joint use of the zone. Supports efforts to transform and improve Poynton Terrace and the access from Myers Park into St Kevin's Arcade. 	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p>