

## MINO-0503 Great North Road improvements project

2 November 2022

Providing information on the status of this project ahead of the Minister's meeting with Helen White MP on 2 November 2022.

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### Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- Auckland Transport has advised Waka Kotahi that it is pausing several projects following the local government elections, including the Great North Road improvements project.
- The Great North Road Improvement project is a combined walking/ cycling/ bus/ safety project, which would have upgraded the corridor between Grey Lynn shops and Karangahape Road.
- It commenced in 2015 as part of the Urban Cycle Programme and the construction phase is due to commence in 2023.
- It has undergone three rounds of public consultation and is widely supported.
- It is a critical connection to realise the investment made along Karangahape Road and to ensure efficient running of buses as it's the main route for buses from the west of Auckland.
- Waka Kotahi is committed to seeing the project delivered, having already invested in the work to date. Co-funding for construction/ implementation phase was approved from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) in June 2022.
- Theoretically, if an approved organisation does not start implementation within three months of funding approval, Waka Kotahi can ask for the NLTF funding back. More information on this is available at: [www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/planning-and-investment-knowledge-base/202124-nltp/202124-nltp-principles-and-policies/administration/national-land-transport-fund-investment-claims-and-obligations-policy/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/planning-and-investment-knowledge-base/202124-nltp/202124-nltp-principles-and-policies/administration/national-land-transport-fund-investment-claims-and-obligations-policy/).
- Other projects that have been paused include the Pt Chevalier to Westmere cycleway, the New North Road Connected Communities project and Grey Lynn cycle network projects.