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Update to Upper Harbour Drive Cycleway Redesign Project

Kia Ora,

This letter is to update you on the progress of the redesign for Upper Harbour Drive Cycleway. Upper Harbour Drive is a part of the Strategic Cycle Network. This network is being built to provide protected safer routes for cyclists to commute or to travel across Auckland. This cycleway will be connected in the coming years to other cycle routes to provide safer options for those who would like to cycle.

In November, temporary changes were made to the Upper Harbour Drive cycleway following a number of drivers crashing into the concrete separators. We are currently working on a re-design of the cycleway taking feedback from community and key stakeholders while still retaining separation for cyclists which is the safest option for them.

Community Participation Workshops

In addition to getting feedback from Key Stakeholders, community participation workshops with community representatives to discuss alternatives options were held in September. These representatives were residents, cyclists, motorists, pedestrians who use Upper Harbour Drive.

At these workshops AT engineers presented 5 different schemes that were to be considered in the redesign process. Each of these schemes were rated for

- Safety for motorists
- Safety for cyclists
- Safety for pedestrians
- Feasibility of delivery
- Cost of delivery

Attendees were invited to discuss and provide feedback on each of the schemes, identifying any preferred scheme, or elements from each scheme that they thought should be included in the final design.

At the workshops Auckland Transport made it clear that the complete removal of cycleway separators was not being considered, as this option leaves cyclists open to risk of vehicles entering into the cycle lane at speeds which could result in a death or serious injury to the cyclist.

The workshops were run by an independent facilitator and a report from the workshops can be downloaded online from at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/upper-harbour-cycleway-redesign/



Bi-directional Cycleway Scheme is being developed

Of the scheme options presented to the community which do provide improved safety for all users, a bi-directional cycleway came through as the preferred option. This will provide a protected cycleway for cyclists going both directions on one side of the road. This is being proposed on the eastern side of the road, as there are less intersections on that side of the road for the cycleway to cross.



Impression of what a bi-directional cycleway might look like on Upper Harbour Drive. Detailed designs of the final proposal will be available during consultation.

Public Consultation will open in late Jan 2023 and will be open for 4 weeks

We are currently working on the detailed design of the bi-directional cycleway. We would like the public to have an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed design. In order to consider those who have end of year and summer plans, we will open public consultation in late January and will keep the consultation open for 4 weeks. We will also be providing community drop in sessions throughout this period.

We remain committed to working with the community and our key stakeholders, to identify and implement a permanent solution that enables all who travel along Upper Harbour Drive, to do so with confidence and improved safety. We aim to provide more transport options that are safer for all road users, including motorists, pedestrians and cyclists of all abilities.

We appreciate your patience and thank you for working with us to collectively achieve this. Updates will be available on this website. <https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/upper-harbour-cycleway-redesign/>

Kind regards

AT Engagement Team