

Board Meeting

Date and time:	Wednesday 5th March at 1030am
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meredith Bates (MB), Mott MacDonald – Chair • Genevieve Sage (GS), Waitemata Local Board • Bernard Trevor (BT), ASB • Tim Marsh (TM) Kiwi Property • Mark Ruddlesden (MR), Zilch/Carbn NZ (Joined online) • Ronald Tay (RT), WSP • Sharon Byrne (SB), Auckland Theatre Company • Brett Sweetman (BS), Park Hyatt Auckland • Brigid Rogers (BR), WQ TMA Coordinator
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita Potgieter (AP), Visa • Michael Hawes (MH), Warren and Mahoney • Peter Young (PY), Sanford • Fiona Knox (FK), Eke Panuku • Lauren Arms (LA), Precinct Properties • Pete Bowden (PBO), VVHL/Tramco • Bridget Law (BL) Eke Panuku • Peter Busfield (PB), NZ Marine - VC • Greg Moyle (GM), Waitemata Local Board • Tom Locke (TL), Warren and Mahoney
Guests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Tritt (MT), The Wheel Deal • Claire Covacich (CC), Auckland Transport • Tania Loveridge (TL), Heart of the City
Notes taken by:	Brigid Rogers
Meeting held at:	ASB Waterfront Theatre

Item	Discussion and Action	By who
1	<p>Karakia and introductions</p> <p>MB welcomed everyone and asked all attendees to introduce themselves. MR and TL joined online. MB declared her conflict of interest on the Room to Move item as Mott MacDonald are working with AT on this project.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies and notes from last meeting / matters arising</p> <p>Apologies were noted as above. The notes of last meeting were agreed by MB & TM.</p>	
3	<p>Wheel Deal</p> <p>MT was welcomed and started by explaining he had been in the e-bike sector for over 10 years. The scheme is similar to Workride, but with a few differences. The scheme is an employee subsidy scheme whereby staff agree to having the cost of the bike deducted from their wages. With Wheel Deal the employee owns the bike from day 1 therefore there is less risk to the employer and no leasing arrangements needed. Wheel Deal also offers free services at 6 weeks and 6 months. Documentation for Wheel Deal has been developed by tax experts at Deloitte in conjunction with employment lawyers. "Salary sacrifice agreement" allows employee to sacrifice x\$ of salary over a 12-month period and own a bike, e-bike, or e-scooter. The effective savings are significant as "payment" is from pre-tax income. The scheme is cash neutral for the employer (although not cashflow neutral). Benefits of Wheel Deal are: A good new employee benefit; Can help boost health and well-being; Supports sustainable commuting; Buy local - Wheel Deal have a variety of products to choose from, sourced from local retailers</p> <p>BR asked about a situation whereby an employee left the business. MT explained that they had produced a template which employees sign so that the employer is safeguarded if they leave within the 12 months.</p> <p>MT noted by way of example that a \$6,889 e-bike would cost staff \$4,622 on the Wheel Deal scheme. That would be \$416 per month over 12 months. Wheel Deal can also enable businesses to limit the number of redemptions (bike purchases) or cap the amount.</p> <p>CC asked if there was something that staff had to sign to say they were using for commuting purposes – as that is why the FBT rules were changed. MT explained that the employee had to agree to that as part of the paperwork they sign. MB thanked MT for his presentation.</p>	

Room to Move

MB introduced CC who thanked the Board for giving her time to talk about Room to Move. This is the new parking management plan for the city centre. CC explained that AT have been working with the AC family, key interest groups and stakeholders to develop draft proposals. The plan needs to keep Auckland Moving and acknowledges that kerbside space is very much in demand. The process to date has taken 2 years. AT are now seeking public consultation, to incorporate community views and AT have produced an online info pack.

The plan is a ten-year plan with proposed changes to kerbside and recommendations for parking management. There are 3 key stages:

2025 – 2026 – Short Term - Pre CRL quick wins for example line markings signage changes

2026 – 2028 – Medium Term - for example small scale kerbside engineering improvements

Long term post 2028 - larger scale kerbside engineering improvements and network improvements.

CC noted that there was currently no funding for medium or longer term projects.

Public consultation is on the whole plan but with a focus on the short term. AT are sharing the draft plan and asking for feedback. AT are engaging specifically with adjacent landowners, businesses and stakeholders on the proposals in the immediate vicinity; this will be done via letters. More broadly AT are seeking views from the community on how kerbside and parking resources should facilitate access and contribute to the community. The public consultation has started and will close on 30th of March. AT have built a bespoke feedback platform for more interactive feedback. Aucklanders can look at the user categories/transport mode, the feedback already received, and options to respond. There is an interactive map showing all change proposals and this has the capability for the public to drop a pin with their own comments and ideas. This is shown below:

Transport mode/user categories

Feedback we have heard

Options to respond (our toolbox)

Interactive map showing all change proposals, and ability to drop a pin with your comments and ideas

AT are keen to hear from the public including WQ TMA. Have AT acknowledged all the key issues for City Centre parking management? Have AT have missed anything in our proposed responses; any opportunities to make improvements? Are there are any further locations of specific concern? Any other suggestions?

NOTE: GS and BT joined the meeting in person at this point.

BR commented that for WQ issues were around bus layover (not clogging up the kerbside with buses) and designated pick up and drop off points for taxis and Ubers. This would reduce congestion and improve public safety.

CC noted that bus layover were proposed on Hamer and Beaumont Street but the PT team would be best placed to give advice on this.

SB noted that there was a lack of bike parking, BR noted that EP were looking at this with AT and WQ TMA had asked to be included in any discussions on locations.

CC mentioned the marketing campaign and encouraged everyone to look at the GIS map. BR commented that the TV ads were a bit confusing as they were not linked to Room to Move. CC explained that they were part of an Auckland wide conversation around kerbside space and how it is used. Room to Move focusses on the City Centre only.

BS mentioned that the taxi and uber pick up zones were needed especially during big events. SB commented that the illegal taxis were the ones which caused the most problems.

BR

	<p>CC said that TAU had been looking at solutions and CC felt that the city centre/WQ would be a good place to pilot any initiatives. CC commented that Uber have the ability to geo-ring fence which could effectively block drivers from entering certain areas. CC also noted that afterhours perhaps bus stops could be used as pick up locations.</p> <p>TL noted that the taxi/uber issues were common throughout the city and that HOTC were keen to hear about issues. GS asked that BR send her some information through.</p> <p>GS noted that big events are shared with WLB and that perhaps she could share these with the TMA. BR talked about the lack on extra buses for Sail GP (weekend services only) which left many people queuing for buses on Fanshawe Street for ages. BR was also aware that no extra buses were put on for Six60 concert. BR commented that when people have a bad experience with PT it will encourage them into their cars for future events.</p> <p>BR also commented that there was no Te Wero Bridge showing on Google maps – just a dotted line. This was confusing for visitors to the area as they had no idea how to get from one side to the other.</p> <p>MB thanked CC for her time and presentation.</p>	
5	<p>Updates</p> <p>Chair – MB – no report</p> <p>Waitematā Local Board – GS noted that the CCO review would be completed by July and would provide an update at the next Board meeting. GS mentioned that the Local Plan was now out for consultation.</p> <p>AT – no rep</p> <p>Eke Panuku – Possible presentation on the future of the wharfs?</p>	BR
6	<p>Items of interest / AOB</p> <p>TL gave an update on the Sunday and Public Holiday parking charges for WQ which will be rolled out in the coming weeks. This was delayed for WQ due to the Te Wero Bridge being out of order. The hourly charges are \$2.50 per hour for the first two hours, increasing to \$4 per additional hour, and will be operational from 8am until 6pm Sundays and public holidays.</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting Wednesday 2nd April 2025 1030am at Visa offices</p>		