

Waitematā Harbour Connections

Minister's Monthly Update

December 2022/January 2023







Status

RAG status colour shows status and the arrow direction shows change from the last report.

Overall

The Alliance is now fully established with work is progressing at rapid pace to deliver the emerging preferred option by mid 2023 and the final Indicative Business Case (IBC) by Q3 2023. Community engagement continued throughout December and January with more than 4800 surveys completed showing strong support for the project. Workshops with Partners and mana whenua to refine an updated long list of options to a shortlist are proceeding ahead of embarking on our public engagement and consultation campaign in late March 2023. Progress with mana whenua governance was made however, establishing the Partnership remains outstanding.

Focus areas

Governance		s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Auckland Light Rail Integration		s 9(2)(f)(iv)
Mana Whenua		Appointing mana whenua representatives to project governance roles remains in progress. Nominations have been received from two of the three Tamaki Collectives with discussion progressing with the third. s 9(2)(g)(i) Operationally, kaitiaki are engaged and inputting to optioneering workshops however, delays in establishing the governance roles may still require one to one hui particularly on the strategic case.
Communications & Engagement		The early engagement campaign ran November 2022 – January 2023 with a high level of interest and over 4,800 surveys completed to provide a rich source of data as we assess and agree short-list options. Planning is underway for engagement and consultation on short-listed options from late March.
People		Additional resource to support the incorporation of new Auckland Council land use and census updates is being sourced. Funding and Finance advisors have been procured.
Programme		s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Proactively Released

Themes from early engagement campaign

Overwhelmingly, there is strong support for new Waitematā Harbour Connections.

- Two overwhelming themes in the open ended comments were "get on with it" and "prioritise public transport".
- 97% of respondents currently cross the harbour.
- 30% of people currently cross the harbour by bus.
- 88% would cross by bus or train if they could.
- 66% would walk or cycle across if they could.
- To help with the decision-making process on the shortlisted options, people would like to receive more information on cost, timelines and modes.



Timeline

