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Proposed works in the coastal marine area for the construction and operation of the Eastern Busway from Pakuranga Town Centre to Ti Rakau Drive Bridge

Tēnā koe

The Eastern Busway Alliance (EBA) understands that you have made an application for customary marine title under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 over the coastal marine area (CMA), a portion of which encompasses Pakuranga Creek located in East Tāmaki. The Eastern Busway (the project) traverses over the CMA. This letter is to notify you and seek your views on the project pursuant to section 62(3) of the Takutai Moana Act.

Background

The Eastern Busway is a significant project that is about more than just better transport. It will enable East Auckland to continue to develop and grow through investment, creation of jobs and greater social mobility. The efficient services will give nearby communities a compelling reason to leave the car at home, and it will be a vital part of Tāmaki Makaurau’s public transport network for decades to come. See Figure 1.

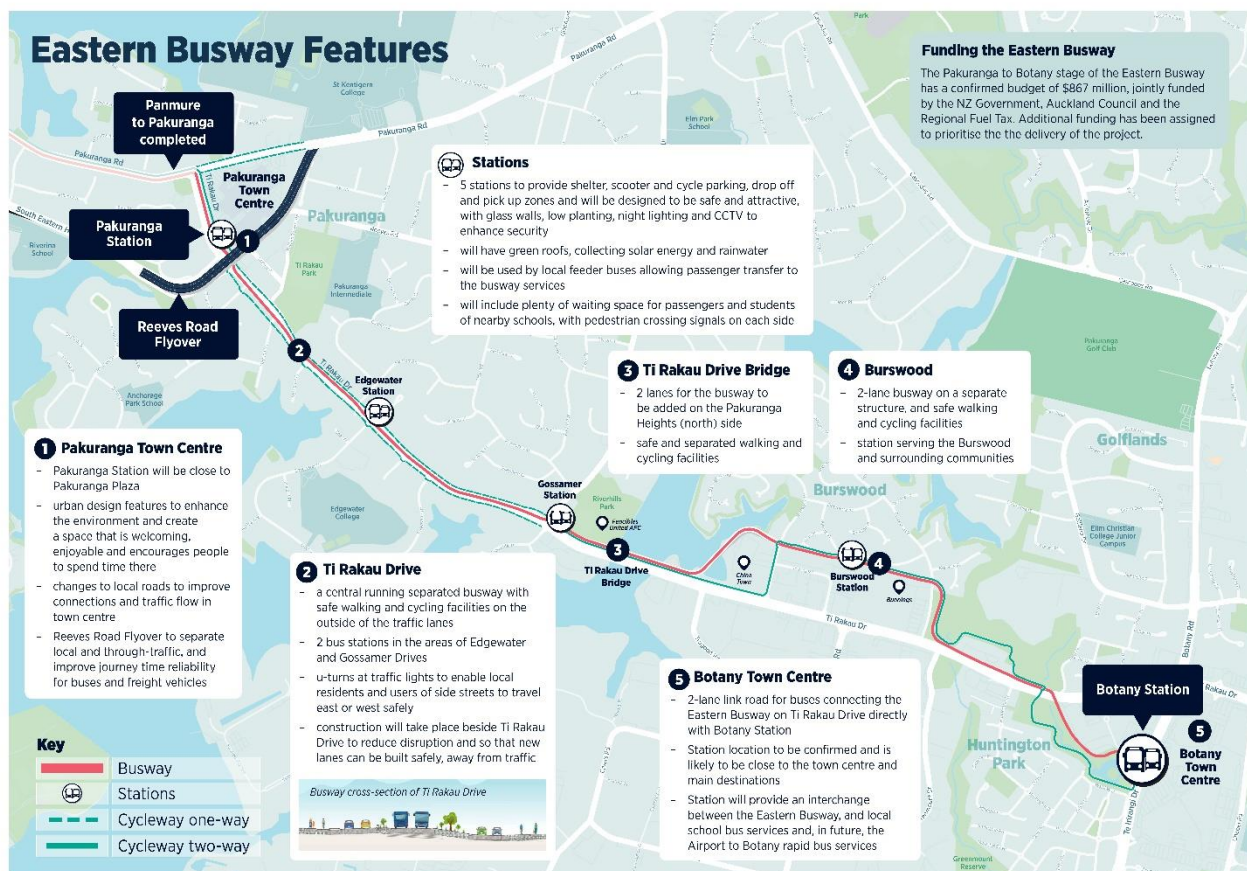


Figure 1: Eastern Busway map, features and proposed Burswood alignment

The project has a set of objectives, which are to:

1. Create separate lanes for buses to connect people from Botany, Pakuranga and the surrounding suburbs with the rail network in Panmure
2. Provide cycling and walking paths, safety, environment and roading improvements and a new Reeves Road Flyover giving people a range of travel options and more reliable journey times
3. Provide transport infrastructure that integrates with existing land use and supports a quality, compact urban form
4. Contribute to accessibility and place shaping by providing better transport connections between, within and to the town centres
5. Provide transport infrastructure that is safe for everyone
6. Safeguard future transport infrastructure required at (or in vicinity of) Botany Town Centre to support the development of a strategic public transport connection to Auckland Airport.

Consenting Packages

The project consists of the following consenting packages. The proposed coastal works detailed in this letter are limited to the consenting packages for Pakuranga Town Centre and Pakuranga Town Centre to Ti Rakau Drive Bridge only.

Consenting Packages	Description
Extension of William Roberts Road	Extension of William Roberts Road from the south of Reeves Road, connecting with Cortina Place and Ti Rakau Drive.
Main Construction Yard	Establishment of a Construction Yard at 169 – 173 Pakuranga Road and 3 William Roberts Road.
Pakuranga Town Centre	Pakuranga Town Centre, including Reeves Road Flyover (RRF) and Pakuranga Bus Station.
Pakuranga Town Centre to Ti Rakau Drive Bridge	Pakuranga to Ti Rakau Drive Bridge, including Edgewater and Gossamer Bus Stations.
Ti Rakau Drive Bridge to Guys Reserve	Ti Rakau Drive Bridge to Guys Reserve, including two new bridges, an offline bus route through Burswood and a new station at Burswood.
Guys Reserve to Botany Town Centre	Guys Reserve to a new bus station in the Botany Town Centre, including a link road through Guys Reserve.

As part of a future busway section from Ti Rakau Drive Bridge to Guys Reserve, as detailed in the table above, EBA will be seeking your agreement under the Takutai Moana Act with respect to an additional bridge structure across the Pakuranga Creek when the alignment is confirmed.

These stages will contribute to the achievement of the project objectives and will provide the following anticipated benefits:

1. increased transport options due to the creation of a dedicated busway, new cycle lanes and footpaths connecting Pakuranga Road to Gossamer Drive, while maintaining existing general traffic capacity
2. improved travel times and leverage off the recent Panmure – Pakuranga Busway investment, in tandem with local bus services, pedestrian and cycle improvements, will support a more compact urban form in this area through improved connectivity
3. improved efficiency of transport between Pakuranga and Botany and an increase in public transport patronage by creating quicker, more frequent, and more reliable journeys by bus.



Figure 2: Pakuranga Town Centre connections to Panmure (top left), and Pakuranga Town Centre to Ti Rakau Drive Bridge section (green line in centre of image)



Figure 3: Artist impression of the proposed Pakuranga Town Centre section, Reeves Road Flyover and Pakuranga Bus Station



Figure 4: Artist impression of the busway and Edgewater Station on Ti Rakau Drive

Proposed Works

Works will be necessary in the CMA to enable the project objectives for the busway between Pakuranga Town Centre and Ti Rakau Drive Bridge. The proposed upgrades will ensure longevity of the assets and capacity to serve changing land use within the catchment. The works are limited to modification to existing stormwater outfalls and the associated vegetation clearance of primarily mangroves and exotic species within the CMA. Both temporary and permanent occupation of the CMA will be required to enable these upgrades. No other assets or structures are proposed within the CMA for this stage of the project. Figure 5 shows the typical outfall arrangement, and Attachments 1 and 2 identify the existing and proposed stormwater outfall locations for the busway between Pakuranga Town Centre and Ti Rakau Drive Bridge.

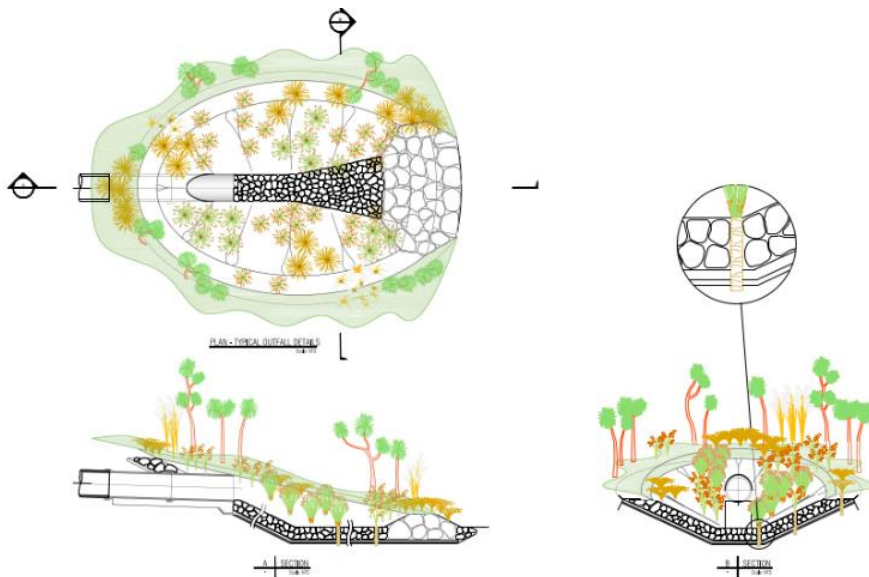


Figure 5: Typical outfall arrangement

EBA has engaged with Healthy Waters at Auckland Council with regards to the design of new stormwater assets and impacts of the Project on the existing stormwater assets and network. EBA is seeking to utilise the Auckland Regional Network Discharge Consent and proposes to form an additional network for the project that connects into the existing network. This network will support greater capacity given the anticipated rise in stormwater runoff created by the increased impervious area for the busway.

The stormwater upgrades and vegetation management within CMA to existing and new outfalls are detailed within the Marine Ecology Assessment for the busway between Pakuranga Town Centre and Ti Rakau Drive Bridge, which will form part of the resource consent application. The stormwater outfalls are assessed as having an overall ecological value of low-moderate to low.

Overall, proposed works will include the temporary and permanent use, occupation, and construction within the CMA for the stormwater structures. The proposed works within the CMA are limited to seeking the construction and operation of the stormwater outfalls for the busway. EBA will commence the coastal works for the busway from Pakuranga Town Centre to Ti Rakau Drive Bridge in late-2023 when the statutory approvals under the Resource Management Act 1991 have been obtained.

EBA is partnering with mana whenua, regularly meeting with representatives from Ngāti Whanaunga, Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki, Te Akitai Waiohua, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Tamaoho, Te Patukikkiri, Ngāti Paoa, Ngāti Paoa Trust, Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua, Te Ahiwaru, Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Tamaterā through the AT and Mana Whenua Southern Forum. Mana whenua have played a key and valued role in the development of the overall design of the busway and stormwater management approach, along with site investigations, utilities, construction methodologies and the initial development of sustainability and procurement strategies and policies.

EBA welcomes your views on the proposal and would be grateful if you could please respond no later than 15 working days from the date of this letter. The contact details are provided below, and if you would like further information on the proposed works, we can meet virtually at an online hui.

If you have any questions in relation to the proposed works, please contact info@easternbusway.nz or 0800 BUSWAY (0800 287 929).

Ngā mihi nui,



Enclosed:

Attachment 1: Stormwater Outfall Locations for Pakuranga Town Centre

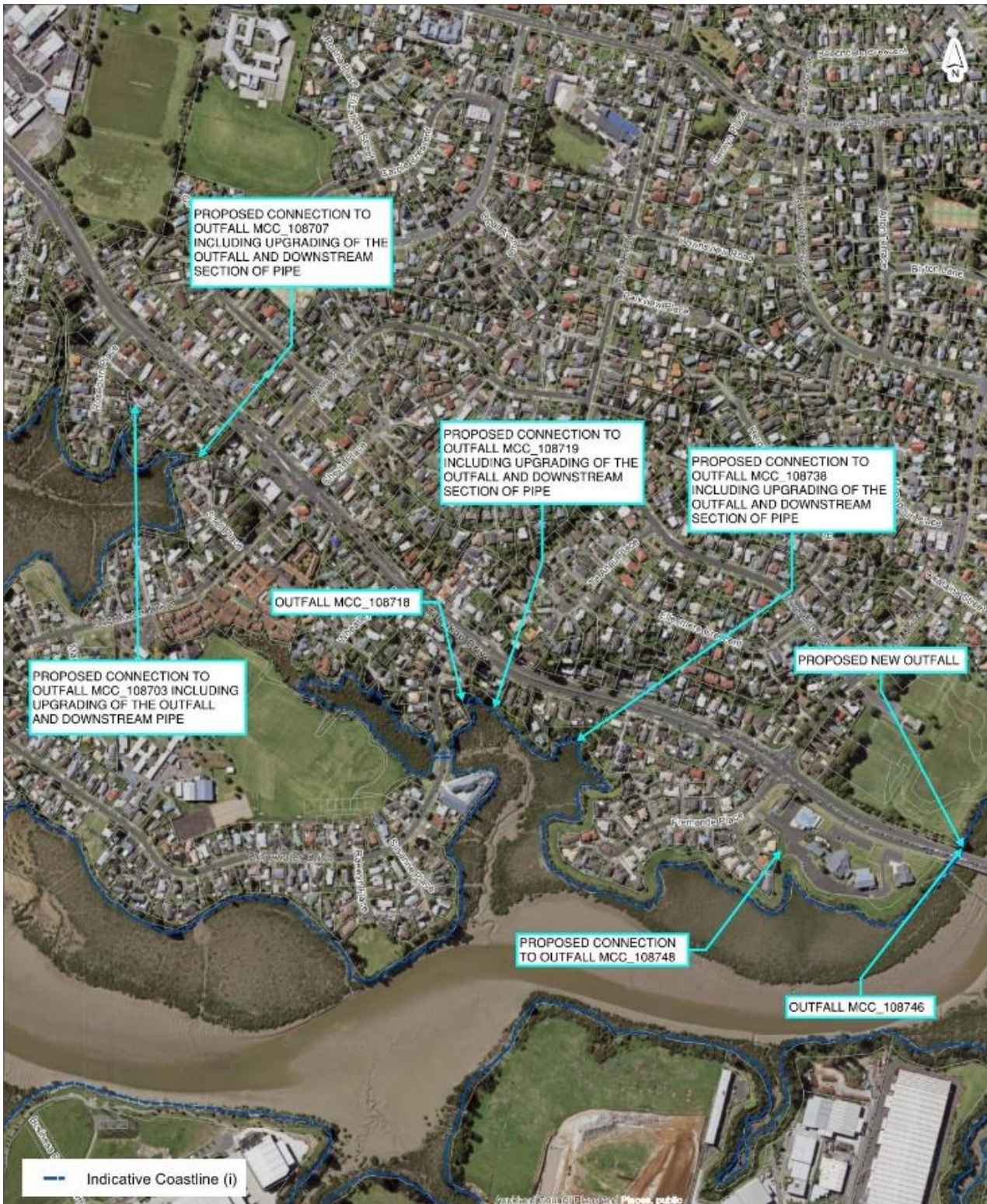
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(Source: Busway from Pakuranga Town Centre to Ti Rakau Drive Bridge – Stormwater Assessment, dated June 2022, prepared by EBA)

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