



Te mahere ā-rohe o Ōtara-Papatoetoe 2026

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Draft Summary Local Board Plan 2026

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He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the Chairs

la fa'auutu le faiva o manusina – The manusina bird flies directly, without stopping, from the mountain to the sea to catch fish - Be purposeful in planning so the goal is reached.

It is our honour and privilege to present the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Plan 2026. Our community were vital in informing the plan and what we will focus on in the coming three years. Legislative changes, new development and infrastructure, and a growing and changing Ōtara-Papatoetoe all present new opportunities and challenges for all of us. Budget and resource shortfalls continue to limit the full extent of what we'd like to do for our communities, but we have proven time and again that we are resilient, adaptable, and committed to delivering the best outcomes with the resources that we have.

We acknowledge upfront our Māori communities, and especially our mana whenua who are kaitiaki of this land. Our diverse communities are at the heart of the plan, and we have emphasised the extraordinary potential of our communities to shape the future of Auckland. Our natural environment remains a vital part of our work. In a changing climate, we recognise that urban local board areas like ours face unique and often elevated challenges in responding to the impacts of climate change, from flooding to extreme weather. Our built environment is more important than ever; as more homes are being built, we need more infrastructure for our new communities. Economic development and socioeconomic opportunities, especially for our rangatahi, are essential priorities. Transport remains a top-of-mind concern for most of our residents. A growing Ōtara-Papatoetoe requires a transport and roading system that can accommodate the lifestyles of our residents. Legislative changes that give local boards a more direct say over transport decisions, alongside the planned opening of the City Rail Link in 2026, present enormous potential for us to make transport easier, safer, and more accessible.

We are proud to present this plan as a reflection of what you have asked of us, and our commitment to deliver. Your voices, aspirations, and lived experiences have purposefully shaped the priorities and direction that will guide our work and decisions in the years ahead, so that the goals of our communities are reached. *Faka'apa'apa atu* - respectfully yours.



Apulu Reece Autagavaia

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Chairperson

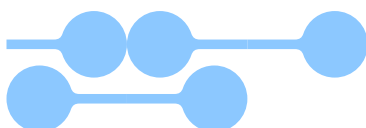
21 April 2026 to 24 July 2027



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Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Chairperson

25 July 2027 to 20 October 2028



This summary is an overview of the statement of proposal for our draft Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Plan 2026. We encourage you to read the full draft plan, available online at akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, at public libraries and council service centres and tell us what you think by **Thursday 23 July 2026**. Or tell us what you think in person at one of our local events.

Ngā huanga Māori, he huanga āhuarangi, me he huanga tautika

Māori outcomes, Climate outcomes and Equitable outcomes

This local board plan focuses on five areas where local boards make decisions and can have the greatest influence at a local level. There are three considerations for all decisions and investments:

- Māori outcomes
- Climate outcomes
- Equitable outcomes

These outcomes have shaped the priorities within this Local Board Plan and are reflected throughout the five focus areas.

Te hāpori

Community

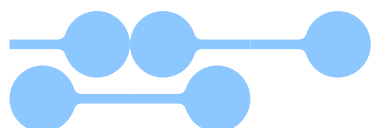


Our local community and people are central to Ōtara-Papatoetoe. We will empower and celebrate our rich diversity – that includes a wealth of cultures, neighbourhoods, ages, sexual orientations, genders and needs. Te ao Māori and mātauranga Māori will remain central and we will support our rangatahi (young people) to lead Ōtara-Papatoetoe’s future.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Recognise and ensure Māori arts, culture and history are central in public places, empower mana whenua to tell stories of Māori cultural heritage and increase historical knowledge of the land throughout our parks and open spaces.
- Explore opportunities for new partnerships, strengthen current partnerships and maintain local collaboration work with mana whenua on projects and initiatives.



- Continue to integrate te reo Māori into daily life across Ōtara-Papatoetoe by using te reo names and signage in public areas.
- Arts and cultural activities thrive in our area and reflect our local ethnic and cultural diversity.
- A community that recognises, celebrates and empowers our diversity in all forms, including generational, disability, gender and sexual diversity.
- Support the skill development and capacity-building of community groups through grants to host high-quality events.
- Rangatahi (youth) are recognised and supported as the future leaders in and out of our community.
- Ensure that our community has access to high-quality, affordable and fit-for-purpose public facilities.
- Provide our children and young people with activities that contribute to a healthy and active lifestyle through our local parks, reserves and marine environment.
- Support economic and social equity and work to address the underlying causes of crime and homelessness.

Te taiao māori

Natural environment

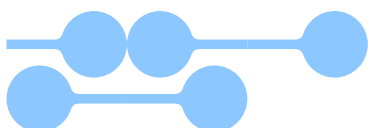


Our natural environment is our taonga tuku iho, a treasure passed down from our ancestors. It is vital to a healthy and prosperous Ōtara-Papatoetoe. We will support climate action, grow and protect green spaces and safeguard our biodiversity. We act today to protect and preserve our natural environment for future generations.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Continue partnerships with mana whenua iwi through the Rangatira ki Rangatira Kaupapa.
- Empower communities to lead on sustainability, climate action, waste minimisation, and clean, green town centres.
- Empower our community to be resilient and responsive to emergencies and extreme weather events in a changing climate.
- Promote our rich biodiversity, green spaces and tree cover.
- Improve and maintain the long-term health of our biodiversity, lakes and waterways, including the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour.



Te taiao kua hangaia

Built environment



Our built heritage and urban streetscapes are more important than ever in a growing and changing Tāmaki Makaurau. We will unlock the huge potential of Ōtara-Papatoetoe’s town centres and civic spaces, encourage growth and support healthy living.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Develop our civic and green spaces to be well-used, safe and sustainable.
- Support neighbourhoods and streetscapes that are vibrant, welcoming and liveable for people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Ensure that new neighbourhoods and developments are well designed and built for our expanding and diverse communities.

Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga

Economic development

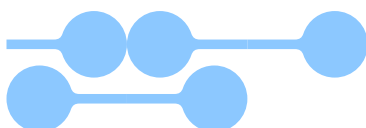


Ōtara-Papatoetoe is an economic powerhouse. Recognising the link between economic growth, community and urban development, we will use our major hubs of business, employment, tourism and education to support the prosperity of our area.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Support business and employment opportunities for residents of all backgrounds.
- Support employment opportunities for rangatahi (youth).
- Empower a resilient and regenerative Māori economy.
- Foster and promote Manukau as a major destination for national and international visitors, and as a place to learn, shop, and play.
- Recognise and leverage the link between urban regeneration, housing development, and economic growth.



Tūnuku

Transport



Reliable, safe, sustainable and accessible transport is essential for a functioning local community. With exciting changes giving local boards more say over transport decisions, we aim to promote public and private transport and use our major transport hubs as opportunities for further growth.

Our priorities

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Promote accessible, reliable and safe public transport options for all.
- Ensure that Ōtara-Papatoetoe’s road system is safe for road-users and pedestrians.
- Enable the Ōtara-Papatoetoe area’s major transport hubs to unlock potential for further growth.
- Accommodate the use of private motor vehicles.
- Make walking and cycling accessible modes of transport.



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