



Light rail is coming to Auckland

The Government has announced that it is investing in the vision to build a high capacity, linked up rapid transit network across the city. One that improves existing neighbourhoods, brings us closer to work and school and enables new housing within the city. It's a vision that also reduces sprawl, emissions and our dependency on cars.

It will start with light rail from the City Centre to Māngere, which will be the first leg of a system that will connect to the North Shore and North West in time.

Tunnelled light rail for the City Centre to Māngere corridor was selected because it:

- has the optimal opportunity for high capacity futureproofed transport that improves travel time and reliability.
- enables a more flexible route and unlocks significant urban benefit within the corridor.
- sets the stage for future network integration – including a new harbour crossing and light rail to the North Shore.
- avoids overwhelming Queen Street and minimises the extent of construction disruption.

You can learn more about [tunnelled light rail](#) and find out [what's next](#) on our website.



Thanks again for sharing your views

Our thanks to everyone who shared their views during the engagement in July and August 2021. The engagement summary report will be released at the end of this month, and we will email a copy to everyone who gave feedback. Here are some highlights:

- Feedback demonstrated that Aucklanders strongly support this project with 66% voicing outright support and 14% supportive but had some concerns. Only 20% said they do not support the project.
- Corridor communities shared the strongest need and desire for project
- Reducing our carbon footprint is very important to Aucklanders
- People want a reliable, frequent, safe and comfortable public transport option
- People recognise it will help support new housing, a compact city, access to jobs and study
- Community partnership is critical to meet the needs of locals
- Will you use light rail? Of all the people who responded, 73% said they would use light rail.

Next steps

The next phase for the project is the detailed planning and consenting which is expected to take 3-4 years. Community and stakeholder engagement will be integral to this phase and will help to shape future decisions such as the location and design of stops/stations, community connections and integration with other transport modes and urban outcomes.



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