#### AMETI EASTERN BUSWAY

### August 2020

# On the Move



- Finished road improvements on Jellicoe Road and around Panmure Station
- Car park at the Panmure intersection end of Lagoon Drive is open
- Laying the concrete for the busway on Lagoon Drive 3
- New retaining wall on the corner of Lagoon Drive and Church Crescent
- 5 Aerial view of the busway bridge under construction
- Pakuranga Road eastbound vehicles travelling on the paved Busway between 6 Panmure Bridge and Ti Rakau Drive intersection.

## An update from the Eastern Busway team

Kia ora, we hope you are staying safe and healthy during the winter months. In this update we bring you the latest progress on the construction of the Eastern Busway, as well as some of what is coming up. There are some important project milestones approaching that we would like you to be aware of - including some major traffic layout changes.

Some of the recent highlights include the initial launch of the bridge span across Tāmaki River, the reopening of Basin View Lane and completing work at the intersection of Church Crescent and Lagoon Drive.

The tendering process for Stages 2-4 between Pakuranga and Botany is also progressing. We are expecting to name the consortium of design and construction companies that will join AT in an alliance to deliver these future stages shortly.

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### Let's get East Auckland Moving



# What's happening?



## What to expect over the next few months

- Finalising work to reconfigure Panmure roundabout into a four road, signalised intersection;
- a. Works shifting to the Ellerslie-Panmure Highway / Ireland Road side of the intersection (former Panmure roundabout)
- b. Four road, signalised Panmure Intersection complete in October
- c. Streetscaping completed late 2020
- 2 Continue work on Lagoon Drive sites including;
- d. Basin View Lane / Lagoon Drive intersection open in both directions, mid-August (not signalised at this stage)

- e. Domain Road / Basin View Lane intersection completed and open, mid-August
- f. New Domain Road entrance to Lagoon Leisure Centre (Panmure Stadium) open, mid-August
- g. Busway built from Panmure Intersection to Church Crescent and eastbound traffic moved onto it to rebuild Lagoon Drive

### **3** Busway Bridge

 Bridge girders all joined, and Bridge launched as far as the pier on the western side of Tāmaki River

### 3 Pakuranga Road

- i. Cycle way and pedestrian path completed
- j. Pakuranga Road pavement laid on all eastbound lanes
- k. Pavement works on Pakuranga Road westbound lanes well underway
- I. Ti Rakau Drive intersection pavement works in late October.



# Major road layout changes are here



## Pakuranga Road upgrades

On 3 August, we made significant temporary changes to allow us to carry out major work rebuilding part of Pakuranga Road. We are temporarily diverting Pakuranga bound traffic onto the new busway between Panmure bridge and Ti Rakau Drive (see map above). This diversion will continue until the end of 2020. There are still the same number of lanes available for traffic. Some of the main impacts include:

- People travelling east on Pakuranga Road, planning to continue along Pakuranga Road need to stay in the far-left lanes.
- People planning to turn right onto Ti Rakau Drive need to merge into the right hand lane before Williams Avenue and use the turning lane just after Williams Avenue

- People are unable to turn right into or out of Millen Avenue and Latham Avenue while the work takes place
- People wanting to travel towards Pakuranga Town Centre from Millen Avenue or Latham Avenue need to turn around at Kerswill Place or Church Crescent
- If people are travelling eastbound and need to turn into Millen Avenue then you can turn around on Pakuranga Road at the Williams Ave intersection.
- If people need to turn into Latham Avenue when travelling east towards Pakuranga, you will need to find a safe turning point further east on Pakuranga Road.

# Keep it to 30km/h and keep it safe

### Help us keep everyone safe while we build the Eastern Busway

The Eastern Busway Project build is progressing well. This transformational transport project will provide better connections, faster journey times, and improved travel choice for you. The Eastern Busway will operate in a similar way to the Northern Busway and will be supported by improved cycling and walking connections, improvements for general traffic and enhanced landscaping and street upgrades for the surrounding area.

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The speed limit through the Eastern Busway construction site is 30km/h. This is set to keep drivers, cyclists – all road users – and workers safe while construction takes place. We have launched a campaign that will see AT donate bikes and helmets to 2 local schools in exchange for people 'keeping it to 30km/h' through the site. 1 million safe journeys under 30 km/h between now and April 2021 = bikes for schools. AT will monitor speeds and the number of journeys through the construction site, including Lagoon Drive and parts of Pakuranga Road. Bikes and helmets will go to St Patricks School and Riverina School as they are closest to the construction site.

Follow the progress at AT.govt.nz/ameti

# Becoming Vision Zero

Auckland Transport (AT) is responsible for delivering an efficient, effective and safe Tāmaki Makaurau land transport system. Funding from Auckland Council and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency are the primary sources for AT, with additional funding received from ACC, the Regional Fuel Tax and other sources. From 2013 to 2017 Auckland tragically experienced a 65% increase in road deaths and serious injuries (DSI), and in 2017 alone there were 64 deaths and 749 serious injuries; a level of road trauma last seen twenty years ago.

This far exceeded population or vehicle travel growth and was harming more people walking, cycling or motorcycling than ever before. In response to this rising Tāmaki Makaurau road trauma crisis, the AT board commissioned an independent Road Safety Business Improvement Review (BIR) in November 2017. This review made far-reaching recommendations on how AT could lead a partnership-based response to save lives and prevent injury. International road safety experts and AT staff encouraged a change in thinking about road safety within AT and our partners – shifting the approach from a traditional focus on 'blaming individual road users' to instead 'designing a more forgiving transport system where people who make common mistakes are not killed or seriously injured'. Over the next thirty years, we will implement the internationally successful Vision Zero approach to road safety, targeting zero deaths and serious injuries on our network by 2050.

Vision Zero is an ethical approach with the guiding principle being - no road death or serious injury is acceptable – we value every life because people come first. Auckland Transport is committed to transport safety in Tāmaki Makaurau and has an ambitious target of zero deaths or serious injuries by 2050. Yes, it's a brave goal, but one death or serious lifechanging injury is too many. Zero is the goal.

Keep it to 30k is a campaign that aligns with these goals.



" Vision Zero implementation for Tāmaki Makaurau means Auckland has displayed commendable leadership as the first city in Australasia to show its citizens how much it really believes in, and values, their safety, amenity and lifestyle on the roads of the region as pedestrians and cyclists and motorists. What a great place to grow up and to live and work in, and to visit and enjoy into the future!"

### **Eric Howard**

Principal, Whiting Moyne.

AT.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/vision-zero-for-the-greater-good/

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Students from Riverina School in Pakuranga recently visited the bridge construction site. This was a great opportunity for the kids to learn about the project and how to be safe on site. The bridge beams were a highlight for the students, who were keen to see the cranes and diggers in action.

The project team will be hosting more school visits with primary, intermediate and secondary school students in coming months.

If you would like to book a small group tour, please contact **ameti@at.govt.nz** 

# Mayor visits new bridge site

On Monday 10 August, Mayor Phil Goff along with Members of Parliament and Local board members received a tour of the bridge site as part of the AMETI Eastern busway project.

James Weller and Jeremy Gordon, AMETI Project Director and Project Manager from Fulton Hogan, presented this important milestone to the dignitaries. There was a lot of interest in the bridge push; over four working days the bridge will be pushed at increments of 17m, then three advances of 7m. The bridge will then be locked into place prior to the arrival of the two East span girders which will be spliced to the current construction. The third of four bridge pushes is programmed to take place in October 2020, with the final push in December 2020.

To read the article in the Times visit; Times.co.nz/news/eastern-buswayameti-bridge-creeps-across-river





The newly laid footpath and cycle way on the approach to Ti Rakau Drive.



Looking west from Pakuranga Plaza.



Basin View Lane and Domain Road, as well as Basin View Lane and Lagoon Drive intersections are now paved, line-marked and open.



Grass flourishing behind the footpaths and cycleway, tree planting begins soon.



Busway and paths at Kerswill place intersection.

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