

Board Meeting

Date and time:	Wednesday 1st November 2023 at 1pm
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meredith Bates (MB), Mott MacDonald – Chair • Anita Potgieter (AP), ASB • Graeme Gunthorp (GG), Auckland Transport • Sharon Byrne (SB), Auckland Theatre Company • Pete Bowden (PBO), VHHL/Tramco • Bridget Law (BL), Eke Panuku • George Higgins-Smith (GHS), Genesis • Genevieve Sage (GS), Waitematā Local Board • Greg Moyle (GM), Waitematā Local Board • Peter Young (PY), Sanford • Ronald Tay (RT), WSP • Brigid Rogers (BR), WQ TMA Coordinator
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona Knox (FK), Eke Panuku • Michael Hawes (MH), Warren and Mahoney • Tom Locke (TL), Warren and Mahoney • Rob Young (RY), WSP • Peter Busfield (PB), NZ Marine - VC • Olivia Heighton (OH), Precinct Properties • Brett Sweetman (BS), Park Hyatt Auckland
Guests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aidan Smith (AS), Workride NZ • Remco de Blaaij, Auckland Transport • Sam Kemp, Auckland Transport <p><i>All three left after the Workride presentation</i></p>
Notes taken by:	Brigid Rogers
Meeting held at:	ASB Waterfront Theatre, 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. The notes of last meeting in October were agreed - proposed by PBO seconded by AP.</p> <p>Liberate the Lane – the Board agreed to submit the following statement in support of Liberate the Lane: <i>WQ TMA support the principle 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.</i> In line with TMA Rules AT, Eke Panuku and the Local Board were not included in the voting process. This statement will be sent to Liberate the Lane.</p>	BR
2	<p>Workride – presentation by Aidan Smith (AS)</p> <p>AS joined the meeting remotely and was welcomed by MB. After introductions AS explained more about Workride works. AS was pleased to report that the scheme had just been approved by IRD. Basically, it is a ride to work benefit scheme that takes advantage of recent changes to the NZ tax laws. It enables staff to offset up to 63% of the cost of a bike, scooter etc. for commuting. Through Workride the employee's gross income is used to pay for a bike/scooter and then that pay has income tax/ KiwiSaver deducted and the final amount is the take home pay. The scheme is run through employers who organise the employee's salary sacrifice. There is low administration for the employer and the whole process has been streamlined by Workride. If businesses follow the Workride process, on the B2B portal they will be tax compliant. The employer registers and chooses a ride, they sign up for the salary sacrifice scheme and lease agreement, pick up the ride and at the end of 12 months they can decide to end the lease or own the ride.</p> <p>It is free for employers to register, set up and operate. It is also free for employees and Workride provide free collateral for promoting the scheme.</p> <p>AS commented that there is a benefit for the whole community, taking cars off the road, reducing congestion, improving the health of people as they become more active.</p>	

Partners so far include NZTA, Wellington Council, Christchurch Council, Auckland Council and AT, all of whom are interested in the concept.

All the assets are owned by Workride so if an employee leaves before the end of the 12-month lease period they can pay a termination fee (equivalent to the balance remaining) or hand it back.

Workride are hoping to have a soft launch January/February 2024 and are actively looking for businesses who can move quickly and join the scheme. After that the scheme will be opened up nationwide.

AS explained that the trial in Christchurch had involved 5 employers with about 100 staff for a 5-week period. The 4 bike retailers had an estimated income of approx. of \$60,000.

MB asked if employees could join up at any time of the year. AS confirmed, that employees could join at any time. Workride were also looking at some financing options for those who couldn't afford the salary sacrifice. MB thanked AS for presenting to the Board.

3 Update on the Waitematā Harbour Connections project - Anneke Bodde
 This presentation was deferred to a future Board meeting. BR to rearrange.

BR

4 Waterfront update

BL ran through the presentation which had previously been given at the Neighbourhood Forum. Westhaven marina will see some new piling and an upgrading of the seawall. This will also create a new public promenade with work will be starting in 2024.

Bascule Bridge has been undergoing some repairs and upgrades. BL mentioned that the Red Bull cliff diving event had been moved out until January 2024, due to water quality issues. Other events being planned include Sail GP and a Christmas Market being organised by the Park Hyatt Hotel. A new piece of public art is being finalised for Madden and Daldy Street, this is shown below:



The building which Beca will occupy is progressing well and they will move onto site in March 2025. Eke Panuku are interviewing development partners for the North Wharf site which went out to the market earlier in the year. It is hoped that a preferred partner will be announced by the end of the year. AC have requested a full report on the Port precinct future development around the Ports of Auckland. Stage 1 will look at Queens Wharf, Marsden Wharf and Captain Cook Wharf. This will be ready by the end of the year. BL then outlined the next steps in the Te Ara Tukutuku project. A lot of work has already been undertaken as the area is such a significant piece of public land. The area also has many cultural connections. The land needs to be healed before any regenerative works can begin. The journey has been a collective one with a unique reverse brief and much stakeholder engagement, working alongside a design consortium. The site context can be seen below:



The vision is for a reestablishment of a headland and new coast edge including a public walkway and access to the Waitemata Harbour. Urban stitch will connect the new area back to Wynyard Quarter. The vision for Te Ara Tukutuku is to create a living green open space sitting on Te Waitematā, a space to reconnect and rebind the relationship between Tangaroa (the ocean) and Papatūānuku (Mother Earth), connecting people back to the water. Names for the project have been gifted by Mana Whenua. There will be four mixed use sites with height restrictions of 35meters.

	<p>Te Ara Tukutuku is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first city centre open space of this scale in 100 years. - Co-designed with Ngā Iwi Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau. - This project is founded on regenerating the environment. - The site is reclaimed and heavily contaminated land. - Establishes a new open space Tikanga (practice and behaviour). - Place based, not event driven. - Multi-generational outlook - Emerges & delivered over time. - Requires a new way of doing things. - Challenges past and current and design paradigms. <p>Next steps include the evolving of the Vision and Framework and stakeholder feedback on that. Public engagement in November 23 and drop-in sessions at Karanga kiosk. There will be further engagement opportunities on the concept designs in Autumn 2024.</p>	
5	<p>Updates</p> <p>Chair – MB encouraged all those interested to send back their nomination forms for the TMA Board elections by the cut-off date of 5pm on 15th November 2023.</p> <p>Waitematā Local Board – GS noted that after 6+ months of consultation the Local Board plan was adopted yesterday. GS mentioned the ongoing issue of scooters being dropped on footpaths and causing obstructions. GG commented that as the licensing authority for the scooters, Auckland Council were responsible for enforcement. Beam were keen to look at solutions. BR asked about the proposals to streamline the number of Local Boards in Auckland. GS commented that each area needed to have its own focus and was not keen on the reduction of local voice. GG commented that such proposals may not be discussed until after the next local elections.</p> <p>Auckland Transport –no update. PB asked about any update on the proposed upgrade of Beaumont Street. GG noted that it was currently on hold while all projects that might impact the area were being investigated. GG did mention that AT would not require a raised crossing so hoped that would ensure free movement of vehicles associated with the marine industry. BR commented that AC had informed her that the Winton application (including the crossing) had been put on hold.</p> <p>Eke Panuku – as above</p>	
5	<p>Items of interest / AOB</p> <p>TMA funding - this is still ongoing</p> <p>AGM and elections to TMA Board - AGM date is Thursday 23rd November at 12noon kindly hosted at the ASB Waterfront Theatre. Nominations for the TMA Board close on 15th November at 5pm.</p> <p>New Starters guide - on hold until funding agreement with AT is signed.</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>Waitematā Harbour Connections project - PB mentioned that VHHL had received a presentation from the team last week. There was a preferred option emerging with 1 road tunnel with 3 lanes each way. The existing harbour bridge would be repurposed for PT and active modes. The indicative business case would be submitted early 2024.</p> <p>Fish processing plant - PY informed the Board that the Sanford fish processing plant had now closed. He noted that there would an 80% reduction in associated trucks around the area. The ice plant and fish auction are still in operation. PY commented that the site had a big footprint and consideration was being given for the future of the site.</p>	BL
	<p>Date of next meeting Wednesday 6th December at 1pm</p>	