



Board Meeting Minutes to consider the Kaikoura Earthquake Recovery Response	
<b>Date &amp; time</b>	2 December 2016, 4.00 to 5.20pm
<b>Location</b>	Teleconference
<b>Board Membership</b>	Chris Moller (Chair), Fran Wilde (Deputy Chair), Adrienne Young-Cooper, Nick Rogers, Mark Oldfield, Chris Ellis, Leo Lonergan and Gill Cox
<b>Apologies</b>	None
<b>NZTA staff in attendance</b>	Fergus Gammie (Chief Executive) Tommy Parker (GM Highways & Network Operations),) and Jenny Chetwynd (GM Strategy & Performance and Board Secretary), Steve Mutton (Alliance Project Director AMA)

## **1. Introduction and governance matters**

### **1.1 Apologies**

None

### **1.2 Confirmation and overview of the agenda**

The agenda was accepted as circulated.

### **1.3 Declarations of conflicts of interest**

No conflicts of interest were identified.

## **2. Significant Planning, investment and operational matters**

### **2.1 Kaikoura Earthquake – Reinstatement of Transport Corridors**

**Board paper 16/12/1089**

Fergus Gammie outlined progress made by the NZ Transport Agency and wider government agencies with the recovery efforts to date, noting the focus on restoring controlled access to Kaikoura through the inland route and the remedial works underway on the Picton to Christchurch route through the Lewis Pass.

Tommy Parker outlined the SH1 reinstatement options, and the way in which the project costs had been estimated. Board Members noted that the preferred option presented the best balance of resilience and safety outcomes. Members also noted the Transport Agency's recently completed SH1 Picton to Christchurch Strategic Case provides a high level of confidence that the reinstatement proposals address the outcomes and levels of service required on this route.

Board Members discussed the risks to the restoration project’s current cost estimates and timing arising from the potential for new seismic events, the nature of the consenting processes, and from uncertainty over the extent of the environmental mitigation that may be required. Members also agreed that another major seismic event in the area may trigger the need for a complete review of the project scope and its timing and costs.

Board Members discussed the wider opportunity for this reinstatement work to be designed to go beyond addressing transport outcomes and to deliver a signature tourism route that would boost the region and the country’s economic growth. Members agreed that the appetite for this opportunity should be tested.

Board Members acknowledged and thanked the NZ Transport Agency staff for the work and effort put in to responding quickly to the Kaikoura recovery efforts.

<b>Resolution 1</b>	<p><i>The New Zealand Transport Agency Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><i>Noted</i></b> that on Monday 5 December 2016, the Minister of Transport will ask Cabinet to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Agree to reinstate State Highway 1 and the main trunk rail line along a coastal alignment, with improvements to the safety and resilience of the route, which are currently estimated at \$1.7billion, with a range of \$1.4 to \$2.1 billion;</i></li><li>○ <i>Agree in principle, that the Crown will fund the roading component of the reinstatement costs, which are currently estimated at \$1.4 billion.</i></li></ul></li></ul>
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- **Noted** that the Transport Agency has analysed options for reinstatement of State Highway 1, to support the recommendations to Cabinet.
- **Endorsed** Option 2 as the preferred option for reinstatement of State Highway 1 Picton to Christchurch – which is to reinstate the current route but enhance the route in line with the Transport Agency’s strategic case.
- **Agreed** to write to the Minister of Transport to support the Government’s intention to fund the reinstatement project through a Crown Grant, to communicate the NZ Transport Agency Board’s preferred option for the reinstatement of State Highway 1 and its views on the cost and timing risks associated with the project, and to test the appetite to extend the project scope to deliver a signature tourism route for New Zealand and the Kaikoura region.
- **Delegated** authority to the Chair and the Chief Executive of the NZ Transport Agency to finalise and authorise the letter to the Minister of Transport.

### 3. Other Updates and General Business

#### 3.1 General Business

There were no matters discussed under general business.

Meeting closed at: 5.20pm

<b>Minutes approved by the Chair</b>	<hr/>
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