

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING – EASTERN PATH 21ST September 2015

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UPDATE

Section 1.

Construction of the Pathway is scheduled to commence at the end of October 2015. The official start date for the project is October 19th 2015. This is subject to Consents but it is anticipated that there will be no delay. Consultation with residents on path boundary led to one submission only and to date there have been no appeals lodged against consents nor any anticipated at this stage. Final date for appeal is 15th October.

Planning is underway for the “sod turning’ ceremony to be held on 21st October. Orakei Local Board members will be receiving an invitation to this event.

There have been several improvements to pathway design. The path is 4m wide with a 1m buffer each side. Most of the pathway lies 10m from residential boundaries.

There will be ongoing consultation with the community over the next 2 years with regard to links/connections to G.I

Section 2.

Current work being undertaken relevant to Section 2 involves Geotechnical Surveying / Ecological Assessment/ Specialist Arborists etc with draft Consent Applications in the process of being drawn up. AT is working in conjunction with Iwi with a Hui scheduled for 24th October 2015. There is the possibility of the necessity for Cultural Impact Assessments.

Contractors are being lined up with a scheduled plan to roll on work on completion of Section 1 straight into Section 2. Helicopters will be used to fly in machinery for Geotech work to minimize damage to bush areas.

Traffic Count Data being collated on Intersections to assist in planning treatments where pathway feeds into existing pedestrian access. Options being looked at to rationalize the entrance to the Pony Club.

Fencing will be provided where pathway runs adjacent to residential boundaries and where required for obvious safety issues or where retaining works required. (6m off boundary and avoiding trees)

Rail Overbridge is proposed for western end of Purewa Cemetery,(Clifton Thompson of Purewa Cemetery is in favour in principle but is taking the matter to Purewa Board) Issues around difficulty of an underpass were discussed – Land stability – safety requirement (alternative access stat requirement) Discussions are being had with Cemetery looking to utilize existing pathways and provide pedestrian links to Bridge landing points (NB: Links are not formally part of the project and there may be an issue around funding)

Discussion around Watercare land John Rymer. Watercare not amenable to idea of using land for pedestrian access as it is looking to the future requirements that will result from the proposed SHA and need to upgrade to cope with greater loadings.

There will be extensive engagement with community & residents to elicit feedback and opportunity for input on potential links and access points. Ken Baguley OLB Transport Rep brought up issue of 92 Gowing and several other potentially useable properties adjacent to cemetery for providing access through points.

Local Board funding will be available for some localized works on access points.

SHA developers also looking at links/access points.

AT reps mentioned potential funding of some links through the "Greenways" initiative. Assurances given that AT aware of value of land to community from an ecological perspective.

It is anticipated that construction on Section 2 will commence at the end of 2016.