

Technical Specialist Memo - Environmental Monitoring

To:

Warwick Pascoe – Premium Project Lead
Celia Wong – Senior Planner, Resource Consents
Louise Barclay & Jo Hart – Senior Planner, Notices of Requirement

From:

Christian Greff Turza – Senior Environmental Monitoring Officer

Qualifications
& Relevant
Experience:

I hold the qualification of Bachelor of Science in Environment and Renewable Energies and have five years' experience assessing environmental effects, compliance, and regulatory requirements.
I have prepared technical assessments for fast-track applications on multiple occasions.

Preparation in
Accordance
with the Code
of Conduct:

I confirm that I have read the Environment Court Practice Note 2023 – Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses (Code) and have complied with it in the preparation of this memorandum. I also agree to follow the Code when participating in any subsequent processes, such as expert conferencing, directed by the Panel. I confirm that the opinions I have expressed are within my area of expertise and are my own, except where I have stated that I am relying on the work or evidence of others, which I have specified.

Date:

20/05/2026

1.0 APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

Application and property details

Fast-Track project name:

North West Rapid Transit

Fast-Track application number:

FTAA-2511-1146

Council Resource Consent References:

BUN60461580

LUC60461581

DIS60461582 (contamination)

CST60461583 (structures)

CST60461584 (disturbance of seabed (other))

CST60461585 (veg removal)

WAT60461586 (groundwater)

LUS60461587 (structure)

LUS60461588 (works)

Notice(s) of Requirement

NOR number	Description
NoR 1	Busway between Brigham Creek Rarawaru station and north of Westgate Te Waiarohia station (including stations, Park and Ride and all local road connections)
NoR 2	Busway between north of Westgate Te Waiarohia station and north of Royal Road Mānutewhau station (including stations, Park and Ride and all local road connections)
NoR 3	Busway between Royal Road Mānutewhau Station and Te Whau River (including all stations and local road connections)
NoR 4	Brigham Creek Rarawaru station including Park and Ride
NoR 5	Westgate Te Waiarohia station
NoR 6	Royal Road Mānutewhau station
NoR 7	Lincoln Road Wai o Pareira station
NoR 8	Te Atatū Ōrangihina station
NoR 9	Busway between Waterview interchange and west of Ivanhoe Road (including all stations and local road connections)
NoR 10	Busway between Ivanhoe Road and Ian McKinnon Drive (including all stations and local road connections)
NoR 11	Point Chevalier station
NoR 12	Western Springs station

Site address:

Generally alongside State Highway 16 between Brigham Creek and Auckland City Centre

- NWRT_Part 6_5_Property Schedule_Land within designation boundary and

- NWRT_Part 6_6_Property Schedule_Landadjacent to the designation boundary)

2.0 Executive Summary / Principal Issues

N/A

3.0 Documents Reviewed

- NWRT Part 1: Legal Submissions
- NWRT Part 2: The Project
- NWRT Part 3: Project Benefits
- NWRT Part 4: Resource Management Act 1991 Approvals
- NWRT Part 6.7: Auckland System Management Compliance Summary for NZTA

4.0 Additional Reasons for Consent Not included in AEE (Resource Consent only)

N/A

5.0 Specialist Assessment (Notice(s) of Requirement and Resource Consent)

N/A

6.0 Section 67 Information Gap

N/A

7.0 Recommendation

N/A

8.0 Proposed Conditions (Resource Consent)

Resource Consent Conditions

- Consistent referencing to council throughout to avoid confusion as to who is certifying and / or receiving information for these consents – Team Leader Environmental

Monitoring monitoring@ Auckland Council.govt.nz. Information could be added on 'Definitions' section, in the Manager definition.

- It's recommended that conditions adopt standard Council formatting, this will ensure the effectiveness of monitoring the consent and assist with administration associated with the consent. In general, the wording of the proposed conditions is very difficult to enforce against.
- Environmental Monitoring does not support the omission of Condition 1. Including the relevant plans and supporting documentation is important because it fixes the precise scope of what has been approved, ensuring that the activity carried out on the ground aligns with the proposal and the effects that were assessed and relied upon in granting the approval.
- Monitoring deposit condition needs to be included.
- One main concern relates to incorrect triggers for the submission of management plans are not correct. If the condition remains unchanged, we will not be able to request, for example, an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan until after the earthworks are completed and before construction begins
- **Condition 3:**
Item a: Coastal Construction Management Plan should also be provided for certification. Triggers for submission need to be adequate for the management plan. Erosion and Sediment Control Plan should be provided prior to any earthworks starting on site. Remedial Action Plan and Contaminated Soils Management Plan need to be provided if contamination is identified on site and prior to any earthworks.
Item c: All changes need to be discussed with Council, noting that if the activity is not undertaken in accordance with the certified plans, it would constitute non-compliance with the condition requirements.
- **Condition 4:**
Item a: *'Prior to the start of construction'* should be corrected to *'prior to the land disturbance'*.
- **Condition 5:**
Item a: *'Prior to the start of construction'* should be corrected to *'prior to the land disturbance'*, in accordance with Section 4.2.3.3 of document titled Te Ara Hauāuru Northwest Rapid Transit Part 2: The Project.
Item c (xi): Separate condition is recommended for winter works:
No earthworks on the subject site can be undertaken between 01 May and 30 September in any year, without the submission of a 'Request for winter works' for approval to Council. All requests must be renewed annually prior to the approval expiring and no works must occur until written approval has been received from Council. All winter works will be re-assessed monthly or as required to ensure that adverse effects are not occurring in the receiving environment and approval may be revoked by Council upon written notice to the consent holder.
- **Condition 6:** Recommend that condition is reworded to match Council's standards format:
 Earthworks must be progressively stabilised against erosion at all stages of the earthworks activities and must be sequenced to minimise the discharge of sediment to surface water.
- **Condition 7:** The documentation referenced on this condition (DSI, RAP and CSMP) needs to be written in accordance with the Contaminated Land Management Guidelines No. 1 requirements.

Item a: Recommend that the results of the DSI be submitted to Council for information.

- **Condition 14**: Completion certification is to be provided to Council to enable a record of the commencement of the 5-year maintenance period.
- **Conditions 16, 17 and 18**: Management plans are to be provided to Council for certification, and a completion report is to be provided following completion of the works.
- **Condition 20**: CCMP needs to be provided to Council for certification.

9.0 Proposed Conditions (Notices of Requirement)

N/A

10.0 Supporting Documents

N/A

