
MINUTE 1 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Project Overview Conference

North West Rapid Transit FTAA-2511-1146

13 April 2026

[1] The purpose of this minute is to confirm the time and details for a project overview conference with the applicant, and the details of the site visit.

[2] The project overview conference will be held on Wednesday, 22 April 2026, at 2pm and will be held at the Auckland offices of the Applicant's solicitors, Chapman Tripp. The Panel requires that it be recorded via Microsoft Teams to provide potential commenters with the same information as that provided to the Panel, and that the recording be made available on the Fast-track website following the conference.

[3] The purpose of the conference is to familiarise the Expert Panel with:

- (a) the content of the application for approvals;
- (b) the content and structure of proposed conditions, including management plans and drafting style;
- (c) the key points of evidence (technical reports, assessments and other information) provided in support of the application;
- (d) relevant legal tests and legal issues in contention;
- (e) issues bearing on the scope of invitations to comment;


- (f) the site visit programme;
- (g) other relevant matters.

[4] During the project overview conference, the Applicant will present a high-level overview of the application, and the Panel will have the opportunity to ask questions about the application, noting that Panel members have already begun to familiarise themselves with the application documents.

[5] To facilitate the application overview, the Applicant may wish to provide a short PowerPoint presentation, and to speak to it during the briefing.

[6] The Panel requires the Applicant's counsel and lead planner to be available at the project overview conference but otherwise leaves it to the Applicant to determine which technical experts will attend the conference on its behalf.

[7] Following the project overview conference, the Panel will attend a site visit on 23 April 2026. Given the spatial extent of the project, the Panel has allocated a full day for that to be completed. The Panel will require a representative of the Applicant to attend the site visit to assist with navigating the relevant aspects of the project. The details will be confirmed during the conference.



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