

Eastern Busway Project

Notices of Requirement for Designations & Resource Consent applications for Stages 3C & 4L

Executive Summary

This document is intended to provide a brief summary of the proposed Eastern Busway Stages 3 & 4 (EB3C & EB4L) Notices of Requirement (NoRs) and Resource Consent (RC) applications sought by Auckland Transport.

The proposal is summarised below, however for full details of the NoRs and RC applications please refer to the Auckland Council website as follows:

Notice of Requirement EB3C - <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-plans-strategies/unitary-plan/auckland-unitary-plan-modifications/Pages/details.aspx?UnitaryPlanId=226>

Notice of Requirement EB4L - <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-plans-strategies/unitary-plan/auckland-unitary-plan-modifications/Pages/details.aspx?UnitaryPlanId=227>

Resource Consents - <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/have-your-say-notified-resource-consent/notified-resource-consent-applications-open-submissions/Pages/default.aspx>

What is a Notice of Requirement

Auckland Transport propose to change the Auckland Unitary Plan by issuing NoRs to protect specific areas of land from being used in a way that would prevent the undertaking of the proposed public works. Protecting these routes will enable the existing Eastern Busway to be extended, and modifications and improvements made to the road network. If the NoRs are granted they will become Designations with conditions that specify how the public works can be carried out.

Resource Consents are also required for activities that won't be authorised by the Designations as described under the heading 'Applications for resource consent' below.

Location:

The Notices of Requirement are for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Eastern Busway Stages 3C and 4L on land between Riverhills Park, Pakuranga, and Guys Reserve, Botany (Stage 3C) and between Guys Reserve and Te Irirangi Drive, Botany (Stage 4L), as shown on Figures 1 & 2.

Figure 1: Location plan for EB3C



Figure 2: Location plan for EB4L



Description

Eastern Busway Stage 3 Commercial (EB3C)

The NoR for EB3C seeks to provide for a new Designation to enable the extension of the existing Eastern Busway from Tī Rākau Drive adjacent to Riverhills Park to Tī Rākau Drive adjacent to Guys Reserve. Key features of EB3C include:

- construction of two bridge structures across Tamaki River
- construction of dedicated bus lanes through residential properties off Burswood Drive, residential properties between Torrens Road and Tullis Place, Dulwich Place and Heathridge Place
- construction of bus lanes through Burswood Reserve and Esplanade Reserve
- new walking and cycling infrastructure
- a new intermediate bus station at Burswood
- upgrade of stormwater infrastructure
- modifications and improvements to the road network.

Eastern Busway Stage 4 Link Road (EB4L)

The NoR for EB4L seeks to provide for a new Designation to enable the extension of the existing Eastern Busway on land between Tī Rākau Drive through Guys Reserve and Whaka Maumahara Reserve to Te Irirangi Drive, Botany. Key features of EB4L include:

- construction of a retaining wall and bridge structure across Guys Reserve and Whaka Maumahara Reserve
- construction of dedicated bus lanes through Guys Reserve to Te Irirangi Drive
- new walking and cycling infrastructure
- upgrade of stormwater infrastructure
- modifications and improvements to the road network.

Applications for resource consent

Stage 3C

LUC60423931 (land use consent), CST60423908, CST60423956 & CST60423957 (coastal permits) LUS60423990 (streamworks permit), DIS60423909 (discharge permit), and WAT60423930 (water permit) are sought for:

- vegetation clearance within/proximate to riparian areas and natural wetlands, and land disturbance, where some works are located within a Significant Ecological Area overlay and/or an Historic Heritage overlay.
- coastal reclamation, coastal marine area disturbance, mangrove removal, impact and vibratory piling, and the occupation of permanent stormwater infrastructure and permanent and temporary bridge structures within the coastal marine area associated with the construction of this infrastructure, where some works are located within a Significant Ecological Area-Marine overlay and/or an Historic Heritage overlay.
- streamworks associated with the construction of culverts, fords and stormwater outfalls.
- the diversion and drawdown of groundwater.
- the disturbance and discharge of contaminated soil.

Consent is also sought under section 98(2) Resource Management Act 1991 for the construction of the busway/legal road and associated embankment structures proposed to be located on reclaimed land (currently within the Coastal Marine Area) as a land use consent.

Stage 4L

LUC60423920 (land use consent), LUS60423921 (streamworks permit), and DIS60423878 (discharge permit) are sought for:

- vegetation clearance within/proximate to riparian areas and natural wetlands, and land disturbance.
- streamworks associated with the construction of stormwater outfalls.
- the disturbance and discharge of contaminated soil.

Different processes

It is important to note that the NoRs and RCs are subject to different sections of the Resource Management Act 1991. Hence if you have concerns with either of the NoRs or any of the RCs, you will need to lodge separate submissions on each. There are four applications in total that are being notified.

However the NoRs and RCs will be notified together, and submissions may be heard at a combined or separate hearings. Having considered all information from the applicant, submitters and Council officers, the hearing panel may release separate or combined decisions at the same or different times.

Notification

Both the NoR and the RCs were publicly notified on Friday 8 December 2023, and submissions close on both on Tuesday 30 January 2023, the day after Auckland Anniversary Day. Details on how to lodge a submission can be found on the Auckland Council website at the locations listed above.

Documentation

The applicant has lodged documentation that combines the applications for the NoRs and RCs for each stage.

The following documentation relates to the information associated with the RC applications for EB3C and EB4L.

Additional information that relates solely to the associated NoR applications can be viewed at:

- *Notice of Requirement – Eastern Busway 3 Commercial (Auckland Transport)*
<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-plans-strategies/unitary-plan/auckland-unitary-plan-modifications/Pages/details.aspx?UnitaryPlanId=226>
- *Notice of Requirement – Eastern Busway 4 Link Road (Auckland Transport)*
<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-plans-strategies/unitary-plan/auckland-unitary-plan-modifications/Pages/details.aspx?UnitaryPlanId=227>