

Minutes of Meeting

Purpose of Meeting **Te Atatu Interchange Upgrade and Causeway Upgrade Project
Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting 8**

Project Causeway Upgrade and Te Atatu Interchange Improvements Projects

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Place of Meeting	Pringle Park Bowling Club	Date	12 August 2014
	4 Pringle Park Rd, Te Atatu Peninsula		7-8.30pm

Present:

- 30 Community Liaison Group members including Vanessa Neeson and Elizabeth Grimmer
- Simon Paton, Elizabeth Collins and Sarah Price from the Causeway Alliance
- Brian Robertson, Kevin Stevens and Nettie Bird from the Te Atatu Interchange Improvements Project
- Simon Nicholls, Hussam Abdul-rossol and Dai Bindoff from Auckland Transport

Apologies Margi Watson, Catherine Farmer, Warren Flaunty, David Holm, and Diane and Ken Taylor

Distribution Te Atatu Interchange Project website, 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 Brian Robertson • Te Atatu Interchange Improvements Project update by Brian Robertson • Jack Colvin Park update by Kevin Stevens • Causeway Upgrade Project update by Simon Paton • Auckland Transport update by Simon Nicholls and Hussam Abdul-rossol • Questions and discussion Overview <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
2.	Te Atatu Interchange Improvements project (TAII) <p>Aerial photos were shown of the following key areas of the project to show the progress that is being made:</p>

Eastern end (bordering Causeway Alliance works at Whau River Bridge)

- Almost finished cut for new Westbound off ramp and new ramp started
- Almost finished cut for new Eastbound on ramp
- Bridge works at Te Atatu Road involve piling for the new shared use path bridge and widening the existing southbound bridge
- Drainage works have started in this area too

Western end (bordering Lincoln Rd Project works at Henderson Creek Bridge)

- Retaining wall under construction along the border of Jack Colvin Park
- Westbound motorway widening with a retaining wall by the Vector substation

Te Atatu Road Bridge Raising works

We will be raising the three existing bridges over SH16 by 600mm.

The project scope provides that:

- the Te Atatu Interchange retains the same form but is enlarged
- the bridges are raised, strengthened and widened
- a new pedestrian (shared path) bridge is added (on the eastern side)
- all vertical and horizontal geometry will be improved

Two options were considered; either lowering the motorway or raising the bridges.

Lowering the motorway would mean

- numerous traffic switches, closures and congestion
- slow construction progress
- a huge amount of temporary shoring and sheet piling
- 'driving in a trench' for some motorists as works progress

Raising the bridges means

- Fewer traffic switches with less closures and congestion
- Less invasive motorway reconstruction

Method

To minimise disruption we will limit our bridge jacking operations to weekends only

- through a series of up to five weekend-only partial and full lane and motorway closures that allow free-flowing traffic to and from the Peninsula and minimises disruption
- Normal traffic flows during the week will remain unaffected
- During weekend day works we will be able to provide two traffic lanes (one north and one south) on the bridge, and two lanes (one east and one west) on the motorway. Cyclists will be accommodated within these works. The motorway lanes would be closed at nights; Friday to Sunday. Works on utility services will also be planned to take advantage of bridge and motorway closures
- It is likely the first of these weekends will be late October but all weekend works will be subject to agreement and approvals by Auckland Transport and emergency services etc.
- Notification of weekend works will be via a comprehensive communications plan designed to encourage traffic suppression and reduce congestion

Jack Colvin Park

- Motorway widening affects the Te Atatu Rugby League Club playing fields and their use
- We are discussing and agreeing the accommodation works with Council Parks, Local Board and Club representatives
- Works alongside and on the park include:
 - Reinstating the benched seating area
 - Erecting a new 10m high ball net fence alongside motorway
 - Relocating existing lights on to the ball fence poles
 - Rotating/realigning location of main playing field by 4m
 - Constructing new metalled car park between the fields
 - Constructing concrete noise wall alongside main playing field and rear of clubrooms

Questions and Answers

Q: How soon will the League Field be moved? The season starts in March.

A. Once we have the necessary approvals and consents we can start works and our goal is to have the work finished by March 2015.

Q. Will you be re-grassing and won't that take a while?

A. Yes we will need to re-grass over the old car park area, and we will employ turf experts to give us the best ability to finish the works in time for the league season

Q. Will there be a new fence near the Pixie Stream?

A. There is an existing pipe fence that will be moved.

Q. Do you realise that the new car park area is an old landfill and very wet?

A. We will not be digging down much, rather laying new metal carpark material on top and we will provide drainage for the carpark

Q. Will the League Club's advertising signs on the motorway side of the building be made visible again?

A. These existing signs will not be accommodated as part of the new works. The Transport Agency perspective is that these signs bordering the motorway are not consented. The noise wall alongside this area will obscure some of the signs.

Q. In Alwyn Ave why do trucks start at 6am?

A. Site works start at 7am. Trucks should not be starting earlier and we will look into this. Thank you

Q. Why is the road on Alwyn Ave a different colour if you are not supposed to track dirt from site?

A. We water blast the truck wheels prior to leaving site and we have a road sweeper with a vacuum hose that we run over the road regularly. There will be a small amount of discolouration on the road from the wash water on the wheels that will fade quickly.

Q. How are you managing reversing beepers?

A. We are in the process of ensuring each piece of plant has low frequency reversing beepers. Occasionally a replacement piece of plant or delivery vehicle will slip through and we are trying to manage this.

Q. When you work at night, light spills into my daughters room

A. Please always contact our Stakeholder Liaison, Nettie Bird, if you have any

	<p>immediate concerns and we will work with the guys on site to help out</p> <p>Q. Will the noise wall behind my property be high enough?</p> <p>A. The noise walls have been designed to achieve the required noise limits. We will visit you and have a look at your particular location and the light spilling into the room at night.</p> <p>Q. Will we qualify for a rates rebate while work is disruptive?</p> <p>A. No</p> <p>Q. Can you please place motorway ramp closure warning signs further away from the closure so drivers get more advanced warning</p> <p>A. Yes, good idea. We will talk to our traffic manager.</p> <p>Q. When will McCormick Green works be finished and vibrations stop? I am worried about vibrations caused by compaction plant</p> <p>A. The shared path and on ramp works in this area are scheduled to be complete by the end of the year. We will come and visit you to assess vibrations and possibly monitor them for a while.</p> <p>Q. Can we have artwork on the Te Atatu Bridge?</p> <p>A. Yes. We are talking to artists and also looking for continuity between projects.</p>
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3.	Causeway Upgrade Project
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	<p>Note; the assembled group congratulated the Causeway Upgrade Project on winning the Supreme Award for Safety from the Auckland Division of the NZ Contractors' Federation.</p> <p>Construction update</p> <p>Photos were shown of the following key areas of the project to show the progress that is being made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Causeway section is at its final preload height. We need to be very careful how we raise the embankment because it is sensitive to King tides and wet weather. The settlement rate and sideways movement of the embankment are closely monitored. • We have poured all of the deck on the northern side of the Whau Bridge. The temporary staging is being moved from the northern side to the southern side now. • On the eastbound reclamation we are stripping off preload material which we recycle to the Causeway Bridge section of the job. We are also in the process of placing revetment rock. • At Retaining Wall 4 heavy rain has affected the wall. We have placed extra rock here to reinforce the wall under emergency works approved by the Minister of Transport, Minister of Conservation, Iwi, Auckland Council and Department of Conservation <p>Cycleway changes at Patiki Rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have closed the bus lane between the Patiki Rd on ramp and Rosebank Rd so we could maintain the cycleway as long as possible while we build the underpass. In about a month we will need to detour the cyclists around this area as works are completed <p>Oakley Creek Boardwalk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works here have been slow for two opposite reasons; the basalt has been very hard (requiring drilling), but once through it the substrate is very soft which is a challenge for supporting a 70t piling rig. We are progressing as fast as we
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Great North Rd Interchange

- We are rebuilding the westbound onramp and the project links up with the Well-Connected Alliance in this area.

Design Update

- Environmental and cultural legacy outcomes- there are no decisions yet but we will keep you informed
- We have been in discussion with three Iwi artists who have been briefed to develop 'art in design' concepts, including noise wall designs

Environmental monitoring

- We have been carrying out six-monthly marine ecology monitoring at 12 sites: 6 north of the Causeway and 6 within the Oakley Inlet and Waterview Estuary
- There has been no substantial change, with any changes likely to be related to seasons. A NZ fur seal playing was photographed by the construction team near the Whau River Bridge
- Bird monitoring and botanical monitoring have been suspended as Auckland Council accepts there are no issues with regard to either

Asbestos removal

- As mentioned at the last CLG in May, some asbestos was discovered along the Rosebank Domain batter and we have so far spent in excess of \$100,000.00 having this area cleaned. The scaffold towers are so workers can install bin liners in the trucks that are hauling the excavated material away from site. Please contact info@sh16causeway.co.nz if you would like more information

Feedback and queries

- Night time works - beepers / squawkers and flashing lights are tools to keep our workers safe. However we try to minimise disruption as much as possible by using low frequency reversing beepers.
- Basalt drilling at Oakley Creek boardwalk has taken longer than expected and some neighbours have found the noise disruptive. We are being as quick as we can and giving advance notice to the neighbours whenever possible.
- Road markings and detour signage - we are working to make road markings and signage more visible
- We are delighted to have had positive feedback from cyclists coming through our site, particularly at the entry gates

Cycleway Light Installation - 25 August 2014

- We are installing permanent cycleway lighting at the Great North Road interchange
- As we install the lights the cycleway width will be temporarily reduced
- This will take approx. two weeks
- Pedestrian barriers and traffic control will be in place

Upcoming traffic management

Great North Road eastbound off ramp: 26 - 28 Sept 2014

- Major works as we move the ramp to its new alignment
- The ramp will be closed late Fri 26 Sept
- We will carry out milling and asphaltting Sat 27 Sept

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramp will be re-opened early Mon 29 Sept <p>Whau River Bridge stitch: 26 - 28 Sept 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will use the same weekend to pour a concrete stitch between the existing and new sections of the Whau River Bridge eastbound. It will require a 12 to 13 hour closure as we pour the concrete and it sets. <p>Questions and Answers</p> <p>Q. I have been concerned about road layout changes around a blind corner when leaving Pt Chevalier and heading to Avondale along Great North Road. Any extra signage or visibility would be helpful</p> <p>A: We will relay your comments to the Well-Connected Alliance who manage this area</p> <p>Q. Are police monitoring speeds through the 80kph zone? A lot of traffic is speeding</p> <p>A. Yes. Please watch your speed and stay at 80kph through works zones</p> <p>Q. You are raising the motorway because the old one was sinking. How long will it take the new one to sink?</p> <p>A. We estimate up to 0.5m settlement over the next 25 years and have built to that</p>
4.	<p>Auckland Transport</p>
	<p>An update was provided by Simon Nicholls and Hussam Abdul-rossol on the Auckland Transport projects planned for the Te Atatu area. Please refer to the Auckland Transport website for project details at both www.at.govt.nz/teatatu and https://at.govt.nz/media/668822/Te-Atatu-Rd-Presentation-Aug-2014.pdf</p> <p>.</p>

5. **Future Meetings and Contact Details**

The next CLG meetings are at 7:00pm at the Pringle Park Bowling Club, Pringle Road, Te Atatu Peninsula on the following dates

- Wednesday 12 November 2014
- Tuesday 17 February 2015
- Wednesday 6 May 2015
- Tuesday 18 August 2015
- Wednesday 11 November 2015

For more information;

- aucklandmotorways.com (re closures)
- nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh16causeway
- nzta.govt.nz/projects/wrr
- Monthly Causeway News

- Communications and Stakeholder feedback:
 - Causeway Alliance - ph 0800 444 449 (mention Causeway, AKI)
 - Te Atatu Interchange Improvements Project- 0800 300 007 (Nettie Bird)

Meeting closed at 9:00pm