

Karangahape Road Enhancements Newsletter

March 2018

Welcome to the first Karangahape Road Enhancements project newsletter for 2018. As construction in late 2018 draws closer, we understand you want to know what is planned and how you can have input.

Karangahape Road Enhancements is a joint project between Auckland Transport (AT) and Auckland Council.

Our monthly update will provide key information and connect you with the project team, so that your feedback helps us deliver a great project that meets the needs of the Karangahape Road community.

Karangahape Road is on the move

Already a popular destination with a flourishing business and residential community, Karangahape Road is an iconic precinct, bursting with life. Thousands of people walk along Karangahape Road every day and it is one of the busiest cycle routes in Auckland.

Things are only going to get busier. In 2012, 27,000 people lived within the city centre. Today, that figure is over 45,000 and growing. In 2023, Karangahape Station will open on Mercury Lane, part of the City Rail Link (CRL). There is also a light rail station in Upper Queen Street under consideration. These two new transport hubs will enable many more people to visit Karangahape Road every day.

The project

We want to make Karangahape Road an even more attractive place to visit; supporting change brought about by city centre projects and by shifting patterns in the way people live, work, and move about Auckland.

The Auckland Plan sets out a vision of Auckland as the world's most liveable city by 2040. Key to achieving this is improving our transport network, prioritising public transport and creating a street environment where walking and cycling are safe, easy, everyday activities.



Karangahape Road has been a vibrant community hub and destination since the early 1900's.

Our project will:

- Declutter the footpath, creating more space for people
- Introduce a separated cycleway in each direction, connecting with other cycleways in the area
- Introduce peak hour bus lanes to move more people by bus, faster and more reliably
- Make changes to on-street parking and loading zones that respond to business needs
- Plant rain gardens for stormwater filtration
- Remove, relocate, and plant new trees to increase the overall number on Karangahape Road
- Upgrade street lighting
- Replace street furniture
- Support community events and activities



During CRL construction, between Pitt Street and Queen Street, moveable street furniture will enable community events and trial lane configurations



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Community engagement

From early 2016, we attended local community events such as Open Streets, to share information about the project and gather feedback. A survey of local businesses and people on the street helped us understand how and why people travel to Karangahape Road. In October 2016, we shared concept designs for the street and asked what you thought.

Feedback themes

- Keep Karangahape Road's character
- Build a cycleway, separated from traffic and pedestrians
- Car parks are important to local businesses
- More trees please
- Support for bus lanes
- Decluttered footpaths mean more space for people

Read the survey and consultation reports at AT.govt.nz/kroadproject

Design development

Throughout 2017, we developed the street design, incorporating community feedback and the results of further investigations. Specialists from AT, Auckland Council, and the Karangahape Road community are helping us create a great design. Mana whenua, the Waitemata Local Board, the Auckland City Centre Advisory Board and the Karangahape Road Business Association (KBA) are also providing feedback and oversight.

Design Reference Group

We will maintain Karangahape Road's unique character and heritage through great urban design. We know the Karangahape Road community best understands what makes the street special, so in October 2017 we convened a diverse, 12-member Design Reference Group made up of residents, property owners, and business people. We sought their feedback on design elements such as street furniture, lighting, and colour enhancements.

The group will continue to meet in 2018, reviewing the design, parking plan, construction staging, and helping us understand how we can support the community during construction.





Karangahape Road Enhancements looking west from Pitt Street

Have your say...

Parking plan

Our project will change on-street parking in the Karangahape Road precinct. Come along to one of three drop-in sessions, where you can chat with the project team and give your feedback.

Have we got it right?

Your feedback will influence decisions on:

- Loading zone location
- Parking for taxis
- Mobility parking
- Paid parking area and hours of operation



Meet Aaron Hutching and Craig Neilson. They'll be visiting Karangahape Road businesses to discuss the project and seek your feedback.

Drop-in session dates and times

- Monday 12 March – 8am to 12pm
- Wednesday 14 March – 3pm to 7pm
- Friday 16 March – 8am to 12pm

Venue: CorpStudio, 86 Pitt Street.

Can't attend?

Phone Aaron Hutching on 021 802 495 or email aaron.hutching@justaddlime.co.nz to arrange a meeting at a more convenient time.

From Monday 12 March, you can also view the plan and give feedback online at AT.govt.nz/kroadproject

What's next?

Timeline

March 2018	• Parking plan drop-in sessions
April 2018	• Construction plan drop-in sessions • Parking plan finalised
May 2018	• Community engagement
June 2018	• Construction contractor appointed • Construction staging plan finalised
July 2018	• Detailed design
Late 2018	• Construction starts
Late 2019	• Construction complete

Construction plan

Businesses tell us they are concerned about disruption during construction. In April, we will share a plan for construction and seek your feedback on:

- Construction hours and sequencing
- Parking and loading during construction
- Customer access
- Construction signs and wayfinding
- Access in and out of side streets
- Work site hoardings
- Activations and events during construction

Your feedback will help set requirements for contractors tendering to construct the project.

Business support

AT and Auckland Council will work with the local business community to support them during construction. Our engagement team will be in touch over the coming months to collaborate with you and help resource local initiatives to promote Karangahape Road. This could be a combination of marketing, activations, events, pop-ups, and local promotions.

This month we launched BusinessPac, a scheme available through Auckland Council. It offers free mentorship, marketing support, social media training, and access to the Chamber of Commerce. To find out more, phone Aaron Hutching on 021 802 495 or email at aaron.hutching@justaddlime.co.nz

Find out more online

If you are looking for more information on the Karangahape Road enhancements project, head on line to our project page – AT.govt.nz/kroadproject

Here you will find more detailed explanations, regular updates and project news as well as answers to questions you may have. As the enhancements project moves into construction, the project page will be a gold mine of information, letting you know what's coming up and where to go if you need to find out more.

Walk to Work Breakfast

On Wednesday 14 March, Walk Auckland is hosting the Walk to Work Breakfast. We'll be there, so come and have a chat and find out more about the project.

Event: Walk to Work Breakfast **Date:** 14 March

Location: Pigeon Park (corner of K'Road and Symonds St)

Time: 7am - 9am



Photo by Jay Farnworth



Got a question or feedback for the team?

Email Aaron Hutching at aaron.hutching@justaddlime.co.nz or call **09 355 3553**.