

Airport to Botany Rapid Transit project

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Improving connections for south and east Auckland



Artist's impression of Airport to Botany Rapid Transit - Te Irirangi Drive section

Fast, frequent, high capacity public transport between Auckland Airport, Manukau and Botany

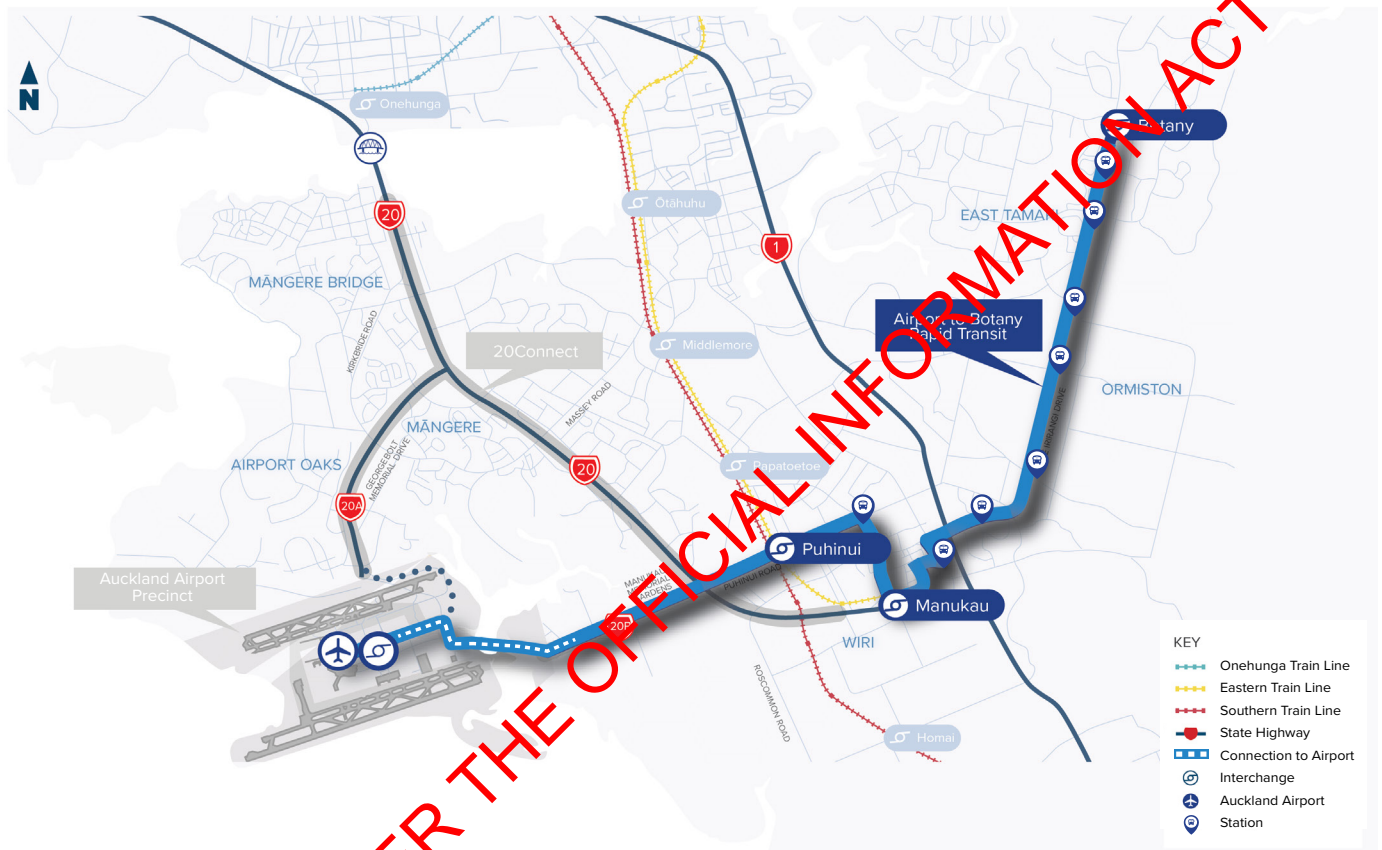
Airport to Botany rapid transit will provide accessible, safe and sustainable transport to help everyone move around south and east Auckland including to and from the airport. It will improve travel choice, reliability, and journey times by connecting with the rail network at Puhinui and Manukau stations and the Eastern Busway at the proposed future station at Botany.

Te Akitai Waiohū, Auckland Transport, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Auckland International Airport Limited (Auckland Airport) are working together to deliver the Airport to Botany Rapid Transit project, which is part of the Southwest Gateway programme.

Where will it go?

The rapid transit route will travel from Auckland Airport, along State Highway 20B and Puhinui Road to the upgraded Puhinui Station interchange. From here, the rapid transit corridor continues along Puhinui Road and Lambie Drive and through the Manukau centre via Manukau Station Road, Davies Avenue and Ronwood Avenue. It then travels via Great South Road and Te Irirangi Drive to a new high-quality interchange at Botany, where it will connect with the Eastern Busway.

New major station interchanges will be implemented in Manukau and Botany to support the new rapid transit line, as well as rapid transit stations along the route.



Benefits and features

- Reliable 35–40 minute journey time between Auckland Airport and Botany.
- A 18km congestion-free rapid transit corridor with high capacity services.
- Improved access to major employment centres, including Auckland Airport and Manukau.
- An important connection to the rail network at Puhinui Station and Manukau and the Eastern Busway at a new Botany interchange.
- Improved, dedicated walking and cycling facilities along the full length of the corridor.

Current project status

The business case for the Airport to Botany Rapid Transit project has been confirmed and the project is now progressing to route protection - this means confirming and ensuring the land needed to build and operate this future project is protected ahead of construction.

Why is this being planned now?

Funding is still to be confirmed for detailed design and construction of this project. It is currently anticipated this will be about 15 years away. We need to plan now so we can identify and protect the land needed for the project ahead of construction. This is called route protection, and it gives property owners, businesses, and the community certainty on where transport routes will be located in the future. Route protection is not intended to finalise the exact detail of the future transport project – this is refined during future stages.

What will happen and when?

The Airport to Botany Rapid Transit project will be delivered in stages.

The first stage is mostly complete:

- Frequent AirportLink bus services are operating between the airport and Manukau.
- Protected cycle facilities on Lambie Drive and a shared use path on Puhinui Road.
- Stage 1 of the new Puhinui Station opened in July 2021.

Between June and October 2022:

- A shared path will be delivered on Puhinui Road between the station and Lambie Drive.
- Route protection will start for the new rapid transit corridor.
- Further public engagement on the wider programme.



When have you heard from us before?

Community engagement has been an important part of getting to where we are now:

2018

We introduced the programme, projects and sought feedback on a number of options being considered for the Airport to Botany Rapid Transit project.

2019

We shared more detailed information about the preferred options, rapid transit route and proposed mode. We shared detailed designs for Puhinui Road and Lambie Drive.

Keeping you informed

This project is part of Southwest Gateway Programme that includes three connected transport projects being delivered in stages:

1. Airport to Botany Rapid Transit
2. 20Connect
3. Auckland Airport precinct developments

For more information:

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