

Pukekohe-Paerata and south Drury future transport networks: Update

April 2023

The proposed future transport network in and around this area has been updated following on from feedback from our recent community consultation and ongoing technical investigations.



You supported improved connections and a 'ring route' to provide alternative routes that will assist in removing general through traffic and freight from the Pukekohe town centre, an upgrade to Mill Road (Bombay) and Pukekohe East Road, and an alternative route for users to connect new and existing residential areas as growth occurs.



You didn't support the proposed North East Arterial route alignment presented during the consultation period.



Concern was raised by the growing and agriculture sectors that the proposed routes would not be suitable for freight and heavy vehicle traffic.

A whole network solution

Generally, the wider transport network to service future communities across Pukekohe-Paerata and south Drury is being planned to integrate with Future Urban Zones and will provide a safer and more sustainable transport network that will better accommodate all vehicle traffic, including freight, public transport, walking, and cycling to support the growing population.

During public consultation, we heard that you opposed the emerging preferred North East Arterial option, specifically, the section proposed to upgrade Grace James Road.

Changing an emerging preferred alignment is rarely for only one reason as there are usually many reasons for a change.

What has changed?

As a result of ongoing assessment and the feedback we received during consultation, we have made changes to the preferred North East Arterial alignment:

The revised preferred alignment is:

- Sitting away from the Future Urban Zone. This is similar to a route identified in the Pukekohe-Paerata Structure Plan 2019.
- A more easterly alignment in the southern section at the intersection of Pukekohe East Road.



Future transport networks in Pukekohe, Paerata and Drury April 2023



Future Urban Zone

Future interchange (not in scope for Te Tupu Ngātahi Supporting Growth)

Bombay interchange not in scope for Te Tupu Ngātahi Supporting Growth)

North Island Main Trunk (existing rail line)

Proposed Pukekohe-Paerata and south Drury transport network

State Highways 1 and 22

Future train station

Existing train station

Pukekohe North East Arterial – revised alignment



Investigating various routes/alignments that could make up the proposed transport network is part of the process leading to lodging Notices of Requirement.

Changes to initial proposals and options can occur as a result of additional investigations, further assessment, and public engagement.

The revised North East Arterial alignment is now considered the preferred location for the route because, as well as community feedback:

- Our additional work shows that it directly connects the preferred Paerata and western arterials.
- Further assessment indicates that the revised alignment will be more direct and will be used more by general traffic, including freight.
- For the southern section of the revised alignment (which now has a more easterly route), there are reduced impacts on ecologically significant areas compared to other options. It integrates better with future urban development on the eastern side (closer to Runciman Road).



In summary, the value of the North East Arterial route to the overall transport network for Pukekohe-Paerata and south Drury increases with these changes.

Next steps

We understand that for some people, a change may be welcomed, but for others, this will be unforeseen and could result in an unexpected potential impact to their property.

We will be contacting all landowners potentially impacted by the proposed transport network for Pukekohe-Paerata and south Drury. We will offer to meet with you to provide an opportunity to speak with us and have your say.

In the meantime, if you would like to talk with us, you can:

- Call us on freephone, 0800 GROW AKL (0800 4769 255)
- Email us at info@supportinggrowth.nz
- And check out our project website for more information: findoutmore-supportinggrowth.nz

The Pukekohe Detailed Business Case process is expected to be completed later this year and scheduled for consideration by the Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Boards in mid to late 2023. We expect to lodge the Notices of Requirement to designate the land required for the projects in late 2023.