

SOUTHWEST GATEWAY PROGRAMME

The Southwest Gateway Programme consists of three connected transport projects that will provide greater choice and reliability for travel around south and east Auckland, including to and from the airport.

In November and December 2018, the Southwest Gateway project teams held nine community engagement events updating the local community on progress, next steps and listened to feedback.

In addition, we met with local government, Mana Whenua and key interest groups.

Overall, feedback has been positive with support for investment in public transport and walking and cycling, as well as improving safety on local roads and state highways.

Here's a snapshot of what we heard.



9

open days

830

people attended open days in NOV / DEC 2018

17.5K

promotional flyers sent to local households

419

feedback notes gathered during open days

324

written feedback responses

SAFETY

We heard support for state highway, local road, station, walking and cycling improvements that enhance safety and provide separated facilities.

How community feedback has been used:

Separated facilities for public transport, walking and cycling will be provided.

Safety measures such as median barriers, raised speed tables, improved lighting and signage, as well as new and upgraded intersections will be provided along State Highway 20B and Puhinui Road by 2021.

COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION

We heard that rapid transit needs to integrate with the current and proposed future transport network to improve connectivity.

How community feedback has been used:

We are working closely with other initiatives such as Supporting Growth to create a connected transport system that supports accessibility and growth.

We are working with the Eastern Busway project to coordinate the delivery of Botany Interchange to provide easy transfers between rapid transit and local buses.

The rapid transit route will integrate with key interchanges at Manukau and Puhinui to improve connections to the rail network.

CUSTOMER CENTRIC TRANSPORT

We heard that rapid transit needs to be efficient and reliable with frequent services that support the travel needs of users, including shift workers. Services would need to be affordable, safe, easy to use and accessible.

How community feedback has been used:

By 2021, electric buses will be introduced between the airport, Puhinui Station Interchange and Manukau. AirportLink services will operate 7 days a week every 10-minutes 4am - 9pm and every 15-minutes 9pm - 1:30am.

Over time, as demand increases these services will be extended to Botany and high-capacity bus rapid transit vehicles will be introduced to provide a 'turn-up-and-go' experience. The vehicle and station design will ensure services are accessible, fast and reliable.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EFFECTS

We heard about the strong Mana Whenua connection to the Southwest Gateway Programme area.

How community feedback has been used:

We are working with Mana Whenua to better understand cultural values and how we can protect them.

Ecologists, coastal processes and landscape and visual specialists have been engaged to help us manage environmental effects and where possible, enhance and protect the existing environment.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

We heard that current transport services are unreliable and do not meet people's needs, limiting access and growth potential, restricts choice and the uptake of public transport.

How community feedback has been used:

We are planning now for recent and future growth in south and east Auckland over the next 30 years. This will be a staged approach of new and frequent bus services, new and upgraded stations, rapid transit and state highway improvements.

During the last round of engagement, we asked the public for feedback on options for the rapid transit route between Manukau and Puhinui and Puhinui and the airport.

MANUKAU AND PUHINUI

The majority of people we spoke to supported travel along Manukau Station Road as it is closer to the bus and train stations and provides better use of current infrastructure.

There was also support for the option that travels along Ronwood Avenue as it provides a faster journey through Manukau and a better connection to the shopping areas.

PUHINUI AND THE AIRPORT

80 per cent supported travel along State Highway 20B as it would be direct, fast and connect to industrial employment areas.

There was little support for travel along State Highway 20/20A as it would be less direct.

How community feedback has been used:

We have completed further technical work and identified that rapid transit will travel to/from Auckland Airport along State Highway 20B, Puhinui Road and Lambie Drive to the upgraded Puhinui Station Interchange.

From here, it travels through Manukau Centre via Manukau Station Road, Davies Avenue and Ronwood Avenue to support investment in housing, schools, employment and transport. It then travels via Te Irirangi Drive to a new high-quality interchange at Botany where it will connect with the Eastern Busway.

The preferred route balances the benefits of connecting shopping areas in Manukau with the bus and rail stations, as well as providing a more direct link to the airport, reducing travel times.

TIMELINE

EARLY IMPROVEMENTS

LATE 2019

Construction starts on:
 • Puhinui Station upgrade
 • SH20B priority lanes, walking and cycling facilities and new/upgraded intersections
 • Airport Precinct priority improvements

EARLY 2020

Construction starts on Puhinui Road and Lambie Drive bus priority lanes, walking and cycling facilities and new/upgraded intersections and pedestrian crossings

2021

Early improvements complete and new bus services between the airport, Puhinui and Manukau and other centres are in operation

LONG TERM IMPROVEMENTS

LATE 2019

Develop business cases and gather feedback on preferred options for Airport to Botany Rapid Transit and 20Connect

2020+

Refine preferred options and route protection for Airport to Botany Rapid Transit and 20Connect

ONGOING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2025+

Staged construction of long-term improvements *subject to approvals and funding availability