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Your views: March - April engagement

We received a fantastic community response to help shape the preferred route, and give a much clearer picture of what is important to the community. We're grateful to everyone who has taken the time to get involved by giving us their feedback.

Public support for the project remains very high, with 70% of people we heard from expressing support for the project, even among people who may have raised concerns about either of the options we are considering in Māngere or Onehunga.

Feedback showed a strong preference for the light rail route alongside the SH20 motorway and the Onehunga Bay Lagoon, because it was seen to be simpler, more direct and less disruptive to residential neighbours.

We have also heard a strong desire for light rail to connect into Māngere Town Centre, with almost 80% of people supporting this route. People are excited for Māngere to be on the light rail network, providing a much needed, convenient way to connect to jobs and education, to go shopping and for everyday activities.



Hearing from local residents at Māngere Town Centre.

[Read the full feedback summary here](#)

What happens now?

We have shared the community feedback with the project team who are considering the various implications, trade-offs and next steps.

We are also progressing more detailed work on the design of the options and assessing any impacts on neighbouring properties, the environment and landscape.

We will continue to work with the Onehunga and Māngere communities and in the next few months we will share final decisions about the route and station locations. This will be a key milestone in the consenting and approvals phase to progress the project.

Underground investigations

The first round of below ground investigations to drill 30 boreholes has been finished after three months of work, mainly across the city's central isthmus between Kingsland and Wesley. Information from the data has given a 3D picture of Auckland underground.

As part of the drilling work the team discovered several layers of basalt lava flows 40 to 50 metres deep, belonging to the historic Auckland Volcanic Field. These are 'no go areas' where it would be difficult to build the tunnel. It's critical information that allows the team to work out the exact path for the tunnel and where stations could be located.



Drilling takes place in Sandringham.



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