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In July, we reached out to get your feedback on our proposal for a new footpath along Cascades Road, Pakuranga, which connecting the existing path near the bus stop opposite 1 Bernie Edwards Place through to the bridge past Lochend Place, alongside the Pakuranga Golf Club.

We received 14 submissions in total. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their views.

Support for the footpath

- Many respondents told us the footpath would improve safety and make it easier to walk to bus stops, the creek walkway, the retirement village, and nearby schools and childcare, particularly for people with prams, dogs, or mobility needs who currently have to walk on grass verges or cross the road twice to reach the walkway.
- We're pleased the footpath will improve safety and access for these groups and thank everyone for sharing how they use the area.

Concerns about cost and necessity

- Some respondents felt the footpath wasn't needed, pointing to a footpath already on the other side of Cascades Road and nearby walking tracks, and questioned spending on a project they saw as a "nice to have" rather than essential.
- We understand cost is front of mind for ratepayers. This project was identified because of a gap in safe walking connections on this side of Cascades Road.

Requests for a shared path

- Several respondents asked us to widen the footpath into a shared path, noting there's currently no safe way to cycle between Botany Road and the roundabout, and that using the existing footpath width while it's already being dug up would be a cost-effective way to add cycling connectivity.
- This project is focused on delivering a walking connection to close the existing safety gap. We looked at widening this into a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists, but this would require substantial retaining structures, removal of established trees, and additional land take from the Pakuranga Golf Club, adding considerable cost and complexity beyond the scope of this project.

However, we've noted the community's interest for consideration as part of any future work on this corridor.



Requests to move the footpath away from the roundabout

- Some respondents asked for the footpath to be positioned closer to the golf course fence line, rather than following the kerb near the roundabout, to give a bigger buffer between pedestrians and traffic.
- The project team looked at shifting the footpath closer to the golf course fence line near the roundabout to increase the buffer from traffic. However, this would likely require shifting the kerb which impacts vehicle lane space and / or a larger retaining wall, adding further cost and complexity to the project.

Engagement outcome:

After carefully reviewing the feedback, we have received from the community, we have decided to progress the design as proposed.

We expect construction to take place this financial year, we will be in touch with affected businesses and residents before any works take place.