

Westhaven to Akoranga

NORTHERN PATHWAY

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



Between 30 March and 19 April 2020, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, asked for your feedback on the preferred design of the Westhaven to Akoranga section of the Northern Pathway.

1,197 submissions received

Over **10,000** 

brochures delivered to households



1,135 completed the online feedback form

722,644 

times online adverts seen



62 email submissions



1,873

people clicked on the online advert to visit our webpage

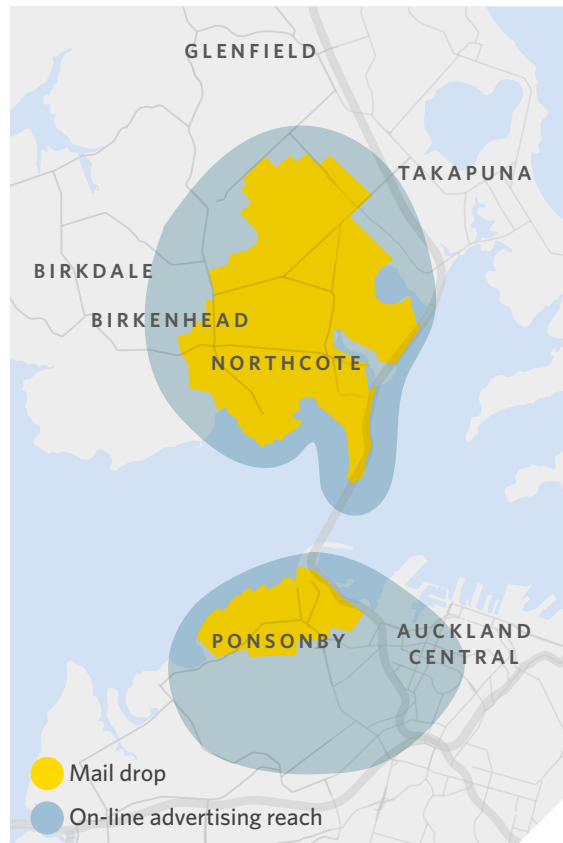
3 times more feedback than our 2019 public consultation

COVID-19 CHANGED HOW WE ENGAGED WITH YOU AND COLLECTED YOUR FEEDBACK

Government announcements to manage COVID-19 advised it was unsafe to gather people in large groups at open days and drop in sessions, so we moved our engagement online and were also contactable via email or phone.

How we told you about our **public engagement**:

- Online advertising across 50 websites
- NZ Herald print advertising
- Over 10,000 brochures delivered to households
- Three media releases
- Two e-newsletter updates
- Updates on the project webpage including the brochure, a link to the e-survey, design graphics and frequently asked questions
- Waka Kotahi Auckland Facebook post



We heard from...



Residents and residents' associations



Local Boards



Boat users/owners



People who want to use the pathway on foot



People who want to ride on the pathway



Local Members of Parliament



Environmental groups



Transport advocacy groups



Local university



Retirees



Business owners

You said ...

'Keep the pathway open 24/7 for all users'

We will: Seek that the approvals needed to operate the pathway allow use 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

'Provide residential parking permits to local residents'

We will: Continue to work closely with Auckland Transport who manage parking in the area.

'Provide bathroom facilities near the ramps and/or near the proposed connections'

We will: Investigate potential locations for toilets, working with our key stakeholders, Auckland Council and Panuku Development Auckland.

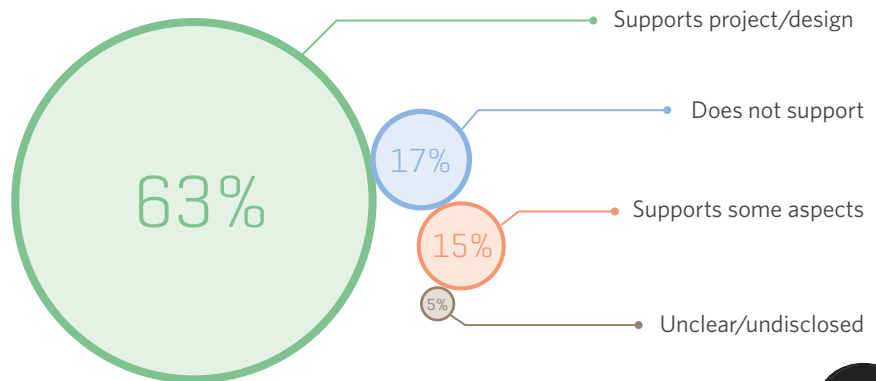
'Include seating and rubbish bins at rest areas and pathway connections'

We will: Consider requirements for seating and rubbish bins during the detailed design phase.

'Manage possible conflicts between the variety of pathway users'

We will: Progress the detailed design with this feedback and your safety in mind.

Sentiment for proposed Northern Pathway Westhaven to Akoranga (n=1,197)

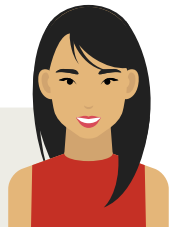


Overall sentiment

The majority of those who gave their feedback expressed support for the project and believe that the Northern Pathway will provide a long overdue alternative transport choice between central Auckland and the North Shore.

Those who were in opposition expressed concern about adverse effects on communities, particularly at Northcote Point.

We're confident that our proposed design minimises these, while creating a safe and accessible pathway that will serve generations of Aucklanders and visitors for years to come.



"I love that it is happening! I like that there are regular entry and exit points - not too many, not too few."



"It is a critical missing link in Auckland's transport infrastructure for which Aucklanders have been kept waiting for decades."



"Given there will be a range of users and modes of transport, a segregated cycling/walking path would improve flow and safety."



"Consider signage highlighting Mana Whenua history and areas of cultural significance."

Next steps

We will be applying for the approvals needed to construct and operate the pathway later this year and you can read more about this on our project webpage.

We'll also continue to talk with our partners and the community as the project progresses.

Subject to approvals, the Westhaven to Akoranga section of the Northern Pathway is due to be completed in 2024.



For more information visit the project webpage or email the team

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