



Expanding the Auckland Rapid Transit Network

National will complete the Eastern Busway

Context

The Eastern suburbs of Auckland have grown quickly, with particularly rapid population growth over the last 30 years. The current population of 130,000 is projected to grow to approximately 160,000 by 2030.

While improvements have been made to services, further and substantial infrastructure changes are needed to cater for this past and projected future growth.

The AMETI (Auckland Manukau Eastern Transport Initiative) Eastern busway will create a dedicated, congestion-free busway between Panmure, Pakuranga, and the Botany town centres. The project also includes the Reeves Road flyover connecting Pakuranga Road with Pakuranga Highway.

The busway is supported by new cycling and walking connections, urban design improvements, safety and signal improvements at key intersections, and more.

National's Commitments

National will ensure the completion of all four stages of this project, including the promised Reeves Road flyover, as originally envisaged and which the community expects.

Benefits

This will deliver the following benefits.

- Travel by bus and train between Botany and Britomart in less than 40 minutes.
- Two new stations at Pakuranga and Botany (in addition to Panmure).
- New cycling and walking connections, urban design enhancements, and improvements for general traffic such as advanced signalling at important intersections.
- A new flyover connecting Pakuranga Road with Pakuranga Highway which will provide better travel options and reduce congestion for general traffic.

Cost

- The 2017 Indicative Business case forecast the cost at \$1.4 billion.

Timing and sequencing

- Construction is currently set to occur in four stages and is due to be completed in 2025.



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