

Board Meeting

Date and time:	Wednesday 2 August 2023 at 1pm
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meredith Bates (MB), Mott MacDonald – Chair • Peter Busfield (PB), NZ Marine - VC • Graeme Gunthorp (GG), Auckland Transport • Genevieve Sage (GS), Waitematā Local Board • Sharon Byrne (SB), Auckland Theatre Company • Anita Potgieter (AP), ASB • Pete Bowden (PB), VHHL/Tramco • Bridget Law (BL), Eke Panuku • Shruti Suvarna (SS), Sanford • Ronald Tay (RT), WSP • Michael Hawes (MH), Warren and Mahoney • Tom Locke (TL), Warren and Mahoney • Brigid Rogers (BR), WQ TMA Coordinator
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Higgins-Smith (GHS), Genesis • Greg Moyle (GM), Waitematā Local Board • Lauren Arms (LA), Precinct Properties • Tom Dooley (TD), Sanford • Brett Sweetman (BS), Park Hyatt Auckland • Olivia Heighton (OH), Precinct Properties • Fiona Knox (FK), Eke Panuku • Rob Young (RY), WSP
Guests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew McGill (AM) Auckland Transport
Notes taken by:	Brigid Rogers
Meeting held at:	Mott MacDonald offices, Wynyard Quarter

Item	Discussion and Action	By who
1	<p>Apologies and notes from last meeting / matters arising</p> <p>Apologies were noted as above. BR mentioned that Greg Moyle's apologies had not been noted on the July notes. BR apologised for this and they were added. The revised notes of last meeting agreed - proposed by MB seconded by PB.</p>	
2	<p>Regional Public Transport Plan 2023</p> <p>Andrew McGill was introduced to the Board. AM is Head of Integrated Network Planning for Auckland Transport. AM explained that the RPTP is the main plan for public transport. It sets out all planned services and policies and explains the public transport strategy. It is guided by the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) and enables engagement with both the public and operators. The main direction comes from the Council's Transport and Infrastructure committee. The plan is in 7 parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 1 gives key background information Part 2 is a summary of the core of the plan Part 3 gives an overview of AT's Vision and Goals Part 4 sets out improvements AT are planning Part 5 has the policies AT use to run services Part 6 includes the expected outcomes Part 7 lists all AT's services and planned improvements <p>The overall vision is to massively increase public transport use to reduce congestion, improve access, support the economy and enhance the environment.</p> <p>City Rail link is due to open in 2026 this will allow trains to run more frequently and provide better connections. AM commented that buses carry over 72% of PT passengers. 80 bus routes will be upgraded over the next 8 years including Northwest improvements, Airport Link extension and the opening of the Rosedale bus station. Ferry changes include the introduction of electric ferries, the proposed ending of the Gulf Harbour and Northcote Point services. AM noted that currently the cost of the Gulf Harbour ferry is \$72pp per trip. Light Rail is referenced but is still not yet finalised or funded.</p>	

Changes in Wynyard Quarter include:

Route 20 – route not via Morningside Dr from 2024, as part of Outerlink changes

Route 75 – additional evening trips from 2025

NX1 – frequency between Hibiscus Coast station and Albany improved from 2027 and extended to Quay Park from 2028 as part of City Centre bus changes

NX2 – extended to new Whangaparāoa station via Penlink from 2027. And also improvements to various other routes along Fanshawe Street and in the City Centre in general

Route 76 – extended to Wynyard Quarter from 2028

Route 774 – route extended to Wynyard Quarter from 2028

Tāmaki Link – extended to Wynyard Quarter from 2028

BR asked if the new services would all finish in WQ and if so where would the buses layover? AM noted that buses needed to layover and options were being investigated. GG commented that bus layovers were under Pete Moth.

BR asked about AT Local and what the cost per passenger was?

AP mentioned that there had been presentations to the Board on possible “transport hubs” was there update on that. AM commented that this was part of the City Centre Bus plan and that was a separate piece of work.

TL asked about the relationship between the RLTP and ATAP? AM explained that the government policy was the Government Policy on Land Transport. This gave direction to ATAP and from that the Regional Land Transport Plan came and the Regional PT Plan was an off shoot of that. The Joint Transport Plan between the Government and Auckland Council has not yet been produced as Auckland Council and the Government can’t agree on that at this time.

SS asked if fares would rise as a result of all the planned improvements. AM commented that fares were reviewed annually.

BR asked about the electrification of buses. AM noted that this was due to be completed by 2024. Some routes already have electric buses on them and the life expectancy of a bus is around 15 years. Single decker buses cost around \$600,000 and double decker’s \$1million.

GS asked about the battery life of electric buses and will they be able to cover the distances needed. AM confirmed that they would but new charging infrastructure would be needed.

RT asked about hydrogen buses – AM noted that this was a Ports of Auckland project.

BR asked for details around the proposed weekly fare cap – AM commented that there had been no decision around that at this time.

PB said that AT buying NZ electric ferries was a huge boost to the economy. PB understood the investment was around \$27 million and that hybrid ferries were also being considered.

AM confirmed that post public feedback AT would be going back to each local Board with feedback. This would be in November 2023.

AP asked if the contactless payment being rolled out by AT would be part of the nationwide roll out of integrated PT ticketing. AM confirmed that this was just an AT project and was being fast tracked to start next year.

AM encouraged all Board members to give feedback on the plan. MB thanked AM for attending the Board meeting. WQ TMA will make a submission which will be shared with Board members before being submitted.

Closing date for comments is 17th August 2023.

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E-scooter changes to regulations

BR updated the Board on some proposed changes around e-scooters. Waka Kotahi is seeking views on whether to renew the E-scooter (Declaration Not to be Motor Vehicles) Notice 2018. The declaration exempts e-scooters with a maximum power output of 300 Watts from being classified as motor vehicles. The current declaration expires on 30 September 2023.

If Waka Kotahi renews the declaration, e-scooters would be able to be used in the same way they are now.

People would still be able to use e-scooters (with a maximum power output of 300 Watts) on footpaths, shared paths, cycle paths and the road.

If Waka Kotahi does not renew the declaration, e-scooters would need to be registered and e-scooter riders would need to be licensed. However, because there is currently no way of licensing them, it means that e-scooters could only be used on private property and in areas that are not legally considered roads (e.g., skateparks). All Board members are invited to complete the survey online by **5pm Monday 7th August 2023**.

AP asked why e-bikes weren’t also being considered. GS noted that the Local Board has received complaints about e-scooters being dumped on footpaths and causing obstructions. GS suggested one solution might be designated drop off points for e-scooters. MH commented that other cities seemed to manage the e-scooters differently. GG mentioned that e-scooter regulations were under Auckland Council not Auckland Transport. GG understood that trials of drop off zones were underway.

	<p>AP noted that Paris had recently removed all public e-scooters from their streets and only those in private ownership remained.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Updates Chair – no update Waitematā Local Board – GS informed the TMA Board that the Local Board Plan was now out for consultation. The document can be found here Feedback is welcome up until 14 August 2023. The Plan will be consulted on, amended if need be, and adopted by the end of October 2023. GS also mentioned that she sits of the City Centre Advisory Panel. This is a renamed group which includes business leaders and stakeholders from across the city. The panel advises the Council, the Local Board and CCO’s. The current chair is Scott Pritchard, CEO of Precinct Property. You can read more about the CCA panel here and on the Eke Panuku website here. Auckland Transport – GG noted that the designs for the upgrades on Beaumont Street were progressing. Eke Panuku – BL reported that Tracy Atiga had recently taken over from Jayson Maud as the new Waterfront Operations Manager.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Items of interest / AOB Beaumont Street upgrade – BR understood that AT has funding for the design which is ongoing. The design will go to the Programme Control Group and they will look at the options for where the cycle path/shared path should go. AT will be back to consult with WQ TMA in early 2024. TMA funding - ongoing discussion with AT. STS – all businesses now have their results and WQ TMA are working on what the next actions for each business might be. AT are keen to do a trial of the AT HOP staff subsidy scheme before the general roll out. Waitemata Harbour Connections - BR reported that the team were finalising the business case in the next couple of months and that 4 options had been shortlisted. The shortlist would be presented to the Waka Kothai Board later in the year. Light Rail – The main comms person Jen Scott was now on maternity leave and the team were planning a community liaison group over the next month or so. Everyone wanting to understand what the political support will be for the project pre and post-election. AT HOP Staff Subsidy scheme – this scheme will be launched late 23 early 24. AT are looking for some businesses to trial the new technology with. Anyone interested should contact BR. BR confirmed that staff would still need a HOP card to use this scheme and not the new contactless payment. AP mentioned that off boarding staff when they leave a business was seen as an issue and that AT were looking for a solution to that.</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting Wednesday 6th September at 1pm venue tbc</p>		