

Waterview Connection Video Answers

Tuesday 26 August

1. Meeting Auckland's Roading Needs

Drive down to the waterfront in the centre of Auckland City and meet Peter Spies from NZTA to find out more about Auckland's road network.

1. Why are good roads important?
 - They allow people, goods and services to travel easily and efficiently to help the economy
2. What are some of the challenges in providing good roads in Auckland?
 - two harbours, volcanoes and an increasing population
3. What happens if there is an accident on the Harbour Bridge?
 - There are very long delays as it shuts the main route through Auckland.

Next step learning: Find out more about the State Highways in your local area and how they have changed over time.

2. The Western Ring – An Alternative Route

Find out more about the Auckland Harbour Bridge and discover why Auckland needs the Western Ring Route.

1. How long was it expected to take to complete the Western Ring Route?
 - 15 years
2. What were some of the major projects involved in closing up the gaps in the Western Ring Route?
 - Manukau Extension, the Mount Roskill Project, Manukau Harbour Crossing, Hobsinville Extension
3. Why is the Harbour Bridge not enough to meet transport needs?
 - It cannot be extended, the clip-ons have a limited life and will need replacing

Next step learning: Discuss how you think the Western Ring Route will impact on Auckland and how it might affect you.

3. Completing the Western Ring Route

Come into the site office beside the southern approach trench and see how the Waterview Connection will complete the Western Ring Route.

1. How long will the Western Ring Route be once it is completed?
 - 48 kilometres of continuous motorway
2. Why are tunnels being built rather than having the road above ground?
 - Because a lot of houses, parks and facilities would have been destroyed to make way for the 6 lane motorway
3. What is significant about the tunnels?
 - They will be the longest road tunnels in New Zealand.

Next step learning: What impact do you think this project will have on the environment and why?

4. More Than Just a Road Project

Talk to Helen Cook from NZTA about how the Waterview Connection has been designed and how it will impact on the local area and community.

1. Who has been consulted about what to include in the Waterview Connection Project?
 - Local people, iwi and interest groups
2. What is being done to improve the environment in the area?
 - Planting natives, creating parks
3. What extra facilities will be provided?
 - Sports grounds, skate parks, bridges, children's playgrounds, walk ways and cycle ways.

Next step learning: Imagine you live in this area. Think about what you would like to see included in the Waterview Connection Project and complete some design drawings to show your ideas.