

Minutes of Meeting

Purpose of Meeting **Te Atatu Interchange Upgrade and Causeway Upgrade Project
Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting 7**

Project Causeway Upgrade and Te Atatu
Interchange Improvements Projects

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Place of Meeting	Pringle Park Bowling Club	Date	14 May 2014
	4 Pringle Park Rd, Te Atatu Peninsula		7-8.30pm

Present:

- 21 Community Liaison Group members including Max Robitsch, Phil Robinson, Mike Mallow, Jacinda Nisbet, Irene Jack, Peter and James Ben, Kulwinder Panesar, Aaron Bridges, Janette and John Fawcett, Anja Moss, Vanessa Neeson, Graeme Easte, Steve Quedlye, Sharon Ryan, Glenda Allen, Bruce Amies, Elizabeth Grimmer, Margi Watson
- Mark Evans, Elizabeth Collins and Kevin Stevens from the Causeway Alliance
- Brian Robertson, Donald MacRae, Nettie Bird and Helen Kerr from the Te Atatu Interchange Improvements Project
- Ken Clive from Auckland Council

Apologies No apologies received

Distribution Causeway Upgrade Project website and by email to Community Liaison Group members

1.	Meeting Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introductions by Mark Evans • Causeway Upgrade Project works update by Mark Evans and Kevin Stevens • Te Atatu Interchange Improvements Project Update by Brian Robertson • Auckland Council update by Ken Clive • Questions and discussion
2.	Causeway Upgrade Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of the CLG is to provide a regular forum through which information about the NZ Transport Agency's projects can be provided to the community and an opportunity for concerns or issues to be raised" • Western Ring Route (WRR) overview to show the approximate boundaries of each of the five projects that make up the WRR • NZ Transport Agency is responsible for the state highway network • Auckland Council is responsible for the local roads and public transport • A flyer has been distributed to all homes and small businesses in the Te Atatu South and Te Atatu Peninsula areas with contact details for the NZ Transport

Agency projects and Auckland Council projects in the neighbourhood

- Causeway Alliance team – a group of 120 people from 24 countries
- Whau River Bridge widening
- Targeted gorse removal alongside the eastbound onramp to SH16 will not be undertaken by the Auckland Motorway Alliance because of the planned construction in that area in the coming months which will remove it

Aerial photos were shown of the following key areas of the project to show the progress that is being made:

- Traherne Island to Causeway
- Traherne Island preload
- Great North Road Interchange – westbound onramp changes, and final alignment.

Environmental reporting

- Completed summer marine habitat monitoring
- Erosion and sediment control, coastal scores = 1, excellent
- Slip into Oakley Creek channel, rocks to be removed
- Three minor slips along northern Causeway reclamation
- Contaminated material found along Rosebank Domain batter
- Monthly environmental reports on website
- Draft Rosebank Domain Open Space Restoration Plan distributed to CLG for comment

Oakley Creek slip and eastbound reclamation area slip

- Rock revetement slipped down into channel and across to southern mud bank
- Caused by localised weaker mud strength and king high/low tides in February
- No environmental impacts caused (and has created new habitat for birds and marine life)
- Remediation plan agreed with Council to remove rocks from southern bank and creek channel (without disturbing channel sediments)

Causeway reclamation area slips

- Three minor slips caused by localised weaker mud soils.
- Mud areas pushed out in from of reclamation
- Remediation plan being developed.

Rosebank Park Domain earthworks, and Open Space Restoration Plan

- Includes signage, gates, fencing, road access
- Develop final planting plan with Council Parks
- Maintenance of planting and weeds for two years
- Draft OSRP distributed to CLG, Race Clubs, Iwi and Historic Places Trust for
 - review/comment by 30 May 2014
- Final OSRP will be distributed to CLG

Environmental and Cultural Legacy outcomes

- Earlier meetings provided 26 ideas and options
- Meeting held on 18 March provided feedback and ratings for options. Minutes
 - on project website

- Iwi artists briefed to develop 'art in design' concepts
- Legacy projects to be confirmed by Alliance Board
- Outcome will be distributed to CLG in August

Questions and Answers

Q: Where was the area that slumped?

A: Local to Oakley Creek and areas on the eastbound side of the project

Q: Is it the temporary or permanent works slipping?

A: Permanent works

Q: What's to stop the slips happening in future?

A: A: The ground is continually getting stronger and the wick drains and preload are helping that process to occur. The reason for installing timber piles near the Oakley Creek area is to strengthen the transition zone between two different types of ground materials there. Piles will be used elsewhere on the project when required to stabilise the ground.

Q: What happens to sediment or mud that is disturbed by the slip?

A: The mud will be transported either upstream or downstream of the slip, depending upon the tide and will be redeposited.

Q: Won't that change the profile of the area?

A: The plan agreed with Auckland Council for remediation of the Oakley Creek slip that we remove rocks to reinstate the area close to its original form, in a process that causes least disturbance to the sediment. Some rocks will remain in the lower channel.

Q: I have cycled along the cycleway for about 15 years and it appears to the mud is displaced laterally as well as up and down. What's being done to ensure that the new causeway won't sink?

A: The new causeway sections we are building will strengthen the mud through the use of wick drains and preloading. However, the settlement of the existing and new motorway reclamations will continue to occur in the future and estuary mud alongside it will continue to accumulate.

Q: The surface of the cycleway that was built in the recent past is showing cracks already. What's being done to ensure that doesn't happen again?

A: The indications from the localised slips have reinforced that the design we are working to is favourable. Our geotechnical engineers are looking at it daily to ensure it is behaving in the way the design for the causeway and cycleway is intended to, and it is.

Q: There was a question earlier in the week about gorse alongside the eastbound onramp to SH16 at Te Atatu. Given that it is flowering and is a noxious weed, it needs to be contained. How will this happen?

A: Auckland Motorways are responsible for maintaining the area and are not spending money on it now because it will be removed in the next few months by the Te Atatu Interchange Improvements Project.

Q: Where on the map are the brickworks?

A: They are in the area of trees just north-west of the Whau Bridge and well away from our project works area.

Q: Why has the timing on the second entrance to the Rosebank Domain been changed? We have issues around safe ambulance access now.

A: Our programme of works at the Domain has changed due to finding the contaminated ground. Sounds very much like we should be building the new access road on the top of the hill now. We will look into that and get back to you.

	<p>Q: When will the cycleway be finished off around the Domain?</p> <p>A; There is still a lot of excavation and batter shaping required. We are testing the Rosebank Domain batter soils over the next few weeks to ascertain the extent of the contamination, then review our disposal and design options to ensure they are cost-effective.</p> <p>Q: The space at the top of the batter at the western end of the Domain looks narrow and could affect our access. Can you please check this?</p> <p>A: Yes. We will meet on site next week with Auckland Council and the race car clubs to review the fencing and access.</p> <p>Q. Are you considering getting an 0508 number?</p> <p>A. We could do that, however we are keen to continue work with the Transport Agency to use their 0800 444 449 number with the goal that the one number may eventually become the one contact point for all State Highway network-related questions. Make sure to mention "Causeway, Auckland" when you call the number so that the call taker can redirect your call to the Causeway Alliance quickly and successfully.</p>
3.	<p>Te Atatu Interchange Improvements project (TALI)</p>
	<p>Topics being covered today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on progress to date and work coming up • Pedestrian and cyclist detour at Royal View Road • Northbound Te Atatu Bridge truck restrictions • Urban Design – final design concepts • Asbestos removal <p>Update on progress to date and work coming up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TALI has been building retaining wall 1 as part of the new westbound off-ramp to Te Atatu. Below Alwyn Ave soil nails have been put in to hold the embankment, and ponga logs will be installed to soften the concrete finish. • The bund is in progress and consultation with Alwyn Ave residents as to the bund design and specifics has been completed • Near Jack Colvin Park work on a retaining wall has begun and topsoil has been stripped back as part of the earthworks. A stockpile is placed there currently • The small site office is located on Te Atatu Road. Our main office is at Lincoln Road • The area alongside the westbound off-ramp at Te Atatu has been cleared and asbestos issues managed • Pedestrian and cyclist detour at Royal View Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cyclists are being re-routed while work on the section of the cycleway is being worked on. - Orange posts have been put on the outside of the temporary cycleway to ensure cars keep away from cyclists • Northbound Te Atatu Bridge truck restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restriction on heavy vehicles using the left hand lane - Speed restrictions for heavy vehicles – 30kph - Strengthening works will take place on the bridge in the next nine months - The left hand lane is slightly narrower than the right hand lane

- Urban Design – final design concepts
 - consultation process with the Transport Agency has been completed
 - noise wall colour scheme has been agreed
 - The green of the wall is similar to that near Unitec on the Great North Road project works
 - The bridge balustrades will be yellow, similar to what can be seen further along the network at Westgate
 - The underpasses will be white inside and larger, lighter and brighter than the existing one. An indicative yellow feature strip within the underpass was shown.
- Asbestos removal
 - Removal of asbestos was completed last week
 - Low risk contamination but professionally removed to a disposal site
 - Thanks to the Titoki St residents for their understanding

Questions and Answers

Q: There are quite a few stumps near the fence line at Alwyn Ave. Why haven't they all been removed?

A: They are to be tidied up. The project team will follow this up with the resident concerned.

Q: The detoured cycleway is good except on rubbish collection days when there are bins everywhere and hazardous to cyclists. What can be done about that?

A: Thanks for the feedback. We will look to address the issue.

Q: When you work on the tunnel for cyclists, the cycleway will be disturbed quite a lot. How will that be managed?

A: We will aim to get the services in and the cycleway surface completed as soon as possible to get you back onto it. There will always be a good surface detour while works take place.

Q: What signage was put up to warn cyclists of the cycleway being chopped off at Te Atatu?

A: A week, but there was consultation behind the scenes and feedback on the Cycle Action Auckland blog. More notice via signs on site could be given, in hindsight. Your feedback is valuable – thank you very much.

Q: As a driver I wasn't aware that the cycleway had been closed. There are more cyclists on the road. We all need to be very careful.

A: Thanks. Going forward we will give you more of a heads-up of the changes we will be making.

Q: At the very least put signs up.

A: Your feedback is acknowledged and we will look to increase the signage to warn of cyclists.

Q: When are you planning to have the cycleway works to McCormick Rd completed by?

A: By about September this year.

Q: I live on Royal View Road and it is working out OK. Some cyclists are travelling fast. We are aware of watching out for kids and are adjusting to looking out for cyclists, too. Most of the cyclists are good. Just a couple who are going a bit fast.

A: Thanks.

Q: How do you make sure trucks follow the instructions to stay in the right hand lane?

A: Through information to heavy haulage operators, to other key (our project trucks, for example) and other communication channels

<p>Q; What do you call heavy vehicles?</p> <p>A: Anything over 3.5T. The new layout will take time – it's part of an education process and further is required communication, also within construction teams.</p> <p>Q: Will the lane change affect traffic travelling straight ahead to Te Atatu Peninsula?</p> <p>A: No.</p> <p>Q: Will there be any lighting on the shared use path?</p> <p>A: Yes, the same LED lighting that is on Lincoln Road and much of the north-western cycleway.</p> <p>Q; Could you please tell us where the boundary lies in relation the rugby club at Jack Colvin Park? The pegs on site go right through the deck and ramp.</p> <p>A: There is a lot of discussion going on with local parks to solve the boundary issue without ultimately having to remove the rugby club's ramp. The Club's guys have been great to deal with – thank you.</p> <p>Q: When the works are complete, the access road for the new eastbound on-ramp (Causeway's access or 'haul' road) - will that remain or be removed?</p> <p>A: It will be removed and grassed.</p> <p>Q: It would be nice to not remove it and instead continue it as part of a footpath</p> <p>A: Thank you. We will look into that as part of our legacy discussion</p> <p>Q; The traffic lights signal phasing at Te Atatu would be good if changed so that the walking and cycling movement can happen more effectively.</p> <p>A: Yes, will look into that.</p> <p>Q: When will work on the Te Atatu Bridge start?</p> <p>A: In about five months' time. There's a lot of preparation works to be done. We hope to give an update on the programme and methodology at the next CLG in August.</p> <p>Q; Will the new bridge be wider than the existing one?</p> <p>A: Yes, it will be slightly wider.</p> <p>Q; When you cross from the Peninsula and go west onto SH16, how are you going to deal with the traffic backlog at the lights to the on-ramp?</p> <p>A: There will be a longer right hand turn bay.</p> <p>Q; So we're not going to get a new bridge?</p> <p>A: No.</p> <p>Q: Are you going to lower the motorway under the bridge?</p> <p>A; No.</p> <p>Q: What will be on the back side of the noise wall, for residents to see?</p> <p>A: One colour is the preference from residents' feedback in other locations who look at noise walls. We plan to paint them on site, so we could consider changing it to a plain concrete colour rather than black/dark grey which has been used in other areas. We will speak to affected residents regarding their preference at the time.</p> <p>Q: The on-ramps have been closed at night, with extensive detours in place. How are you advertising them? Can VMS be put in place to advertise the closures?</p> <p>A: Yes, we will look into clearer signage options.</p> <p>Q: Is the eastbound onramp to the city from Te Atatu South going to change?</p> <p>A: Yes, it will be a wider loop and have a more gentle curve.</p> <p>Q: Getting onto the motorway from existing roads looks like it will remain a problem. Can someone tell me you are going to solve that problem?</p> <p>A; No. The best we can do under the current contract is to improve the efficiency and safety of the current system.</p> <p>Q: So, we're getting a new motorway but we're still in the same situation with the local</p>

	<p>roads?</p> <p>A: The challenge with the limited money available is to improve what we can.</p> <p>Q: I live on the spot overlooking the on-ramp lights (for traffic coming from Te Atatu South and heading on to SH16 eastbound) and they hold everyone up. That is what is stopping people.</p> <p>A: It works like a pipe. If those signals were sped up, the congestion on the motorway would be increased, slowing traffic down more and not allowing cars to continually merge into the traffic. There is an 'intelligent traffic system (ITS)' of loops in place to count and manage traffic volumes. Cameras are also monitored from the Joint Traffic Operations Centre (JTOC) and adjustments made if necessary.</p> <p>Q; The NZ Transport Agency came to the Waitakere City Council years ago and said that those lights would be switched off if there was congestion. That doesn't seem to be happening. It is currently taking forever to travel 1km along Te Atatu Road. The lights at the on-ramp needs to be monitored more carefully.</p> <p>A: Thank you. We will relay your comments to the Joint Traffic Operations Centre and Auckland Council. Thank you.</p> <p>Q: How many lanes eastbound under the bridge will there be?</p> <p>A; Three, as now, with a bus shoulder lane.</p> <p>Q; Have they got plans in place to widen Te Atatu Road just as soon as the current works are finished?!!</p> <p>A: (General chuckle from those present).</p> <p>Q: The houses are dirty with all the dust. Is there any plan to wash them?</p> <p>A: We can come and have a look at your property to assess.</p> <p>Q: The (Alwyn Ave) bund is not built so I am wanting assurance that it is not finished.</p> <p>A: That's right. It is not yet finished.</p> <p>Q: (Aaron Bridges): The vibrations to our house are more than what we expected.</p> <p>A. Noted.</p>
4.	<p>Auckland Council</p>
	<p>An update was provided by Ken Clive on the Auckland Transport projects planned for the Te Atatu area. Please refer to the Auckland Transport website for project details.</p> <p>Q: I would like AT to attend these meetings. I got the flyer, couldn't access the website, rang AT but the nice girl couldn't tell me much. Finally I found a website but it's the original image not an updated one. We should expect AT to turn up.</p> <p>A: The Causeway Alliance encouraged AT to present at this meeting and they said they were not yet in a position to be able to inform. Ken is able to take some questions back to them.</p> <p>Q: Where is their planning at for the bus interchange, and will they pay fees for their use of the Te Atatu Pony Club land?</p> <p>A: On balance it was decided that they felt they couldn't answer questions in this forum yet. The study they are conducting is taking longer than they envisaged.</p> <p>As far as the matter raised at the last meeting, Auckland Transport has lodged an application with the local board to use the area of land beside the Causeway Alliance at the Te Atatu Pony Club as their base for the Te Atatu Road widening project. If there are any fees to be paid by AT it will be done and spent on activities to benefit the local area.</p> <p>Auckland Transport will provide a status update as an addendum to these Minutes during May 2014.</p>

5.	Future Meetings and Contact Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next CLG meeting is Tuesday 12 August, 7:00pm at the Pringle Park Bowling Club, Pringle Road, Te Atatu Peninsula <p>For more information;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular project updates will be delivered or emailed to CLG attendees who have registered to receive them• How to Stay Informed – flyer• Causeway News – monthly update• info@sh16causeway.co.nz• www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh16causeway• www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wrr• Communications and Stakeholder feedback:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Causeway Alliance - ph 0800 444 449 (mention Causeway, Akl)- Te Atatu Interchange Improvements Project- 0800 300 007 (Nettie Bird) <p>Meeting closed at 8.30pm</p>