

Board Meeting

Date and time:	Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 1pm
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Busfield (PB), NZ Marine - VC • Anita Potgieter (AP), ASB • Graeme Gunthorp (GG), Auckland Transport • Brett Sweetman (BS), Park Hyatt Auckland • Sharon Byrne (SB), Auckland Theatre Company • Olivia Heighton (OH), Precinct Properties • Pete Bowden (PB), VHHL/Tramco • Bridget Law (BL), Eke Panuku • Ronald Tay (RT), WSP • Michael Hawes (MH), Warren and Mahoney • Brigid Rogers (BR), WQ TMA Coordinator
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meredith Bates (MB), Mott MacDonald – Chair • George Higgins-Smith (GHS), Genesis • Genevieve Sage (GS), Waitematā Local Board • Shruti Suvarna (SS), Sanford • Greg Moyle (GM), Waitematā Local Board • Tom Locke (TL), Warren and Mahoney • Lauren Arms (LA), Precinct Properties • Tom Dooley (TD), Sanford • Fiona Knox (FK), Eke Panuku • Rob Young (RY), WSP
Guests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiáin d'Leafy (FL) Bike Auckland • Rose Maya Mott MacDonald • Ben Nel Mott MacDonald
Notes taken by:	Brigid Rogers
Meeting held at:	Park Hyatt Auckland, Wynyard Quarter

Item	Discussion and Action	By who
1	Apologies and notes from last meeting / matters arising Apologies were noted as above. The notes of last meeting in August were agreed - proposed by AP seconded by PB.	
2	<p>Liberate the Lane – presentation by Fiáin d'Leafy (FL) Bike Auckland</p> <p>FL thanked the Board for the opportunity to present, acknowledged the physical constraints of the area and noted that the mode share was higher for active modes than many other areas. FL has taken some diagrams from the TMA website including the map showing walking times for Wynard Quarter. FL noted that connections for cars around Auckland were much better than for bikes and those walking, and suggested that more people could cycle and walk if there were safe and direct routes for them to do so. One of the big missing parts is across the Waitemata Harbour Bridge which connects CBD to the North Shore. Some people feel trapped into owning a car because of where they live and the lack of options. FL called this a “glaring gap in our transport system.” Bike Auckland want to Liberate the lane and give active mode users the opportunity to use the current bridge. There have many arguments and these can be found on the Bike Auckland website and now Bike Auckland are seeking support from organisations and businesses to lobby NZTA to look at allocate a lane for active modes ahead of the current planned date of 2035. The resilience of the bridge has been mentioned but the current plans are for a dedicated lane but not for another 10+ years.</p> <p>AP asked about the connections needed to make getting on and off the bridge suitable for active modes. MH commented that AT would probably have responsibility for that.</p> <p>FL noted that although asked to do so by the then minister for transport NZTA have refused to undertake any sort of trial. BR asked who makes the decisions around this issue and FL commented that it was sitting with the Board of NZTA.</p>	

PB asked if Bike Auckland had thought of doing a trail of some sort whereby the lanes could be used for active modes off peak and maybe at weekends. FL commented that making frequent changes to the lanes for different user groups would be costly and therefore not viable.

PB asked what Bike Auckland were looking for from WQ TMA

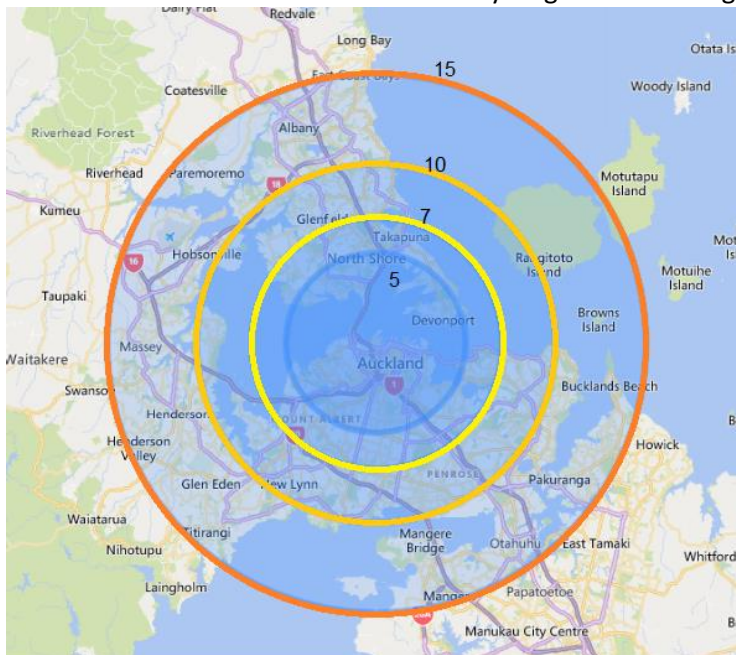
FL are wanting to get as much public support as possible to put pressure on NZTA to enable a lane to be set aside for active modes. MH asked if AT had signed up. GG noted that the bridge was not an AT asset therefore they would be unlikely to have a view.

PB suggested that in the interim perhaps free ferries could be used to bring people (and bikes) over from the North Shore, until such time as all the options have been worked through.

FL thought this was a possibility but that other ferry users wouldn't be happy that it was free, plus there was work needed at Northcote Point and having the constraint of timetables and switching modes wouldn't solve all the issues, so on balance was not in favour of the concept. MH commented that having something might be better than nothing and a 10 year wait.

FL mentioned that there would be a complete cycle path from Albany park and ride to the bridge in coming years, so those with electric bikes could potentially cycle all the way into WQ.

RT asked about the catchment area for cycling. Post meeting FL shared the diagram below:



Map shows radius of kilometres from Wynyard Quarter

FL noted that 5km was an easy distance but with an e-bike distances of 15km were within range.

TR mentioned a missing part of the cycle network around Victoria Street, part of Te Hā Noa. FL mentioned that Bike Auckland had been in discussions with AT and that there is a will to fix the gap. It could be a pop up or permanent solution, subject to budgets. GG noted that the new path was hoped to be open by October 2024. PB asked FL to outline the background and role of Bike Auckland.

FL explained that Bike Auckland is the non-profit organisation working to improve things for people on bikes. Acting as an independent voice for cycling in Auckland, Bike Auckland lead the push for positive change, on behalf of everyone who rides a bike in our city – and everyone who would love to give it a go. Lots of focus on inclusivity, parents cycling with children to school and people with disabilities given opportunities to ride. Most funding come from private donations, some from membership, but Bike Auckland also get funding for specific projects from time to time. Bike Auckland want to reduce the barriers to cycling and offer give advice on biking best practice as well as offering valet bike parking at events.

PB thanks FL for attending and presenting to the Board. FL left the meeting. The TMA went on to consider what level of support they could offer Bike Auckland. MH noted that the concept of having a dedicated lane for active modes was aligned with many of the TMA's objectives.

There was a general discussion. BR suggested that herself and MH come up with a statement which could be circulated to the Board members for approval. The statement is as follows:

WQ TMA support the principal of providing a dedicated lane for active modes on the current Auckland Harbour Bridge. WQ TMA would like to see this being actively investigated and in operation within the next few years, not decades.

GG suggested looking at the open letter on the Bike Auckland website – this can be [viewed here](#). There are also statements from other businesses supporting the Liberate the Lane campaign.

BR
MH

3 Northbrook Winton redevelopments in Wynyard Quarter
This presentation was deferred to a future Board meeting. BR to rearrange. BR

4 Beaumont Street upgrade
GG reported that the next meeting of the Programme Control Group (PCG) was to be held on 12th October and that meeting will determine the next steps for the Beaumont Street upgrade.
BR noted that AT were looking at the wider picture including the major infrastructure changes possibly taking place in and around WQ in the future. These included a potential second harbour crossing and Auckland Light Rail extension across the Harbour. There were also budgetary pressures in all projects within AT. MH pointed out that most of these were over ten years away and that could the existing Beaumont Street last that long – what about the planned cycleway?
AP pointed out that safely as a whole in WQ was critical and determining the safest routes for active modes was very important. BL mentioned that Winton had applied for consent to build a pedestrian crossing joining their Northbrook development on Beaumont Street with the redevelopments taking place at Pier 21. Eke Panuku had been asked for a letter of support. PB asked how many car parks were to be removed and what the form of any crossing might look like. PB commented that a signalled crossing could help with enabling traffic to exit Westhaven Drive more freely. PB also asked about the timing around this application – BL to advise. BR to liaise with Winton and report back to the TMA Board. BL
BR

5 Updates
Chair – no update
Waitematā Local Board – GS asked that the TMA Board be informed about the sink hole in Parnell. This has been an unfortunate occurrence and Watercare are working around the clock to ensure the fixup run as smoothly and as fast as possible. Unfortunately, there is a no swim/no fishing warning out for the next 10 days at least for the Waitemata Harbour.
Auckland Transport –no update
Eke Panuku – BL reported that a number of events are being planned for the area these are detailed below:

ACTIVITY	DATE S	TIMINGS	VENUE	EVENT DESCRIPTION
Sydney to Auckland Yacht Race	7 th to 20 th		Jellicoe Harbour	Ocean Yacht race from Sydney to Auckland. This challenging 1,250nm Category 1 race is open to offshore cruising and racing yachts, superyachts and ocean racing multihulls. https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/sydney-to-auckland-ocean-race
Stabicraft on Water Boat Show	Thur 12 th	10am – 6pm	Westhaven	3-day boat show consisting of: 2 days of on-water demos at Westhaven Marina & 1-day trailered display at Karanga Plaza https://stabcraft.com/boat-shows-events/stabcraft-on-water-boat-show-auckland
	Sat 14 th	9am – 4pm	Karanga Plaza	
Jaguar Car Show	Sun 15 th	9am – 3pm	Halsey Wharf	Fundraiser Car Show in aid of Camp Quality Charity https://www.jaguardriversclub.co.nz/tools/events/details?SECT=events&ID=19730 <i>Rain date: 22nd Oct</i>
Marathon	Sun 29 th		Waterfront wide	Barfoot & Thompson Auckland marathon Devonport – St Helliers – Victoria Park finish. The course will go through Westhaven & Auckland Waterfront. https://aucklandmarathon.co.nz/ <i>Marathon fencing: The Bases only. Oct 24th – Nov 4th</i>

Red Bull Cliff Diving – Event 17-19 Nov. On the Western edge of Halsey Wharf. Pack in starts Oct 30th with some large crane lifts. (I will add that this is bit dependent on Watercare fixing the Sewage issue in Parnell.)
Ocean Globe Race - 5 Dec 2023 – 14 Jan 2024 Western edge of Halsey wharf. 18-19 Vessels in Jellicoe Harbour. Follow here <https://oceangloberrace.com/livetracker/>
The Park Hyatt are planning the **Christmas Markets** in Karanga Plaza Christmas Markets – 1-3 December 2023. More information to come.
BL also reminded the Board about the next WQ Neighbourhood meeting due to take place on 17th October at 7am Wynyard Pavilion.

5 Items of interest / AOB
Moana Festival – PB mentioned this festival taking place late Feb to late March 2024.
TMA funding – BR is hoping to have the signed agreement from AT within the next week.

	<p>AGM and elections to TMA Board – details will be circulated soon. AGM date is Thursday 23rd November at 12noon kindly hosted at the ASB Waterfront Theatre.</p> <p>Car share and e-bike newsletter – this is being finalised and should go out soon. It will include offers from Mevo and Zilch along with other news items.</p> <p>New Starters guide – being progressed ready early 2024.</p> <p>Auckland Tram – AP asked for an update on the Tram and making good the roads in Wynyard Quarter. BL to report back.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 215pm</p> <p>Post meeting:</p> <p>E-scooter changes to regulations – after public consultation NZTA have renewed the declaration. This means that there are no changes to the current situation. The e-scooter declaration states that e-scooters that are 300 watts or under are not motor vehicles. This means they don't have to be licensed or registered like motor vehicles do. It also means they can be ridden in public, including on footpaths, as long as riders are considerate of other users and ride at a safe speed. This is a requirement under the Road User Rule 2004.</p>	BL
	Date of next meeting Wednesday 1st November at 1pm	