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New and improved bus services for East Auckland

To provide better connections in preparation for the Eastern Busway and the Airport to Botany (A2B) project

Have your say by
29 MARCH 2026



Your city moving



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Drop-in sessions

Come along to meet one-on-one with members of the project team and discuss the changes:

Howick Market
(Picton Street outside Jett's gym)
Saturday, 14 March, 10am to 11:30am

Botany Town Centre Library
Saturday, 14 March, 1pm to 3pm

Panmure Station
Wednesday, 18 March, 4pm to 6:30pm



Provide your feedback

We would like to hear what you think about these changes. Find out more and have your say at: [aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/east-auckland-services](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/east-auckland-services)

Help us improve bus services for East Auckland

When the Eastern Busway fully opens in 2027, some East Auckland bus routes will change to make the most of the new dedicated bus corridor. Bus services will be redesigned to provide better connectivity between services and busway stations, provide more buses, and easier access to more destinations.

Some of these changes will take place in 2026, while others will take place once the Eastern Busway fully opens in 2027.

We are also proposing to extend all AirportLink services from Manukau to Botany Town Centre as part of the Airport to Botany (A2B) project in 2028-29. This is to provide a faster and more direct connection between East Auckland and the Airport.

We have some ideas on what the improvements should look like, but would like to know what you think about the routes, the hours the buses will run and how frequent they will be.

Peak times are from approximately 6am to 9am, and from 4pm to 7pm, Monday-Friday. Check timetables online for each service.

2026

35 37 351 352 353

Highbrook and Ormiston

From April 2026:

- The new **37** frequent route will be introduced between Manurewa – Clendon – Puhinui Station – Preston Rd – Highbrook
- As a result of introducing route **37** and to avoid duplication, route **352** will be adjusted to travel via Greenan Drive, Bellingham Road and Accent Drive. This change will provide a direct connection from South of Flatbush and Ormiston area to Highbrook.

From December 2026:

- The **35** will have improved evening frequencies to every 30 minutes and have later services on Sundays.
- The **353** will start earlier on weekdays and Sundays.

When the Eastern Busway opens:

- The **37** will be extended to end at Pōhatu Station (Burswood)
- The **351**, **352** and **353** will be modified to use Pōhatu Station.

314 356

Mission Heights

From Mid-late 2026:

- The **356** is a new service that will replace the **314**. It will connect Ormiston and Flatbush with Manukau Station, Otara and Middlemore Hospital.
- Every 20 mins at peak, 30 mins all other times during weekdays. Every 30 minutes on weekends and public holidays.

The implementation of the 356 is dependent on the completion of new local roads and infrastructure.

711 712

Howick and Bucklands Beach to Panmure

From December 2026:

- The **711** will run every 20 minutes during peak times Monday-Friday in peak direction (Howick to Panmure in the morning, Panmure to Howick in the afternoon), and every 30 minutes in both directions at all other times, including weekends and public holidays.
- The **712** will run every 15 minutes during peak times Monday-Friday in peak direction (Bucklands Beach to Panmure in the morning, Panmure to Bucklands Beach in the afternoon), and every 30 minutes at all other times, including weekends and public holidays. There are extra trips added at school times
- Both services will use the bus lanes adjacent to the Rā Hihi flyover to access Pakuranga Station.

2026 continued

733 734 735

Half Moon Bay and Bucklands Beach to Botany

There are three local services from Half Moon Bay and Bucklands Beach that go to Botany – the **733**, **734**, and **735**.

From December 2026:

- The **733**, **734**, and **735** will run at least every 30 minutes all day, Monday - Friday, weekends and public holidays.
- The **734** and **735** will continue to connect to the ferry.

AT is investigating to take these services to Pōhatu Station (Burswood) to create better connection and access to the Highbrook services (**37**, **351**, **352**) once the Eastern busway opens.

2027

Once the Eastern Busway is completed

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Botany

Evening frequencies will improve to every 10 minutes until 9pm.

72c 72M 72x

Pakuranga Road

The **72C** and **72M** will run every 20 minutes during the day (including weekends) to create a bus every 10 minutes on Pakuranga Road between Howick and Panmure.

During peak hours, the **72X** will have half of the services starting from Howick and the other half of services starting at Meadowlands and travelling via Cockle Bay. This bus will no longer start or finish at Botany Town Centre or serve Litten Road.

You will still be able to travel to and from Botany Town Centre on the **72C** and **72M**.

The **72X** is likely to use double decker buses to meet increasing demand without having to run additional buses.

These services will use the bus lanes adjacent to the Rā Hihi flyover to access Pakuranga Station.

706 35

Ormiston

We propose a new peak-only **706** service between Ormiston Town Centre and Panmure via the Eastern Busway.

It will run in one direction only during peak times – in the morning it will travel **to** Panmure, and in the afternoon will travel **from** Panmure.

The **706** service would:

- Use the same route as the **35** to get to the Eastern Busway, but will not go to Botany Town Centre.
- Run every 15 minutes and alternate with the **35**, creating a combined 7-8 minute frequency between Ormiston, Botany and Panmure.

2028 - 2029

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AirportLink

We propose to extend all AirportLink services from Manukau to Botany once construction is complete. For more information about the project construction, please visit at.govt.nz/projects-initiatives/south-auckland-projects-and-initiatives/airport-to-botany-rapid-transit-project

East Auckland Bus Network Changes



Please note not all East Auckland services are shown on the map



Legend

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| 35 Manukau Bus Station to Botany Town Centre via Chapel Rd | 355 Manukau Bus Station to Botany Town Centre via Mission Heights |
| 37 Manurewa to Pōhatu via Clendon, Puhinui, Preston Rd, Highbrook | 356 Manukau Bus Station to Middlemore via Ormiston Rise |
| 70 Botany Town Centre to Britomart via Panmure and Ellerslie | 706 Ormiston Town Centre to Panmure |
| 72c Botany Town Centre and Howick to Panmure via Chapel Rd, Cook St | 711 Howick to Panmure via Cascades Road |
| 72M Botany and Howick to Panmure via Millhouse Dr, Meadowland Dr | 712 Bucklands Beach to Panmure |
| 72x Cockle Bay and Howick Peak | 733 Pōhatu to Bucklands Beach via Botany and Highland Park |
| 351 Botany Town Centre to Otāhuhu Station via Highbrook | 734 Pōhatu to Half Moon Bay via Botany, Highland Park |
| 352 Manukau Bus Station to Panmure via East Tamaki | 735 Pōhatu to Half Moon Bay via Botany, Cockle Bay and Howick |
| 353 Manukau Bus Station to Botany Town Centre via Preston Rd | AIR Airport to Botany via Manukau |