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Ōrewa walkway and seawall

Project Update #4

The construction contract for the Ōrewa Beach seawall and shared walkway between Kohu Street and Marine View has been awarded to JFC Limited. We are excited to work with JFC who are market leaders in infrastructure and civil construction and behind some of New Zealand's most high-profile projects.

The project will protect the esplanade reserve from further erosion and retain public access at all-tides to this section of the beach. The 600-metre-long seawall will have a grouted rock surface, a concrete shared path and access ramps and stairs to the beach.

Over the past few months, we have discussed design, negotiated the tender price, and agreed the programme and stages of work with JFC. The tender has been awarded for \$12.5 million.

We intend to complete the project before the end of next year as originally planned and with a slightly revised timeline. Work starts before Christmas, stops for Christmas and the summer holidays, restarts in March and will continue until its finished towards the end of 2025.

The first stage of work is intended to be the section of the beach between Kohu Street and Kinloch Reserve, and then work continues south to Marine View. The seawall and the path are intended to be completed together at each stage.

In the next month, contractors will set up a site compound on Kinloch Reserve and install fencing. There is beach access, and the car park is open in Kinloch Reserve. During construction, part of Kohu Street will be fenced with access to residential properties and the beach still provided.

JFC staff will update residents and property owners living on the foreshore about any planned work ahead of time. At times, some areas of the foreshore and beach will be closed to the public for short periods and disruption kept to a minimum.

Property surveys are complete

Site-specific property surveys that document the current condition of properties along the length of the seawall are complete. Thank you to all the property owners who helped us to complete this process ahead of construction.



Extent of seawall and walkway works between Kohu Street and Marine View

Design refinements to save costs

Our designers Tonkin + Taylor and Bespoke Landscape Architects have reviewed aspects of the design to save costs, while still achieving the original design intent.

This resulted in several design updates to reduce scope, modify project elements, reduce complexity and simplify the structures.

Engagement with Ngāti Manuhiri

We acknowledge and appreciate the involvement of Ngāti Manuhiri in the project.

Our contractors, consultants and council staff attended a cultural induction led by Ngāti Manuhiri before the start of construction.

We are excited to be finalising the design of mahi toi elements. Stencils will be etched into the concrete walkway. We will share more information in our next update.

Environmental plans before construction

Our contractor is required to provide environmental management plans as part of the resource consent process before starting construction and we expect this will take several weeks.

The plans include construction management, construction noise and vibration management, traffic management, erosion and sediment control, and a shorebird nesting survey.

Next steps

Here's what it is happening between October to December:

- shorebird nesting survey
- site establishment
- starting construction between Kohu Street and Kinloch Reserve.

Keep up to date

Quarterly updates are planned as the seawall and shared walkway project progresses. If you know someone who would like to sign up to receive the newsletter, email

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