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Dear Owner/Occupier,

Have your say NX2 - Albany to Universities Bus route and service layovers

As part of its New Network (NN), Auckland Transport (AT) is progressively rolling out a more connected and frequent bus service across the region. This includes the introduction - on **30 September 2018** - of a new Northern Express route, NX2; a predominantly double decker route from Albany Station to the Universities via Wellesley Street.

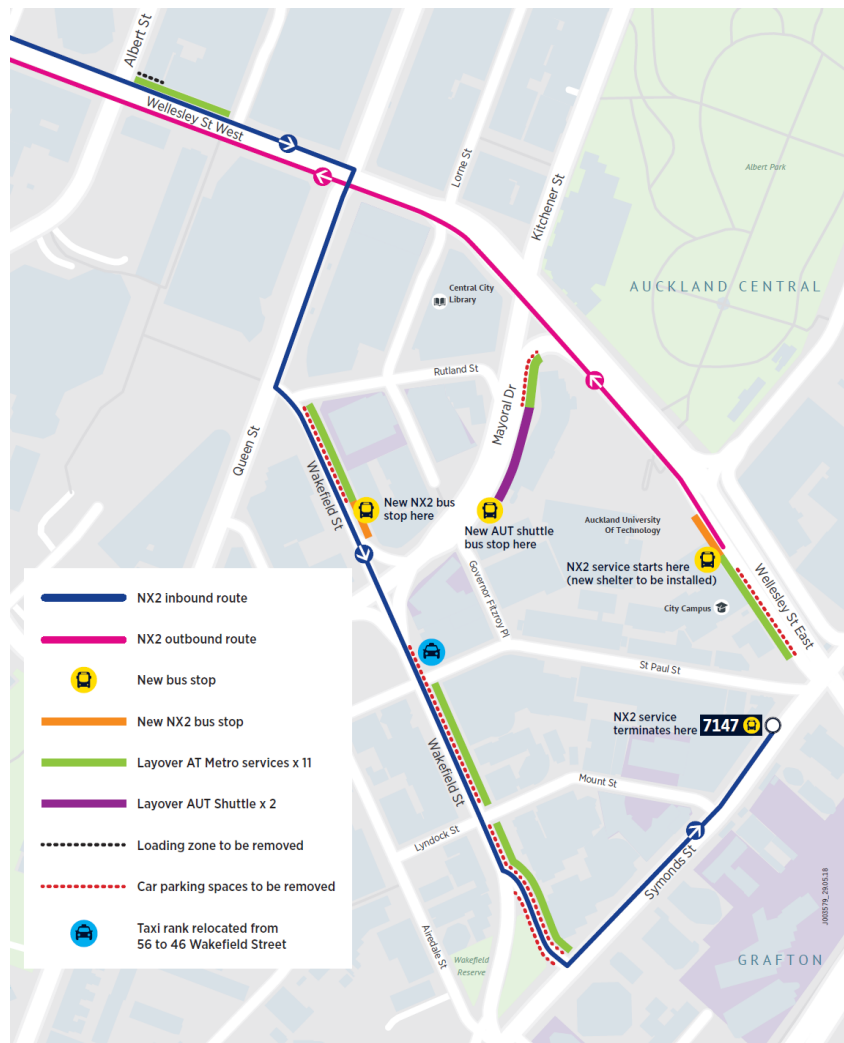
An interim route, which is shown on the map, is proposed to meet New Network implementation deadlines. A permanent NX2 route will be established using Mayoral Drive instead of Queen St between Wellesley and Wakefield Streets, but this will not be possible by September due to the works involved.

The NX2 will replace both the 881 route from busway stations to the universities, hospital and Newmarket, and the current express services from the East Coast Bays to Mayoral Drive.

It will run at least every 15 minutes, 7am to 7pm, 7 days a week, with buses every three to four minutes during peak times - benefitting thousands of commuters and students coming into the city daily.

What is proposed?

A number of bus infrastructure (layovers and bus stops) parking changes are required by **1 September 2018** to ensure NX2 and other services can travel safely and efficiently along the route. This letter outlines the changes and how you may be impacted. Please find detailed plans enclosed.





In summary, AT propose to:

- Remove all car park spaces (approximately 35) and parking meters along the eastern sides of both Wakefield Street and Mayoral Drive, and the Wellesley Street East downhill ramp, to make way for new bus stops and layover spaces for the NX2, Dominion Road, SkyBus and AUT shuttle bus services.
- Relocate the existing AUT bus stop on Wellesley Street East to Mayoral Drive and replace it with an AT NX2 bus shelter.
- Remove one loading zone on Wellesley Street West (between Albert/Elliott Streets) to accommodate a bus lay over.
- Replace the two-cab taxi rank currently located outside 56 Wakefield Street with a three-cab taxi rank to be located outside 46 Wakefield Street.
- Allow buses to turn right from Wellesley Street East to Mayoral Drive – this will be carried out at a later date when resources become available, and will involve an intersection upgrade and tree pruning.

Other existing bus stops on Wakefield Street, Symonds Street and Wellesley Street will not be affected.

Your feedback is important

We are currently seeking feedback from property owners and occupiers directly affected by the proposed changes. In particular we want to know of:

- Any concerns with the proposed NX2 bus shelter
- Any land development proposals or issues that may affect the proposed bus infrastructure locations and parking changes
- Any site-specific safety issues that you think would affect the proposed bus infrastructure and parking changes.

Other issues raised through the feedback will be considered where access to the public transport facilities can be enhanced.

How to give feedback

Go online to www.AT.govt.nz/haveyoursay and complete our online survey.

Alternatively you can email NX2Layover@at.govt.nz or contact Rata Campbell (NX2 Communications) on 021 061 3322 if you have any queries about this proposal.

Consultation closes **5.00pm, Tuesday 26 June**.

For more information about the NX2 bus project and our wider New Network programme, go to www.at.govt.nz/newnetworknorth

Yours sincerely,
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