

## MINO-527 WHC timing

14 December 2022

Provide an indication on decision point timing for the Waitematā Harbour Connections (WHC) Project, in [REDACTED].

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

- section 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- A s 9(2)(g)(i) Waka Kotahi Board decision and s 9(2)(g)(i) Cabinet consideration:
  - provides greater flexibility with the start date and length of public engagement should any issues or opportunities that may affect timing arise
  - allows for more opportunity to align with key partners and stakeholders and for them to contribute to the IBC recommendations
  - allows for the Northwest Rapid Transit project to progress at pace, which will better inform the overall rapid transit network linkages relevant to WHC
  - enables greater overall robustness of the Indicative Business Case (IBC) outcome given the additional time available to develop the evidential basis and to undertake more analysis of benefit streams to support a stronger economic case
  - allows for improvement in the preferred option cost refinement as there will be a small improvement in risk and solution certainty
  - enables deeper consideration of the funding and financing options for the project
  - provides more flexibility to address wider risks and opportunities and provide greater assurance in the decisions and next steps for the project overall.
- The team will continue with planned engagement on short-list options from March 2023.