

State Highway 20A to Airport improvements

PROJECT UPDATE

December 2017



MAJOR MILESTONES OF 2017

The MHX Kirkbride Alliance team reached a number of major milestones in 2017 for the SH20A to Airport project:

- » The Kirkbride Road interchange opened in August. The interchange separated local road and motorway traffic to improve safety and journey reliability to and from the airport.
- » SH20A/Montgomerie Road intersection closed in August to improve safety.
- » The wetland areas at Bader Drive and Kirkbride Road have been completed, and are attracting birdlife with the native plantings.
- » A number of local road upgrades have been completed.

As the team reflects on these achievements, we are also setting new goals for 2018, which involve improving cycling, walking and driving connections in the area.

The team would like to thank the Mangere and Airport Oaks communities for their continued patience during this project and wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

GOALS

LANDING DRIVE INTERSECTION
8 lanes created & signalised in mid-2018

MONTGOMERIE ROAD ROAD WETLAND
complete by xmas 2017

LOCAL ROAD UPGRADES
finished early 2018

SH20A & LANDING DRIVE UPGRADES
complete by mid-2018

SHARED PATH BETWEEN WILLIAMS PARK & LANDING DRIVE
open mid-2018

WETLAND AREAS ALONG SH20A

The team plans to finish three of the project’s four wetland areas before Christmas. Wetlands help to treat stormwater runoff, so these areas are a significant addition to the project and for iwi because this water eventually goes into Manukau Harbour, the kai moana food basket for tangata whenua.

Foreman for the Montgomery Road wetland site Krishna Nand says heavy rain has had little impact on work.

‘The wet weather we had at the start of the season could have slowed us down, but the team pressed on and as a result should finish most of the work by Christmas.’

182 piles were installed at the Montgomery Road wetland site late in November, after about 5900 cubic metres of soil was excavated. Once finished, the wetland will look similar to those near Bader Drive and Kirkbride Road.



Wooden piles are installed at the wetland



The wetland near Bader Drive

Please take extra care when travelling these holidays. Be courteous, remember to share the road with others, keep a safe travelling distance and take frequent breaks. Plan ahead and allow plenty of time to reach the destination – make the journey part of the holiday. Stick to the speed limit and always ensure that everyone buckles up.

Stay safe everyone.

SAFER ON LOCAL ROADS

A number of local intersections have been upgraded to improve safety and traffic flow.

Most of the work on Kirkbride Road east will be completed by Christmas, and minor finishing work will be done in the New Year. The pavement for this intersection has been laid and is providing a safer, smoother journey for all road users.

Upgrades to Kirkbride Road west, Ascot Road and Richard Pearse Drive will be completed in early 2018. In February, two lanes will open to allow vehicles to turn left from Kirkbride Road onto Ascot Road.

The pedestrian crossing at Ascot Road and Kirkbride Road will also open in February.



The intersection of Kirkbride Road and Ascot Road, November 2017



Aerial view of Kirkbride Road in October 2017

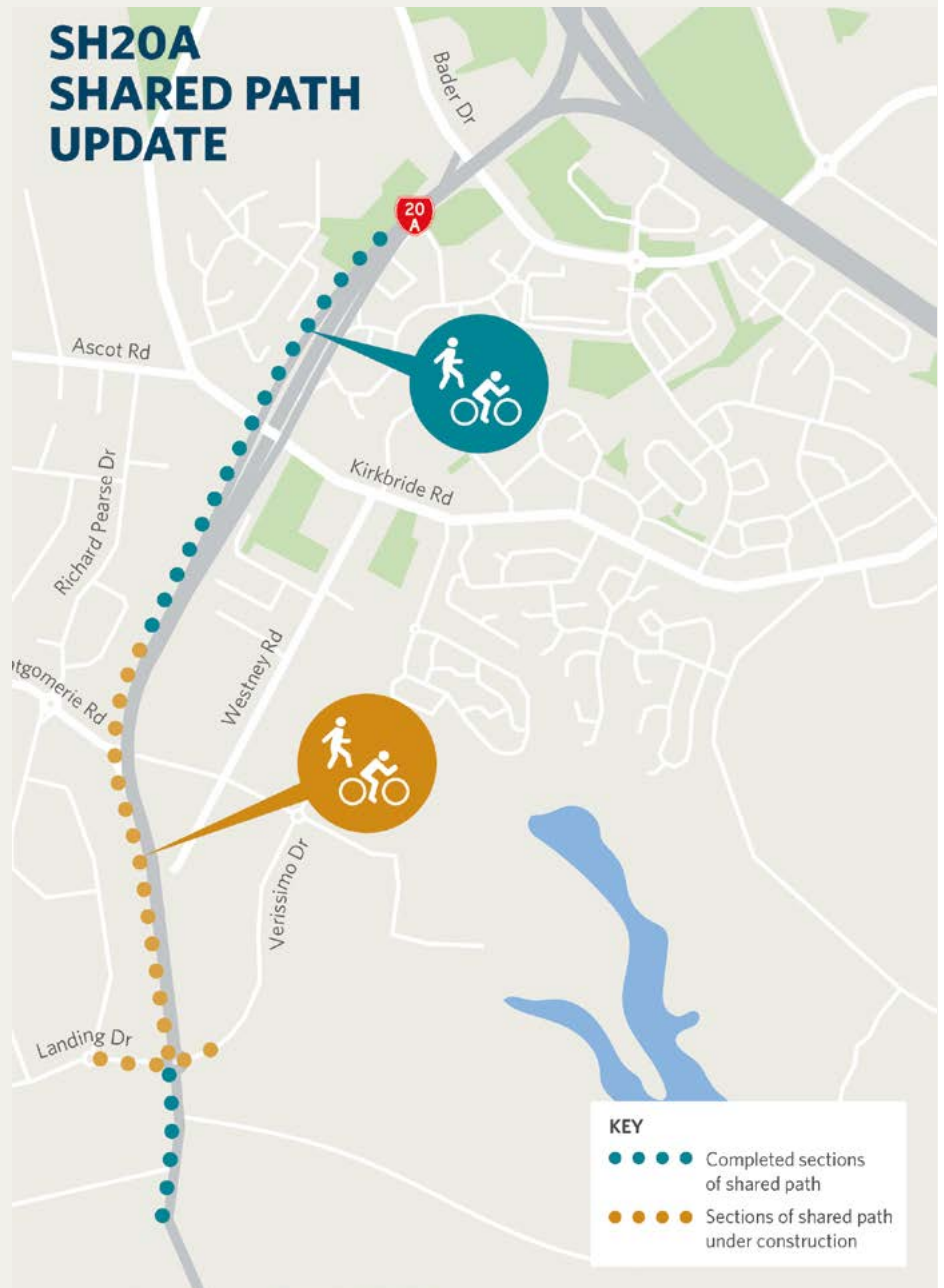
SH20A AND LANDING DRIVE INTERSECTION UPGRADE

The SH20A and Landing Drive roundabout has undergone a number of changes and more will follow in 2018. The roundabout will be upgraded to an 8-lane intersection controlled by traffic lights, and a shared path will go in between Williams Park and Ihumatao Road. This will improve safety and journey reliability for cyclists and pedestrians and for those travelling to and from Auckland Airport.

During the holiday season, there will be a significant increase in visitors to and from Auckland which means more road users, many of whom will be unfamiliar with the route. If you are travelling to Auckland Airport, remember to allow extra travel time and to check road conditions before you leave home.



The Landing Drive roundabout in November 2017. Construction of the new road is underway



SPRING CLEAN DONATIONS

In November MHX Kirkbride Alliance's storeman, Mike Tolich, organised a spring clean of the site's break rooms. During the year a number of pieces of clothing were left behind by their owners and the spring clean set out to reunite them. Any items that remained unclaimed have been donated to Te Puea Memorial Marae on Miro Road, Mangere. Items included winter jackets, pants, work shirts, hats and even slippers.

During the winter months, with help from volunteers, the marae temporarily housed, fed, clothed and rehomed families in desperate need.

You can keep up to date with Te Puea Memorial Marae by following their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TePueaMaraeManaakiTangata/



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