



EASTERN BAYS SHARED PATH

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NEWSLETTER

Kia ora and welcome to the first issue of the Eastern Bays Shared Path quarterly newsletter

This is an update on the Eastern Bays Shared Path project. The project is a 4.4 kilometre cycleway that will run along Marine Drive in two sections, between Point Howard and the northern end of Days Bay, and the southern end of Days Bay to Eastbourne.

It would also link to other paths such as the Remutaka Cycle Trail, Te Aranui o Pōneke/ Great Harbour Way and Te Ara Tupua – Ngā Ūranga ki Pito-One shared path.

Consent has been granted!

The cycleway between Lower Hutt's Days Bay and Point Howard was granted resource consent on Friday 5 March 2021. The decision is a major milestone for walkers and cyclists in the Hutt.

You can read more from [Lower Hutt Mayor Campbell Barry](#).

For the full decision and consent conditions and further information, visit the Greater Wellington Regional Council website: <https://www.gw.govt.nz/EasternBaysSharedPath/>

Working with Mana Whenua

Mana Whenua has a holistic and deep relationship to all aspects of the environment (water, land and air) and in this case are particularly concerned to ensure that their traditional relationship with Te Whanganui-a-Tara is recognised.

The project team will continue to work closely through the detailed design and implementation phases of the Project.

Construction plan

Construction is likely to be completed in stages over a five-year period and is due to start in the middle of 2021.

Each Bay will be constructed in full before moving on to the next one. This will provide consistency in design throughout each of the Bays.

Works will start at Windy Point and Sunshine Bay. Other sequencing is yet to be determined but we will need to ensure connectivity in our construction staging. Each section is likely to take approximately 3-9 months to complete, depending on the extent of the particular works and environmental considerations. We will keep you updated.

Responding to the Eastern Bays environment



Bay communities

We will be seeking feedback from the Bay communities on the urban design and landscaping features of the project.

Features for discussion will include steps, coastal edges (wheel stop and kerb separators), barriers (railings), surface textures on the seawall, bus stops, fencing in bird protection areas, signage & markers, interpretive boards, seating and path surfacing.

Meetings will be held with the bay communities over the next few months.

Penguins and shorebirds

We will be working closely with the Little Penguin Interest Group (LPIG) on the protection of penguins during construction and the establishment of protection areas for both penguins and shorebirds.

This includes looking at opportunities to enhance the habitat for these birds, which in time will also involve planting.

We'll be working with existing volunteer groups in the community on these initiatives and will keep you informed about our plans.



The plan so far...

- Consent conditions provide direction
- Detailed design-March/April 2021
- Preparation of management plans: Landscape and Urban Design, Bay Specific Designs, Bird Protection, Seawall Enhancement & Beach Nourishment
- Working with Mana Whenua & community – ongoing throughout project
- Start construction (Stage 1)-July 2021
- Ongoing consultation on bay specific matters – 2021/2022

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