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Dear Emma

Northwest Rapid Transit Fast-Track Approvals Act Application

Auckland Transport (AT) has been working with NZTA as part of its planning and design for the Northwest Rapid Transit Project (Northwest Busway), during the Investment Case phase which started in 2023 and through the Project Development phase (including planning and consenting). This has included engagement at both strategic and operational levels – predominately through AT representation on the project steering committee, staff embedded in the project team and collaborative working groups with representation from AT subject matter experts. The AT Board confirmed support of the Investment Case outcomes through a letter to NZTA's Board Chair in March 2025.

AT notes the project has key interfaces with the local road network and bus operations. AT is comfortable with the proposed indicative design, proposed designation boundaries and material which is to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Authority in support of the application. AT acknowledge that there will be further opportunities to input into the design as the detail is developed.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been developed between the parties to manage the interface between the Project, the local road network and the operation of buses. The MoU broadly covers relationship, responsibilities, governance, decision making, funding, requiring authority, local network integration, land ownership, design and review, asset ownership, project delivery, operations and maintenance and construction impacts.

While the project boundary ends at Ian McKinnon Drive, NZTA continues to work with AT to develop interventions within the city centre, the delivery of which will be mostly triggered by patronage growth.

There is an expectation that AT will deliver ongoing improvements on local bus routes to support efficient and reliable journeys to the bus stations along the busway.



In summary, AT supports the Project. There are key interfaces with the local road network and the operation of passenger transport services, that need to be managed. AT is comfortable the interface can be managed appropriately between the parties and there are no matters which AT considers may adversely affect project delivery.

Kind regards



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