

SOUTHWEST GATEWAY PROGRAMME

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK
– November and December 2019



The Southwest Gateway Programme will provide safer and more reliable travel choice to move around south and east Auckland including to and from the airport.

The programme includes three connected transport projects. It has both early and long-term projects for better public transport, walking and cycling facilities as well as a safer journey experience. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Auckland Transport and Auckland Airport are working together to deliver this work.

Thanks to everyone who attended one of our open days during November and December 2019 and provided feedback to help shape the planning and design stage for the Airport to Botany Rapid Transit and 20Connect projects. The most common themes raised during engagement with partners, key stakeholders and community included:

- **Customer-focussed public transport** — rapid transit services need to be fast and reliable.
- **Safety** — separated walking and cycling facilities that cater for all types of users.
- **Coordination and integration** — rapid transit, bus and train schedules should be synchronised with short waiting times. Frequency and location of local feeder services will need to be considered.
- **Environmental and social opportunities and effects** — sustainable transport options that encourage people to use active modes and ride share initiatives.
- **Growth and development** — stations along the route need to be well connected to current and future public transport infrastructure and provide for further development.

To find out more about these themes and how we have responded to feedback, please visit please visit:
www.nzta.govt.nz/southwest-gateway/publications

Airport to Botany Rapid Transit will deliver a fast, frequent, high capacity public transport route between the airport, Manukau and Botany. It will improve transport choice, reliability, and journey times. It will connect with existing and planned rapid transit including the southern and eastern rail lines at an upgraded Puhinui Station Interchange

20Connect will improve journey reliability and safety along State Highways 20, 20A and 20B. It will provide priority lanes for public transport, improve access for freight and provide better walking and cycling connections.

Auckland Airport Precinct Improvements
This project will deliver consistent, reliable journeys on the airport's transport network and support a shift to public transport options.



8

community open days

850+

engaged people

33K

flyers distributed in the programme area

230

online and written submissions

ONLINE AND WRITTEN FEEDBACK FORMS

We asked people questions about our plans for the early and long-term projects. Here's an overview of what you told us and how we have used your feedback to help shape the projects.

AIRPORT TO BOTANY RAPID TRANSIT

We asked people what they thought of the preferred rapid transit route between the airport, Puhinui Station Interchange, Manukau and Botany. **Of the 62 responses, 83% of people were in support of the preferred route.** The 18km of rapid transit will travel through key centres and development areas, including the airport, Manukau and Botany.

This feedback will be incorporated into the final Airport to Botany Rapid Transit business case, along with future project stages including pre-implementation and consenting.

PUHINUI ROAD AND LAMBIE DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

We asked people what they thought about the proposed operating hours for the bus lanes on Puhinui Road and Lambie Drive, 6-10am and 3-7pm Monday to Friday. **Of the 202 responses, 65% of people wanted the bus lanes to operate for longer hours.**

After reviewing this feedback, the preferred bus lane operating hours have been extended to 6am-7pm, seven days a week. This will provide greater all-day reliability for bus services and allow for consistent customer journeys.

We also asked for feedback on proposed changes to walking and cycling facilities in the area. Many responses expressed concern with plans to remove 1.2km of unprotected on-road cycle lanes on Puhinui Road east of the station. These lanes need to be removed to provide space for bus priority lanes. This will allow for a new direct bus service between the airport, Puhinui and Manukau.

Fully separated cycle facilities on Puhinui Road are planned as part of the future Airport to Botany Rapid Transit Project. We are also looking at cycling improvements between the Airport Oaks, Māngere and Māngere Bridge, and more information on these improvements will be available later this year.

20CONNECT

We asked what they thought about the preferred improvements as part of the 20Connect project. **Of the 68 responses, 58% of people supported the plans for State Highways 20, 20A and SH20B.** There was also strong support for the walking and cycling improvements proposed along SH20B and SH20 and the new ramp connections to improve the efficiency of freight.

This feedback will be incorporated into the final 20Connect business case, along with future project stages including pre-implementation and consenting.

SH20B EARLY IMPROVEMENTS

We asked for feedback on the current and proposed speed limits along State Highway 20B.

We want to introduce a consistent and reduced speed limit of 60km/hr. This will help make it safer for all users once the improvements are complete. **Of the 194 responses to our survey, 86% of people supported a consistent and reduced speed.**

This feedback will help inform the formal consultation process that will happen later this year before the speed limit along the state highway can be changed.

NEXT STEPS

The majority of the Southwest Gateway Programme is planned for delivery over the coming decades in line with growth. However, some components of the 20Connect and Airport to Botany Rapid Transit projects may be prioritised for construction this decade to improve access for southwest, south and east Auckland sooner and build demand for the ultimate rapid transit service.

Construction of the Puhinui Station Interchange and SH20B Early Improvements are underway. The improvements planned along Puhinui Road and Lambie Drive will start construction in September 2020.

TIMELINE

EARLY IMPROVEMENTS

LATE 2019

Construction started on:
▪ **Puhinui Station** upgrade
▪ **SH20B** priority lanes, walking and cycling facilities and new/upgraded intersections
▪ **Airport Precinct** priority improvements
Gather feedback on detailed plans for the early improvements

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

2019 — 2020

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

2020+

Refine preferred options and protect the land required for the **20Connect and Airport to Botany Rapid Transit Projects**

2025+

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

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