

Karangahape Road Enhancements Newsletter

Welcome back to the Karangahape Road Enhancements project newsletter for August 2018. In this issue, we'll update you on the project, talk about the fun we had at the pop-up project hub and explain how you can contribute to our plans for community support when construction begins.



Karangahape Road knows how to celebrate in style

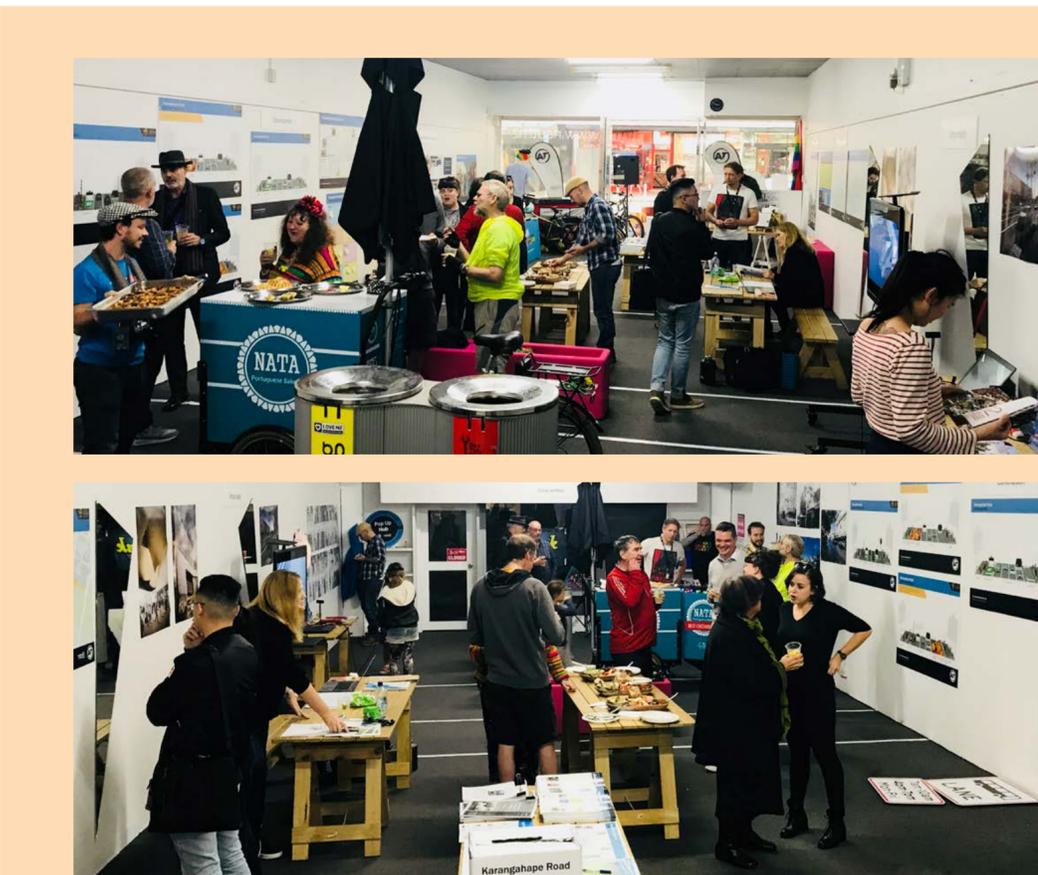
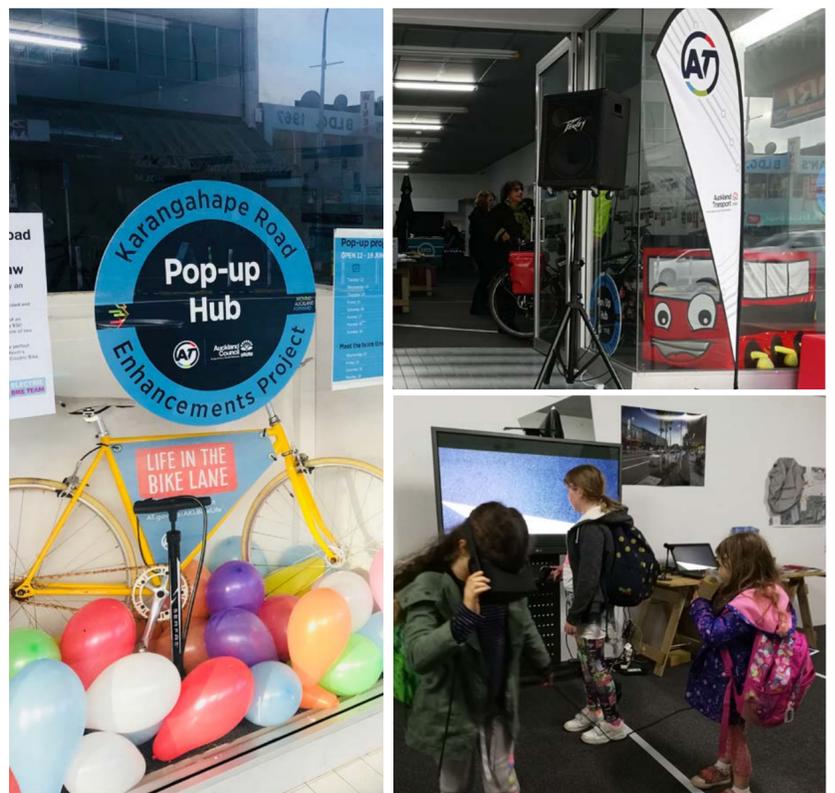
Pop-up project hub

One of the best ways to learn how a community works is to become part of the ebb and flow at street level. In June and early July more than 800 people visited our pop-up project hub at 290 Karangahape Road. We opened for a week from 12 – 19 June and again on 5 July for the First Thursdays celebration.

People could chat to the project team, check out a range of displays and ask questions about different parts of the project. One of the most popular displays was the interactive “life-size cross-section” which allowed people to walk through a mocked-up street environment. This gave people a realistic sense of space and how the street might be laid out.

Visitors who tried out the virtual reality headset saw this brought to life in an interactive 3D street environment, showing how it could look once the project is complete.

Also popular, were the *construction staging and community support displays, which are covered in more detail on page 2.*



Special events

We held several events at the pop-up project hub to help people learn more about the project and seek their feedback. These included meet the team sessions, the June Design Reference Group meeting and a street walkabout to discuss the placement of seating. The most popular events were the launch of Bike Auckland’s ‘Friding’ and re-opening for Karangahape Road’s popular First Thursdays celebration.

More than 400 people from all sections of the community attended the two events, where they enjoyed tunes from DJ Tito Tafa and delicious treats from Karangahape Road’s own Nata Portuguese bakery, while chatting with the team and checking out the various project displays.



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Construction staging

The construction staging display at the pop-up project hub drew plenty of enquiries from people who wanted to know more about how the work will take shape. We used cross-sections of the street to show how construction might impact pedestrian spaces and transport lanes at different stages of the project.

Although a contractor won't be appointed until later this year, your feedback will help us plan the way in which construction will be sequenced and set requirements on how the contractor will work with the community.

First-side construction

In traffic lanes not affected by construction, we will prioritise the movement of people, followed by deliveries, then general parking.



Second-side construction

Traffic cones and signs are removed once major work is complete. We may need to return for less disruptive work, such as tree planting and cycleway marking.



Karangahape Road business and pedestrian surveys

In June we commissioned two community surveys. The first interviewed Karangahape Road precinct businesses and the other spoke to people on and around Karangahape Road – a 'pedestrian intercept survey'. We conducted similar surveys in 2016 and were interested to compare views of the Karangahape Road community then and now. The Karangahape Road Business Association (KBA) helped us shape the survey to be relevant to the precinct and the upcoming construction.



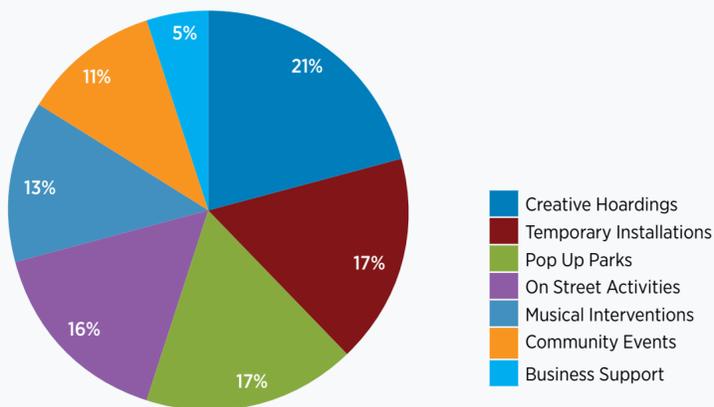
You can read the surveys online at www.AT.govt.nz/kroadproject

Community support

People visiting the pop-up project hub were keen to share their ideas for supporting Karangahape Road during construction. People chose from a range of ideas - from creative hoardings to on-street activities.

We loved people's post-it note suggestions including "Learn to weave - on the fencing!" and "Push button for 1 minute of disco lights. A DIY silent disco".

We are currently working with local creatives and the Karangahape Road Business Association (KBA) to develop your ideas and create a set of engaging tools and activities that will keep the area vibrant, accessible, clean and safe during construction.



Pop-up attendees used coloured stickers to vote for their favourite ways to support Karangahape Road during construction. We counted over 300 votes, with creative hoardings the top choice at 21%. Other ideas were temporary installations, pop-up parks and on-street activities gathered during the pop-up project hub and First Thursdays.

We still want to hear from you! Community feedback informs the decisions we make and ensures these reflect the community's desires. There will be many more opportunities to share your ideas, so sign up to our mailing list at www.AT.govt.nz/kroadproject and follow the KBA on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news.

Community support has proven a real benefit to local retailers and residents when we've introduced it on past projects. This initiative is a priority for this project and we have allocated a dedicated budget.



Artist Mica Still at Open Streets 2016. Photo Credit: Dan Davis

What's next?

Updated timeline

June - July 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community engagement - Precinct parking plan, construction plan, street design
August - September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community engagement continued
Late 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction contractor appointed
Late 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction plan finalised
Early 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction starts
Early 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction complete

Confused? Got a question?

Get in touch with Aaron Hutching on 021 802 495 or email aaron.hutching@justaddlime.co.nz.

What else is happening around Karangahape Road?

Less slip, more grip

People have told us the paving along Karangahape Road is very slippery, particularly in wet weather. To address this, we had the footpath water-blasted to etch the surface and create a more 'grippy' finish.

Throughout June, the terrazzo concrete paving on Karangahape Road running from the motorway overbridge to Symonds Street was treated.

Feedback from visitors, residents and business has been positive as the works have lived up to the promise of providing "less slip and more grip"

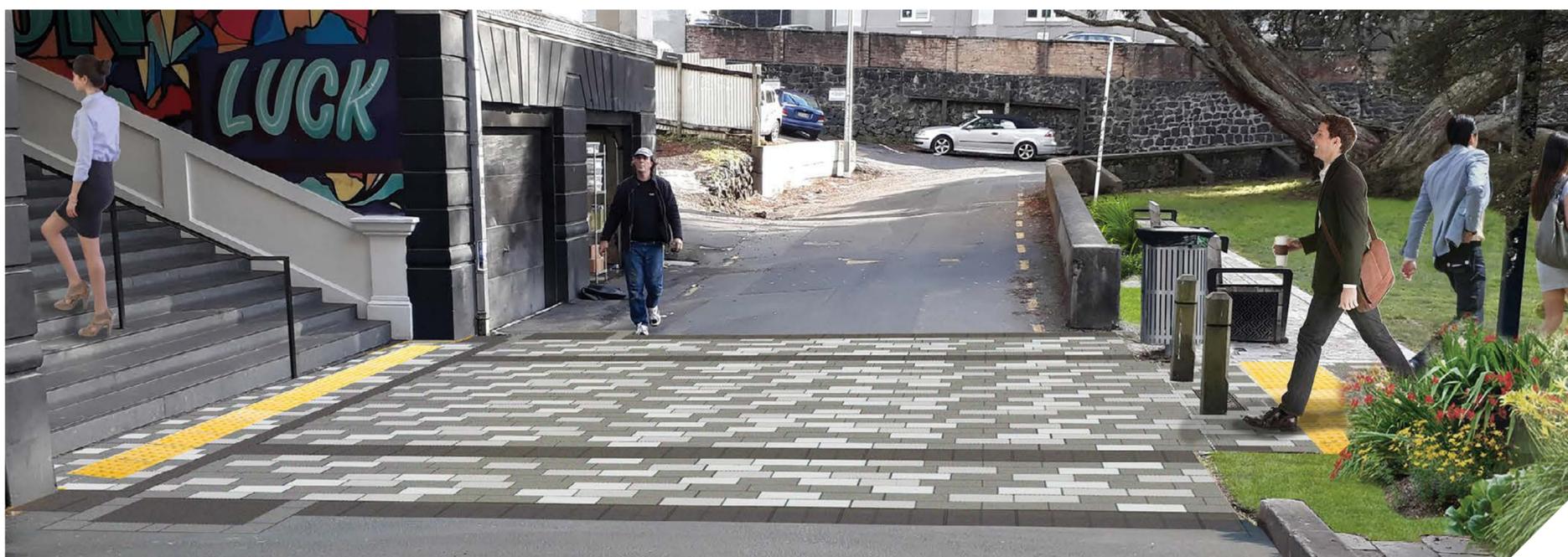


Poynton Terrace update

Work on installing a raised pedestrian crossing between St Kevin's Arcade and the southern entrance to Myers Park has begun.

Construction began on 23 July and will take around eight weeks to complete. During construction, there is no vehicle access to Poynton Terrace between 7am and 7pm on weekdays. After 7pm and on weekends, vehicle access resumes.

East end carpark users and apartment building tenants can access parking off Queen Street via the Auckland Baptist Tabernacle (see the map). A traffic controller will swipe registered vehicles through the barrier arm.



Got a question or feedback for the team?

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