

Waitematā Harbour Connections

Minister's Monthly Update

June 2023

Status

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

Overall

The emerging preferred option has been identified along with further work required to address Partner feedback and complete the business case. Network integration (with Auckland Light Rail (ALR) and North West Rapid Transit Network (NWRTN)) is continuing with a focus on common network assumptions and implications of different modes. Optioneering work and interim outcomes will be presented to the Waka Kotahi Board in July for endorsement and potential recommendation to the Minister.

Focus areas

Governance



s 9(2)(g)(i)

Auckland Light
Rail Integration



s 9(2)(g)(i)

Mana Whenua



Mana Whenua and WHC team members attended a Haerenga, visiting sites of significance and discussing the impacts of options to enhance the team's understanding of the cultural landscape and provide Mana Whenua with a better understanding of the options. Mana Whenua representation is now established on the 2 project governance groups and feedback is being provided on the emerging preferred option. s 9(2)(g)(i). Kaitiaki continue to work closely with the project team via regular hui and a dedicated working group.

Communications &
Engagement



The communications and engagement report for the public consultation is complete. An engagement summary with key themes and next steps is pending review for publication. Independent Research with a representative population sample was completed throughout May, the results verified the findings from the online public survey. Engagement with key stakeholders and partners continues to discuss WHC optioneering, including regular meetings with ALR C&E team and wider Auckland Forum Group.

People



The team remains fully resourced and has drawn in international and local expertise to undertake a challenge process on the work completed. This is designed to strengthen the analysis, increase value, and better manage risk.

Programme



s 9(2)(g)(i)

Key activities

June Highlights

- 1. IBC – Consultation report complete with key themes identified to help in developing the recommended way forward. Independent Research complete that verifies themes from public consultation.
- 2. Mana Whenua governance are now on the Project Alliance Board and all positions filled for the Partner Steering Group. Partners providing useful feedback on the work to date.
- 3. ALR Integration continues with sharing of governance decisions and a request to provide ALR with information on ALR's comparator design.
- 4. The emerging preferred has been identified for further investigation.

➤ 5. s 9(2)(g)(i)

July look ahead

- 1. Public Engagement Summary shared with wider community.
- 2. Progress work on the emerging preferred option including Partner feedback specific actions
- 3. Progress work on the full business case (Financial, Strategic, Commercial, Management cases)
- 3. Waka Kotahi Board meeting to update on the emerging preferred.
- 4. s 9(2)(g)(i)
- 5. Support MOT in their paper on a potential recommendation to Cabinet of an announcement.

Longer-term forecast

- 1. Ongoing governance cycles for approval of the emerging preferred option
- 2. Final IBC towards the end of September 2023 for submission
- 3. Peer Reviews and Investment Quality Assurance processes will follow.
- 4. s 9(2)(g)(i)
- 5. Waka Kotahi Board approval Q1 2024

Upcoming Minister of Transport opportunities

- 1. Potential announcement on the way forward for the project – July 2023

Timeline

