



The MHX Kirkbride Alliance team delivering the SH20A to Airport project upgrade continue to focus on bringing the community improved connections for cycling, walking and driving. We wish you all the best for the holiday season as we reflect on the goals that have been reached this year, and look forward to 2017.

This update gives an overview of what has been accomplished on the project during 2016 and what the Mangere community, drivers and travellers can look forward to as we head towards the project's finish line in 2017.



ZERO HARM FOR EVERYONE

Please keep in mind your family, loved ones and road workers as you travel during the holiday period. Observe speed limits detour routes and help keep everyone safe and able to return home to family, whanau and friends.

2016 MILESTONES

THE BIG DIG

The opening of the new SH20A northbound ramps in July was an important milestone for the team and provided the necessary space to safely dig the trench through the middle of SH20A. Progress on the 'big dig' has been significant as the team are able to excavate on both the south and north side of Kirkbride Road. In 2016 the team poured 26 base slabs which form the floor of the trench. In total 41 base slabs will have been laid by the time the trench is complete.



Breakthrough, we are now digging the trench under Kirkbride Road Bridge



Excavation of SH20A trench, January 2016



Excavation of trench north and south, October 2016

OPENING OF KIRKBRIDE SHARED PATH

In August the MHX Kirkbride Alliance opened Stage 1 of the Kirkbride shared path which runs from Williams Park to Kirkbride Road. The 500 metre path is lined by visually impressive timber and concrete noise walls. It was opened by community representatives including Mangere Central School students and the Mangere BikeFit Club. The children were the first to ride on and enjoy this section of the new shared path.



Opening of Kirkbride shared path August 2016

NOISE WALLS ON SH20A

Completion of the noise walls in September 2016 along SH20A was a win for the team and local residents. More than 700m of noise walls have been constructed to reduce the impacts of road noise on properties bordering the motorway.

The walls are a combination of timber and concrete and their design includes themes of cultural significance to mana whenua.



Completion of noise walls, September 2016

LOCAL ROADS IMPROVEMENTS

The local community has seen a number of changes during construction.

The project team has been working on local roads to improve facilities and safety standards for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

Kirkbride Road east has seen significant changes with footpath, kerbing, stormwater drainage and street lighting upgrade complete on the eastbound side.

The Jordan/Westney/Kirkbride Road intersection upgrade will be completed by January 2017 and includes traffic signals and pedestrian crossings.

We would like to thank the community for your continued patience and support as we work to upgrade SH20A and local roads.



Kirkbride Road east upgrade October 2016

JUNIOR ALLIANCE MANAGEMENT TEAM (AMT)

Students at Mangere Central School have been watching the project take shape, working closely with the NZ Transport Agency and the project's management team. The children have set up a group which

mirrors the MHX Kirkbride Alliance Management team and taken on roles including Construction Manager and Environmental Manager.

The management team at MHX Kirkbride Alliance has enjoyed working with the school during 2016 and looks forward to continuing the relationship next year as the project heads towards completion.



Planting of Mangere Central School bus bay, May 2016



Visit to MHX site and tour with traffic team, July 2016



Visit to MHX site and tour with traffic team, August 2016



Visit to MHX site for lunch with management team, October 2016

WHAT'S COMING IN 2017

Completion of the SH20A to Airport project next year is an exciting milestone for the community. With upgraded local roads and motorway and suburban traffic separated, getting around by bus, bike, vehicle or on foot will be much easier.

Woven into the upgrade is artworks reflecting Maori cultural heritage, brought to life with the help of iwi artist, Reuben Kirkwood and Te Akitai carver Chris Wade. Incorporating themes important to Te Waiohau provides an

enhanced sense of place for the community and increases knowledge of cultural heritage for visitors.

Screens on the Kirkbride Road Bridge will be completed in early 2017 and include themes of travel and arrival and add safety features for pedestrians and road users. The themes are reflected in the design of noise walls, trench and a selection of plant species, too.

The trench represents a waka and artwork on the first and last props spanning the trench reflect the entry/exit of a meeting house. When complete the trench will carry SH20A traffic under Kirkbride Road Bridge and will be 450m, which is about the length of four rugby fields. It will be 30m wide and measure about 7.5m from top to bottom at the deepest point.

CYCLING AND WALKING PATHS

The remaining 2km of shared path will open later in 2017 and will run from Williams Park (which connects to Bader Drive) to Landing Drive at Auckland Airport.

Upgrades to the footpath and road widening along Kirkbride Road east continue with cycle lanes being installed on both sides of Kirkbride Road and will link into the shared path.



Mr T at the Kirkbride Shared Path opening

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Kapau ko e lea fakapālangi 'oku 'ikai ko ho'o lea ia, e lava pe ke mau alea'i ha liliu-lea 'o e fakamatalatohi ni ma'au. Kātaki 'o fetu'utaki mai kia kimautilu kapau 'oku ke fiema'u e mau ngāue koia.

अगर अंग्रेजी आपकी पहली भाषा नहीं है तो हम आपके लिए इस समाचार-पत्र के अनुवाद की व्यवस्था कर सकते हैं। अगर आप इस सेवा को लेना चाहेंगे तो कृपया हमसे संपर्क करें।

A fai ole Igilisi e le o lau gagana muamua, e mafai ona matou faaliliuina soo se tusitusiga. Valaau mai pea mamao mia se fesoasoani

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