

MIN-4505 Auckland RLTP and Stage 4 of the Eastern Busway

17 May 2024

Following the release of the draft Auckland Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP), here are some brief lines and advice on what it means for Stage 4 of the Eastern Busway.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) response:

- Eastern Busway to Botany (stages two and three) will be substantially completed during this RLTP period. This will provide a new rapid transit connection from Panmure to Botany. It includes the Reeves Road flyover, a new bus interchange at Pakuranga and an interim interchange at Botany.
- The Eastern Busway is expected to carry more than 30,000 people per day between the rapidly growing south-eastern suburbs and the rail network in Panmure. It will make journeys faster and more convenient, reducing travel time between Botany and Britomart, and helping to reduce traffic congestion and vehicle emissions.
- This Draft RLTP proposes to defer the final Botany Interchange. The cost estimate for this interchange and associated linkages has grown substantially and it is not yet decided how this facility will tie into the Airport to Botany project. As the Eastern Busway project includes a temporary interchange facility that will provide a solution for up to a decade, AT proposes to delay the final interchange until the full alignment with Airport to Botany is understood.
- s 9(2)(g)(i)

Noted by Minister