

Newsletter

A quick update from the project team about the work that is happening in and around the village.

Auckland Transport (AT) in partnership with St Heliers community representatives is working on improving the connection between the beach and shops and make it safer to walk, bike and drive around St Heliers village.

We would like to thank you for your patience while this important safety work is completed. For regular updates, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code here.



Improvements timeline

Phase 1: Early June – Late July 2021

30km/h Speed Limit Signage

Tamaki Drive Shared Path: Auckland Road to Goldie Street

Polygon Road Roundabout

Raised Pedestrian crossing near Vellenoweth Green

Phase 2: Late July – Early October 2021

Tamaki Drive Shared Path: Goldie Street to Cliff Road

Raised Pedestrian crossings near Maheke Street and St Heliers Bay Road

Cliff Road/Tāmaki Drive Intersection Works

Goldie Street Parking

How are we tracking?



JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER





What we've been up to

We are delighted to advise that Phase One of the St Heliers Safety Improvements has been completed ahead of schedule. The Auckland Road to Goldie Street section of the new Tamaki Drive Shared Path is now open to all users, and the associated stormwater drainage upgrades are complete.

Despite some unfavourable weather over the last week, the crew worked tirelessly to successfully complete the first raised pedestrian table on Tamaki Drive in one night. We reopened the road between The Parade and Goldie Street well before commuter traffic started the next morning.

Phase Two works from Goldie Street to the Vale / Cliff Road Intersection started early the following morning. The crew will be improving and re-concreting the pedestrian crossings at the boat ramp, making improvements to the stormwater drainage, realigning the street lights, and continuing the Tamaki Drive Shared Path. For safety and to facilitate these works the bus stop in front of Annabelle's has been temporarily relocated approximately 50m to Vale Road. The construction for the nine new car parks on Goldie Street has been completed and is now open for the public to use.



The finishing touches being put on the new raised pedestrian table on Tamaki Drive, which was finished on Tuesday night.



The nine new car parks on Goldie Street in action.



For your safety

A temporary solution for safe pedestrians to move around the Fig trees in Vellenoweth Green is being developed and will follow the same route as the proposed Boardwalk. This is because the current footpath is unsafe due to the tree roots.

You may have noticed that some of the traffic management set up has remained in place in the Phase One area. Its purpose is to provide road users with 'advanced warning' of the upcoming works, and it will remain in place.

With more work being carried centrally in Village please be vigilant and follow the temporary traffic and pedestrian controls in place. Traffic management is in place to keep the public and our crew safe while we carry out this work. Please make sure children and dogs in your care do not enter any fenced areas and be aware of the trucks and other machinery in the area.

If you would like further information regarding the project, please contact us using the details provided below.





Introducing Caroline

What Caro loves most about her community engagement role for Auckland Transport is that she gets to meet and chat to interesting people from all walks of life. Out in St Heliers village, she doesn't just meet locals, she also chats to visitors from outside the area.

Running the project drop-in centres at the Library, Caro likes to hear people's views and get to the bottom of any issues. Having worked at AT since 2019, and previously at Auckland Council (for almost two decades) Caro has worked closely with Local Boards, Councillors and businesses all over Auckland, including the Ōrākei Local Board and the St Heliers Business Association. She has a wealth of knowledge and can provide answers and advice on the project's purpose right through to parking and bus patronage.

She is particularly happy to let people know the delivery of St Heliers Safety Improvements project is ahead of schedule. One of her most memorable visitors was an elderly gentleman who was so thrilled about being able to chat to AT staff face-to-face rather than contract call centre or write emails and letters, that he shared his positive experience with the Local Board.

"This is like my neighbourhood now," the Niuean Danish says. "A lot of people here recognise me from the drop-in sessions and wave hello to me as I walk past." You might be able to catch her in the area during weekends too. "I confess I am a regular dog-watcher in St Heliers on Sundays," she says, "and if you see me around please say hello."



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Caroline, from AT's Community Engagement Team speaking to locals



Next up (dependent on weather)

We will continue to work on the remainder of the Tamaki Drive Shared Path and drainage improvement.



A special thank you

AT wishes to acknowledge the Orakei Local Board, St Heliers' Residents Association and St Heliers Business Association for helping us to deliver this important project.



Get in touch

We have a drop-in space at the St Heliers Library where you can get up to date information about the project. Auckland Transport and Fulton Hogan staff are available every Tuesday and Thursday, from 12 noon to 2 pm, to answer your questions and queries.

We also have a temporary site office set up on the Vellenoweth Green, feel free to pop over and say hello.



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