



Consultation on the draft Local Board Plans 2026

Written Feedback

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Volume #5

23 June 2026 to 23 July 2026



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Have Your Say on the Draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026

#262

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?**

Quite well

Tell us why

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Maintain and improve local parks, playgrounds and sports fields to better meet the needs of our growing community.

3. **Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Events and activities, Safety improvements e.g. lights

4. **Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

**Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Work with partners and agencies to improve congestion issues, Help town centres make the most of rail connections

5. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026?

Hi,

I have a few burning suggestions as a local living 17 years in Glen Innes:

1. We are proud to celebrate Matariki on Te Oro and on Maybury Reserve. However every single year we walk through mud & dirt, slippery unsafe wet boards and limited lighting.

We ask the LB to advocate to get funding to build concrete walkway through the Maybury Reserve, to reflect Lights path to celebrate Matariki. LB clearly knows the exact path and the pain visitors have to go through to enjoy this event.

2. Road on intersection of Kestrel Place and Taniwha ST - it has been eroding and I've sent request to AT. No response or any repair works undertaken. See pages 1-2 of the attachment

3. Quality of Omaru Creek, particularly just behind the Glen Innes YMCA swimming pools. There is a board stand that is 100 years old, unsafe, anyone leaning on it could easily fall to the creek/pond. the walk over the pond has wooden walkway that is 100 years old and people/children still walk through. See pages 3-9 of the attachment

4. Additional Road Connection by council to match the increase in houses /intensification and increase in road users. We want the LB to advocate for this. The road connection will reduce traffic on Taniwha street and allow people to use alternative options, if any road works on Elstree Ave. See page 10 of the attachment

5. Glen Innes Town Centre!!! Can local board advocate council, TRC, Government - to allow an urban regeneration to happen in GI Town Centre? Former Eke Panuku has number of town centres for urban regeneration - can Glen Innes be included? Planning rule change for intensification, close proximity to CBD, already existing cycleway, walkway shared path, train station etc etc makes investment in GI with enormous potential. Can LB seriously consider this?

thanks



















New Road Connection for advocacy by Local Board

TRC are planning to build new 5100 homes in TRC area, meaning the same road that was built in 1950s now will be used 3x more people and cars.

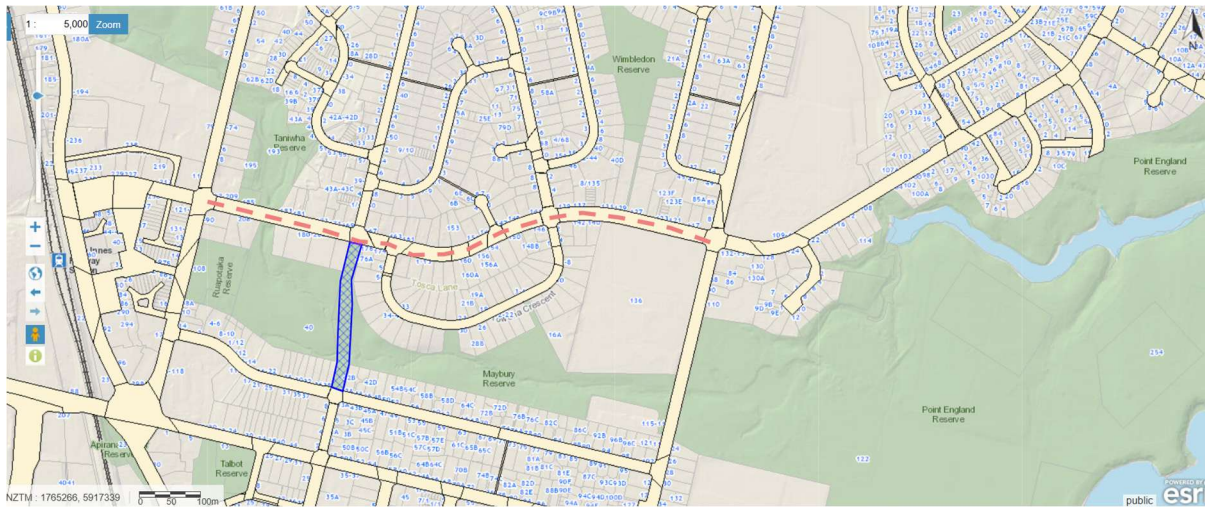
To reflect this, a new road connection should be provided to accommodate intensification.

When in Elstree Avenue any road works / emergency services / flooding / unforeseen circumstances happen, upper part of GI is left in blockage.

As an example, the only MAIN road 'Taniwha Street' is about 1km in length (**red dashed**) from Line road till it hits Elstree Avenue. If anything happens on Elstree, all these residents are stuck with doing the loop through GI Central.

There is no 'road connection' parallel to Elstree Avenue as you can see in below. When Elstree Ave (southern section) is closed for maintenance, then all residents must drive to GI Central by Taniwha ST, then make the loop via Maybury St. This is inconvenient, adds so much time to travel and creates unnecessary traffic congestion.

A new road connection connecting Heatherbank Street with Maybury Street could be the solution (**blue crossed**). This Road extension would not require any private land acquisition, as it can utilise the existing council reserve 'Maybury Reserve'.





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Quite well

Tell us why

I like the part about the environment, water and uplifting the community

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Groups such as children, older people, and migrant communities can participate and connect within our communities.,Maintain and improve local parks, playgrounds and sports fields to better meet the needs of our growing community.,Other, please specify:Please beautify Auckland - more trees, more greenery, more parks and less of trash from building especially the new build construction sites which just leave trash in the area, screw up places to park on interior roads or lanes. Please stop this.

3. **Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Connections to public transport,Events and activities,Wider play options e.g. options for over 10-year-olds

4. **Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?

(Select up to 3 options)

Work with partners and agencies to improve congestion issues, Other, please specify: Remove the T3 lanes or reduce them, they just end up creating artificial traffic even outside the times the T3 lanes validity. eg: If a T3 lane is only Mon-Fri, 4pm-7pm, I see many vehicles still avoid the T3 lane even outside those times or on weekends. People see the sign on the road but do not read the fine print on the street signs. This creates unwanted traffic and congestion outside of peak hours. Improve the railroad network please and speed up building Mt Eden station. Public transport by rail is a problem due to repairs constantly happening over the past 4 or 5 years. It is not what it used to be pre 2019.

5. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026?

I want to add my voice to the growing concern about the direction Auckland's development is taking, particularly the loss of green space, quality building, and neighborhood character.

More trees and protected sky views. Auckland's charm has always been its balance of urban living with greenery and open sky. That balance is disappearing as mature trees are removed for new developments. Council policy should actively protect existing tree canopy, require meaningful green space in new builds, and treat sky views and sight-lines as a real planning consideration.

Less templated, low-quality infill housing. Too many new builds are cheap, quick to construct, and visually identical, the same brick and tile boxes repeated street after street with no character or craftsmanship. We are losing the tradition of building well and building to last, replacing it with disposable housing that will leave a legacy of poor-quality stock.

Impact on existing neighborhoods. A clear example is Inkerman Street in Royal Oak, where new builds have blocked sky views and overshadowed adjacent houses. Long-time neighbors now find their light, outlook, and sense of space compromised. We need stronger height, setback, and shading rules that genuinely protect neighboring properties and shared views, not just tick-box compliance.

Construction mess and accountability. Builders are leaving rubbish and debris on lawns, verges, and even in local parks. This reflects a lack of care and accountability in how developments are delivered. Councils should enforce stricter site management and clean-up obligations.

Waterway management. Our waterways also deserve better protection. Stormwater runoff, sediment, and pollution from construction sites are degrading streams and coastal areas that should be valued, not treated as an afterthought.

A personal note. I say this as an immigrant myself. When I first arrived, what struck me was Auckland's sense of space, greenery, and quality of life, a city that felt genuinely different from the crowded, over-built places many of us came from. Watching that spirit erode under cheap, templated development is disheartening. Auckland clearly needs more homes, but

growth should not come at the cost of quality, heritage, greenery, and the character that makes this city worth living in.

I'd urge the council to prioritize tree protection, quality design standards, sky view and shading rules for infill housing, stricter site management enforcement, and stronger waterway protections.



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Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?**

Not very well

Tell us why

You have your own agenda for our area

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most?**
(Select up to 3 options)

Other, please specify: How about you start with Mayfair place and surrounding area in keeping this up to a presentable standard

3. **Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?**
(Select up to 3 options)

Safety improvements e.g. lights, Shade and seating, Wi-Fi connection

4. **Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)

Improve walking paths and footpaths, Work with partners and agencies to improve congestion issues

- 5. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026?**



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Quite well

Tell us why

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(Select up to 3 options)**

Ensure speed limits are safe, Work with partners and agencies to improve congestion issues, Better public transport (buses and trains)

5. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026?

Yes.

Submission to the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan

22 July 2026

Mā te tokomaha ka kā te ahi

By the many, the home fires will be kept alight.

Tēnā koutou,

Ruapotaka arae Charitable Trust (RMCT) has been an integral part of the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki community for more than 20 years. Throughout this time, the Trust has consistently demonstrated resilience, leadership, and the ability to adapt to changing local, regional, and national needs while remaining steadfast in its commitment to serving the community.

RMCT carries the mandate of the Kīngitanga and upholds the kawa, tikanga, and protocols of Waikato-Tainui. This legacy was established through the leadership of kaumātua and former Auckland Councillor Steve Kirkwood and his hoa rangatira, Whaea Nelly Kirkwood, whose vision continues to guide the Marae today.

Over the past two decades, Ruapotaka Marae has evolved into far more than a community facility. It is a vital cultural, social, educational, and emergency response hub, supporting whānau across East Auckland while maintaining strategic partnerships locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. The Marae provides a place of belonging, strengthens cultural identity, builds community resilience, and contributes significantly to the wellbeing of all who engage with it.

For these reasons, we are disappointed that the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan does not make specific reference to the long-awaited redevelopment of Ruapotaka Marae. This project has been more than 15 years in the making, spanning multiple terms of local government and requiring sustained advocacy, planning, and investment. The redevelopment represents a significant commitment by both the community and Auckland Council and deserves explicit recognition within the Local Board Plan.

The redevelopment directly contributes to the aspirations of **Tāmaki Ora – the Māori Outcomes Framework**, supporting all seven pou through the promotion of cultural identity, whānau wellbeing, community participation, environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, leadership, and enduring partnerships. Recognising the Marae redevelopment within the Plan would demonstrate the Board's commitment to achieving meaningful Māori outcomes rather than simply acknowledging them in principle.

The draft Local Board Plan makes reference **to Māori outcomes; however, it is not clear how the Local Board intends to give effect to, measure, or make visible its commitment to the Tāmaki Ora Māori Outcomes Strategy**. If Tāmaki Ora is to be more than an aspirational framework, its priorities must be clearly reflected through the Board's strategic actions, investment decisions, and identified projects.

Ruapotaka Marae provides a tangible example of how the aspirations of Tāmaki Ora can be realised in practice. The Marae redevelopment advances Māori wellbeing across all seven pou by strengthening cultural identity, supporting whānau and community resilience, creating opportunities for learning and participation, fostering leadership, and building enduring partnerships. Yet, despite this clear alignment, the redevelopment is not explicitly identified within the draft Plan.

We therefore ask: **How will the Local Board demonstrate that it is giving practical effect to the Tāmaki Ora Strategy if significant Māori-led initiatives such as the Ruapotaka Marae redevelopment are not visibly reflected within its priorities?** Visibility matters. Explicitly recognising the Marae redevelopment would demonstrate that the Board is translating its commitment to Māori outcomes into meaningful action rather than simply acknowledging the framework in principle.

We recommend that the Local Board clearly articulate within the final Plan:

- how the priorities of the Tāmaki Ora Māori Outcomes Strategy will be implemented across each outcome area;
- how progress against Māori outcomes will be measured and reported;

- what investment and partnerships will support delivery of those outcomes; and
- how strategic projects, including the Ruapotaka Marae redevelopment, contribute to achieving Tāmaki Ora and Te Tiriti o Waitangi commitments.

The omission of Ruapotaka Marae from the draft Plan diminishes the Marae's unique contribution to the Maungakiekie–Tāmaki area and weakens the visible commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Marae are not simply community venues; they are enduring institutions that strengthen social cohesion, provide leadership during times of crisis, preserve cultural knowledge, and create opportunities for future generations. Their role warrants explicit recognition within the strategic direction of the Local Board.

We also encourage the Local Board to strengthen its commitment to fostering genuine partnerships between mana whenua, marae, and Māori communities. This is particularly important in Te Waiōtaiki, where limited resources can create unnecessary competition between Māori organisations. The Local Board has an important role in enabling collaborative approaches that build collective capability, strengthen relationships, and ensure investment delivers equitable outcomes for Māori communities.

We respectfully request that the final Maungakiekie–Tāmaki Local Board Plan:

- Explicitly recognise Ruapotaka Marae and the significance of its redevelopment project.
- Acknowledge the Marae as a strategic community and cultural asset that contributes to the wellbeing of the wider Maungakiekie–Tāmaki community.
- Reaffirm the Local Board's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi through meaningful support for marae and Māori-led initiatives.
- Commit to strengthening collaborative partnerships between mana whenua, marae, Māori organisations, and Auckland Council to achieve shared aspirations for the community.

Ruapotaka Marae has served this community for generations and will continue to do so for generations to come. The Local Board Plan should reflect this enduring contribution and recognise the Marae as a cornerstone of the future wellbeing, resilience, and identity of Tāmaki-Maungakiekie.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this feedback and look forward to working alongside the local board to implement the aspirations of our hāpori.

Ngā mihi

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Quite well

Tell us why

Our community is a melting pot of different ethnic groups - so I think it should include all the cultures eg: asian, middle eastern

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3. **Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?**
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Safety improvements e.g. lights, Shade and seating, Wider play options e.g. options for over 10-year-olds

4. **Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
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Improve walking paths and footpaths, Ensure speed limits are safe, Work with partners and agencies to improve congestion issues

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I don't know

Tell us why

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most?
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Connections to public transport, Events and activities, Safety improvements e.g. lights

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**Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Work with partners and agencies to improve congestion issues, Better public transport (buses and trains)

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Safety and connections should be at the forefront of any plan for the community to improve and progress. Pathways, transport, parks, common areas etc - safety and connections please.

Safety - for the young/elderly/vulnerable - with better lighting on walkways, greenery maintained for visibility of people in said walkways, safety on roads, safety on paths, safety in parks, safety at events.

Connections - physically and emotionally/spiritually as a community/local neighbourhood. Connections through better public/frequent transport (including fares), through more local events, through accessibility - footpaths, crossings, less speedbumps and cones hah! and more traffic controlling measures at high traffic areas - roundabouts. T2 lanes are super helpful.

Sidebar to plan if allowed - please don't remove alley ways to the Fergusson Domain in Oranga community - this will cut connection and safety for my kids to the park and to school.

I appreciate this task is not easy for a supercity such as ours so thank you for taking steps in the right direction.

If the Waiapu Precinct can sort better parking in the meantime for the local businesses as currently the works in the area are a massive deterrent and challenge in access.



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Your feedback:

1. Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?

Not at all

Tell us why

I have lived and worked in the Tāmaki community for many years and have seen first-hand the challenges our whānau face, as well as the incredible strength that exists within our community. One thing that continues to disappoint me is the lack of recognition given to Ruapōtaka Marae within the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board's planning and priorities.

Ruapōtaka Marae has always been here for our community. Long before many of the services that exist today, the Marae has been a place of refuge, support and belonging for whānau. Every day they advocate for families, support people into safe housing, provide food and clothing, connect people with health, education and employment opportunities, and walk alongside whānau through some of the most difficult times in their lives. This work is often unseen, yet it has a significant impact on the wellbeing of our community.

I am disappointed that the Local Board Plan fails to acknowledge Ruapōtaka Marae and the significant contribution it continues to make to Tāmaki. I am equally disappointed that the Local Board has not supported or recognised the rebuild of Ruapōtaka Marae. The redevelopment of the Marae is an investment in the future of our community, creating a place where whānau can access services, strengthen connections and celebrate our culture. This should have been recognised as a priority and an opportunity to partner with the marae that has consistently supported the people of Tāmaki.

Another issue I believe requires great attention is community safety. Many areas of Glen Innes have poor or inadequate street lighting, making people unsafe when walking at night. Dark

streets, parks and walkways create opportunities for illegal and antisocial behaviour and discourage residents from using public spaces. Better lighting is a simple but effective way to improve safety, increase community confidence and help prevent crime.

I would also encourage the Local Board to consider extending community safety initiatives that have already proven successful elsewhere. Security patrols are currently utilised in Panmure to help provide a visible presence and reassure the community. Likewise, the security company engaged during the Te Ara Rama Light Trail demonstrated how an active security presence can help create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. Exploring similar initiatives within Glen Innes and the wider Tāmaki area would help improve community confidence and support safer public spaces, particularly during evenings and at community events.

Ruapōtaka Marae has always stood beside this community and will continue to do so. I encourage the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board to work more closely with the Marae, acknowledge the significant contribution it makes, support its future aspirations, and invest in practical initiatives that genuinely improve the wellbeing and safety of the people of Tāmaki.

**2. Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Other, please specify: As described in question 1, these are what our community needs. We don't need anymore parks, they're currently a breeding ground for illegal behaviour due to poor lighting.

**3. Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Safety improvements e.g. lights, Shade and seating, Other, please specify: Lighting is the biggest issue

4. Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.

**Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Ensure speed limits are safe, Work with partners and agencies to improve congestion issues, Other, please specify: Remove the cycle lanes. They rarely get used and take up too much road space. They are part of the reason that we have traffic congestion. The lanes are the reason why we have no offstreet parking.

5. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026?

I support the Local Board's commitment to strengthening communities; however, I believe the plan does not adequately recognise or acknowledge the significant role that Ruapōtaka Marae plays within the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki community.

Ruapōtaka Marae has been a place of manaakitanga, connection and support for whānau for generations. The marae continues to provide essential support to our community, including kai support, advocacy, housing assistance, cultural connection, wellbeing services and wraparound support for whānau experiencing hardship. Much of this mahi directly contributes to the outcomes the Local Board is seeking to achieve.

I would like to see stronger recognition of Ruapōtaka Marae as a valued community partner and greater commitment to working alongside marae-based organisations. The rebuild of Ruapōtaka Marae is a significant kaupapa for Tāmaki and should be acknowledged as an important investment in the future wellbeing, identity and resilience of our community.

I encourage the Local Board to move beyond consultation and strengthen genuine partnerships with local marae and community organisations who are already doing the mahi on the ground. Supporting and recognising these organisations will ensure the voices and needs of our whānau are reflected in future planning and decision-making.

I also encourage the Local Board to consider how existing community safety initiatives and resources can be better utilised to support safer neighbourhoods and provide reassurance for our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I hope the final Local Board Plan reflects a stronger commitment to recognising the history, contribution and ongoing importance of Ruapōtaka Marae within Maungakiekie-Tāmaki.



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Your feedback:

1. Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?

Very well

Tell us why

The draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflects many of the priorities that are important to the community, including safer neighbourhoods, better parks and public spaces, environmental sustainability, and support for local events and community wellbeing. However, there is still room to strengthen the plan by providing clearer actions, measurable outcomes, and greater focus on issues such as affordable housing, transport connections, support for young people, and ensuring all parts of the local board area benefit equitably from investment. Overall, the plan is a positive foundation but could be improved by addressing these areas in more detail.

**2. Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Free activities and events in local parks, libraries, and public spaces, Building partnerships with local groups and mana whenua to find local ways to provide for our community, Support local volunteer groups to continue to do their work in communities.

**3. Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Connections to public transport, Events and activities, Wider play options e.g. options for over 10-year-olds

- 4. Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

**Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Improve walking paths and footpaths, Work with partners and agencies to improve congestion issues, Better public transport (buses and trains)

- 5. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026?**

I encourage the Local Board to include more specific targets and timelines so residents can better understand how progress will be measured. It would also be valuable to strengthen the plan's commitment to improving public transport connections, walking and cycling infrastructure, and road safety, particularly around schools and town centres. Greater emphasis on supporting young people, local businesses, affordable and accessible community facilities, and initiatives that celebrate the area's cultural diversity would also benefit the community. Continued investment in environmental restoration, tree planting, and resilience to climate change should remain a priority.



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I don't know

Tell us why

While the overarching themes are easy to relate to, the draft plan falls short on clarity and focus:

Lack of Specifics: The plan is overly broad, making it difficult to determine which concrete projects will actually be delivered.

Diluted Priorities: Listing an excessive number of initiatives means nothing is genuinely prioritised, risking a lack of direction and impact.

Execution over Placation: The board should focus on tangible delivery rather than trying to placate every stakeholder group with high-level goals.

2. Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most? (Select up to 3 options)

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3. Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people? (Select up to 3 options)

Cycle and walking path connections, Events and activities, Shade and seating

4. Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.

**Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Improve the cycling network, Work with partners and agencies to improve congestion issues, Better public transport (buses and trains)

5. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026?

1. Community: Playground Usability & Shade

Year-Round Play Provision: While playground surfaces handle wet weather well and avoid mud, provision for the summer months is lacking.

Heat Equipment Issues: Metal and plastic playground equipment gets too hot for children to use safely during warm weather.

Local Example: At Buchanan Park Playground, the slides become unusable during the middle of the day in summer due to extreme heat exposure.

Action Requested: Focus playground upgrades on adding shade and heat-mitigating materials so facilities remain usable year-round.

2. Transport: Rail Priorities & Level Crossings

Re-evaluating Level Crossing Advocacy: Advocacy regarding level crossings on the Onehunga line yields minimal community benefit. The Church St East project is already underway, leaving 8 level crossings within the local board's remit where removal would consume significant resources without solving core transit issues.

Actual Line Constraints: Experience on the Onehunga line shows train speed is primarily constrained by track curvature and deceleration into Te Pāpapa and Penrose stations. For example, trains reach a decent speed parallel to Princes Street with no noticeable impact from the Alfred St level crossing.

The Core Bottleneck: The single track is the clear limiting factor for service frequency and overall capacity. Removing level crossings risks creating bottlenecks elsewhere in the road network without improving rail service.

Action Requested: Delete level crossing removal from the local plan, or redirect advocacy to high-impact improvements such as:

Dual-tracking the Onehunga Line to enable 10 to 15 minute service frequencies.

Direct Airport Rail: Advocating for a direct rail link connecting Onehunga to Auckland Airport.

3. Transport: Cycle Path & Road Maintenance

Regular Sweeping Routine: Dedicated cycle paths require regular maintenance, weekly or fortnightly road sweeping, to clear debris that otherwise creates safety risks for cyclists.

Unprotected Key Routes: Road sweeping must extend to roads frequented by cyclists that lack dedicated bike paths. Intersections along these routes accumulate gravel, crash debris, and branches, forcing cyclists out of safe positioning on the left side of the road.

Priority Locations: At a minimum, implement regular sweeping on Mount Smart Rd and Penrose Rd.

4. Transport: Cycling Network Expansion

Firming Commitments: While the plan acknowledges gaps in the cycling network under transport challenges, the priority statements need stronger, actionable commitments.

Action Requested: Set firm priorities to deliver missing links between existing cycle networks and establish safe, well-maintained routes along major arterial corridors.

5. Transport: Feedback on Recent Improvements

Grey St & Onehunga Mall Roundabout: Excellent addition that has already noticeably improved local traffic flow.

Arthur St & Selwyn St Roundabout: Has created a significantly safer junction for all road users.

Commendation: The swift delivery and turnaround time on both of these projects was commendable.