

Date and time:	Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 1030am
Attendees:	- Anita Potgieter (AP), Visa - Chair - Mischa Gildenhuis (MG), PAG - Bernard Trevor (BT), ASB - Kara Kennedy (KK), Waitematā Local Board - Peter Busfield (PB), NZ Marine - Anna Sizova (AS), Precinct Properties - Sharon Byrne (SB), Auckland Theatre Company - Fiona Knox (FK), Auckland Urban Development Office (AUDO) online - Louise Vallant (LV), One NZ - Pete Bowden (PBO), VHHL/Tramco - Kara Hartshorne (KH), Beca (online) - Brigid Rogers (BR), WQ TMA Coordinator
Apologies:	- Brett Sweetman (BS), Park Hyatt Auckland - Hamish Speakman (HS), Mott MacDonald - Chair - Michael Hawes (MH), Warren and Mahoney
Guests:	- Pete Moth (PM), Auckland Transport - Saif Al-Sultani SAS, Auckland Transport - Kelly Strong (KS), Auckland Transport
Notes taken by:	Brigid Rogers
Meeting held at:	ASB Waterfront Theatre

Item	Discussion and Action	By who
1	Karakia and introductions AP welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that she would be Chairing the meeting as HS was away. All attendees then introduced themselves. BR noted that the meeting was to be recorded. The notes below are a summary of the transcript of the recorded meeting.	
2	Network update from Auckland Transport PM explained that there had been 55 network improvements added between June 2025 and June 2026. AT now runs 46 frequent bus routes across the region. PM estimated that the uplift in patronage would be 1.2 to 1.4 million. PM explained he would focus in on service improvements impacting Wynyard Quarter and touch on other areas where services were being enhanced. Drury and Paerata and connecting services live from 2 August. Westgate bus station recently opened consolidating previously scattered stops; new starting point for the Western Express (through K Road, Albert Street, terminating Lower Albert Street). The key announcement for Wynyard Quarter was the extension of the 774 and 775 bus services from Commerce Street through to Wynyard Quarter, commencing Monday 21 September. The services will operate during weekday peak periods only, with around 50 trips per day across both routes. Together, they will provide a service approximately every 7–8 minutes from Beaumont Street during the afternoon peak. Peak times are 6am until 930am and 3pm til 7pm. Beaumont Street (stop 1060) – there is no need for the provision of any bus layover facilities as the services only runs for a few hours. Buses only run in one direction. The buses come from St Heliers/ Mission Bay areas and currently carry approximately 5,500 passengers per month. Auckland Transport estimates that extending the services to Wynyard Quarter could generate an additional 16,000–20,000 passenger trips annually. The change will particularly benefit passengers travelling from the eastern bays, removing the need for passengers to transfer in the city centre. It will add about 50 bus trips per day across both 774 and 775. AT undertook research in May 2026 and found that for the majority of bus passengers using these services Daldy Street in WQ was their destination (Fanshawe Street was also noted). These passengers will no longer have to transfer - it will be a direct connection.	

	KS talked about the comms to those already using the service but emphasized the importance for those who aren't using it as it now provides a seamless link into WQ. KS is producing some flyers that can be available for businesses. Br will also be updating the animated bus map to incorporate the new routes. PM talked about how commuters will be incentivized to come in earlier because they will know that those peak services finish at 930am and commuters get a single seat ride. AT will undertake targeted communications to existing passengers and Wynyard Quarter businesses, including posters, flyers and updated maps. The TMA will also update its travel information to reflect the changes. Longer term, Auckland Transport intends to extend the Tamaki Link and Route 76 through to Wynyard Quarter as part of the wider Customs Street upgrade programme, currently anticipated around 2029. This would provide an all-day and weekend service, with bus lanes being planned for Customs Street. PM ran briefly through some other network changes. Scott Point/Hobsonville: new standalone dedicated service to/from Hobsonville Wharf, targeted for early 2027 — area has no current PT service despite approx. 4,000 to 5,000 new homes. Manukau/Middlemore–Ormiston: route extended along new streets into Flatbush as roading completes — targeted April 2026. Route 64 (Newmarket–St Luke's): will stop serving Kingsland Station once Mount Eden Station reopens with CRL; recommendation for Newmarket-origin passengers will be to use the train instead. Highbrook/East Auckland: minor changes to help early-shift workers arrive before 6am. Silverdale: route rerouted over the new bridge to serve Millwater and Silverdale shops/bus station. Westgate: further route extension into new development, expected around June 2027 Eastern Busway: expected to open April 2027. New route from Flatbush to Panmure (single-seat ride via busway, avoiding the Botany transfer); improved Route 70 to Panmure. Promises a guaranteed 40-minute Botany–town centre journey (currently 40–90 minutes).	
3	Apologies and notes from last meeting / matters arising Apologies were noted as above. The notes moved by AP seconded by LV	
5	Updates Chair – HS no update Waitematā Local Board - KK gave an update on the forthcoming transport governance reforms, which are expected to be completed from 1 October. This is anticipated to provide greater clarity around governance arrangements and influence over roads and transport matters in the city centre. A new City Centre committee is being formed - WLBoard aiming for at least one (ideally two) representatives on it. AT – no update AUDO – FK advised that Stride the developers for North Wharf, are awaiting clarification from Auckland Council regarding its resource consent before progressing further. This was originally expected in June 26 and once resolved, Stride will engage with further with stakeholders.	
6	Items of interest / AOB CRL events and activations The recent CRL Briefing event held at ASB Cube was considered successful, although commuter attendance was lower than hoped. Approximately 65 businesses participated, with 120 commuters registered for the afternoon session, although only around 40 attended. AP thanked BR for organising the event and creating the new webpages. BT also provided positive feedback on behalf of ASB. AUDO have produced a "business ready" flyer for CRL. This is being targeted at City Centre businesses around Te Waihorotiu Station. Copies are available on request. Further CRL activations and pop-up events are planned. Feedback suggests there remains strong interest from businesses and the public in understanding what the CRL will mean for their individual journeys and travel choices. 155 have held an event, One NZ building has one planned and Harbour Grounds are looking at having an activation.	

