



Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Shared Path

SECTION ONE: OPENING

The first section of **Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Shared Path** is open for walking and cycling.

On Friday 9 December, Transport Minister Simon Bridges cut the ribbon and was the first to ride the path, together with Mayor Phil Goff, Tamaki MP Simon O'Connor, and children from Stonefields School.

Construction began on this first of four sections in October 2015. Due for completion in 2018, Te Ara Ki Uta Ki Tai (the path of land and sea) will extend seven kilometres from Merton Road to Tamaki Drive. The shared path will connect Auckland's eastern suburbs to the Waitemata and the city centre.

Section one, between Merton Road and St Johns Road, provides a convenient local link to Glen Innes Train Station. It also opens up walking and cycling access to shops and facilities on St Johns Road.

The path is a joint project between Auckland Transport (AT) and the NZ Transport Agency.



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Children from Stonefields school were amongst the first to ride the path.



Mayor Phil Goff, Transport Minister Simon Bridges, Tamaki MP Simon O'Connor, Orakei Councillor Desley Simpson, Orakei Local Board members Colin Davis (Chair), Carmel Claridge and Toni Millar.



Bikes of all types were seen at the opening event.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction of section one is complete. Construction of sections two and three will start later than planned, but project completion is still expected in 2018. In mid-2017 we will seek public feedback on section four.

COMPLETE

Section 1: Merton Road to St Johns Road: late 2015 to late 2016.

Section 2: St Johns Road to Orakei Basin: mid-2017 to mid-2018.

Section 3: Orakei Basin boardwalk: early 2017 to late 2017.

Section 4: Orakei Basin to Tamaki Drive: late 2017 to late 2018.

SECTION TWO:

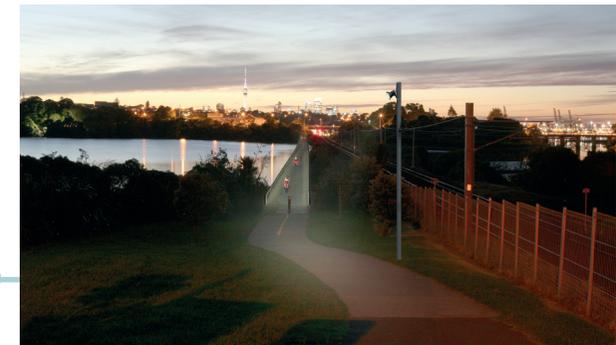
ST JOHNS ROAD TO ORAKEI BASIN

- The path will be around four metres wide, constructed mostly in concrete.
- From St Johns Road, the path descends into Purewa Valley, crossing streams and wetlands. The bush environment and cityscape backdrop create one of the most scenic sections of the route.
- A bridge will take the path over the eastern rail line at Tahapa Reserve, connecting with Meadowbank Train Station.
- Future links into the path are under consideration. These will enable more people to access it.

SECTION THREE:

ORAKEI BASIN BOARDWALK

- We will keep the boardwalk open during construction.
- The boardwalk will be widened from 2.7 metres to 4.5 metres, creating more space for people walking and cycling.
- A slip-resistant surface applied to the wooden boardwalk will keep the path safe for walking and cycling in wet weather.
- LED lighting incorporated into a wooden handrail will provide a visual effect and extend the hours of use.



Orakei Basin boardwalk will be widened to 4.5 metres and lit for extended hours of use.



Looking towards the city from Tahapa Reserve.



The natural beauty and magnificent views along the seven kilometre route will appeal to people commuting into the city, as well as those using the path for fitness and recreation.

A CITY FOR BIKES

People on bikes are part of our vision for a more accessible, liveable city. AT, the NZ Transport Agency and Auckland Council are working on projects that make it easier to get around Auckland by bike or on foot.

On Sunday 4 December, Mt Eden resident Mike Atkinson made the 100,000th trip on Quay Street Cycleway. Since its opening in July, around 670 cyclists use Quay Street Cycleway every day. By 2018, the cycleway will extend along Tamaki Drive to connect with the completed Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Shared Path.

Quay Street Cycleway is a safe, separated cycle route for people on bikes to access the city centre and harbour. Along with Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Shared Path, it is part of a \$200 million multi-agency investment in Auckland cycling, through the Government's Urban Cycleways Programme.

Cycleways on Quay Street, Nelson Street, Beach Road and Grafton Gully, have contributed to a doubling of people cycling into the city over the past three years. One year old this month, Te Ara I Whiti (the pink Lightpath), is one of Auckland's best known and loved cycleways. In November it won the top prize in the Transport category at the Berlin World Architecture Festival. Find out more at AT.govt.nz/cycling



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