

# Memorandum

To: Coatesville Transport Forum  
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Subject: **Progress Update on Mill Flat Road Bridge Project**

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## Purpose

To update Coatesville Transport Forum on the progress of the Mill Flat Road Bridge project, being delivered as part of Auckland Transport's (AT) Flood Recovery Programme.

## Highlights

- Construction preparation and enabling work has begun.
- Vector requirements for the movement of lines and poles need to be resolved before further construction progress can be made.
- Construction is now expected to start in early 2025.

## Progress to date

Since our last update to the Coatesville Transport Forum (February 2024) in person and our August 2024 memo to the local board (circulated to the forum in August), the Final Design was confirmed in August 2024 and tenders for a physical works contractor closed in September 2024.

During October, ecologists undertook monitoring for bats and native bird nests in the area we will work in. Prior to removal of any trees, they were checked for nests. No bats or native bird nests were found. Once we establish on site a native skink and lizard search will also be undertaken.

We are working with Vector to resolve matters which affect both the road widening and the bridge build. The current overhead lines need to be re-routed to create space for the large and tall construction equipment and for the new bridge's location. Along with Vector, AT are working with affected neighbouring land owners and the AT design team to identify workable solutions for all parties.

We also note that there has been some other work occurring in the vicinity of Mill Flat Road unrelated to the Bridge Replacement Project. Tree trimming and a culvert have been replaced.

## Physical Works

Unfortunately, the Vector relocation works, described above, are having an impact on our ability to award the contract. We cannot award a contract until we have certainty around the Vector works as there is a financial cost to AT (therefore public spend) if there is a delay in the commencement of works.

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However, we are using the time to address changes around the final design (the tender was released with 50% design, and the final 100% design released in August), resolving tender tags/clarifications and finalising tender prices.

The tender evaluation process remains confidential to protect commercial sensitivity.

## **Programme / next steps**

- Physical Works Contract Award: was expected October 2024, now January 2025.
- Physical Works Duration: 12 months