



MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

<b>Subject</b>	Official opening - Quay Street Cycleway, Auckland
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<b>Priority</b>	Routine

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

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Action taken by Office of Minister of Transport

- Noted
- Approved
- Seen by Minister
- Referred to
- Needs change
- Withdrawn
- Overtaken by events

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Minister of Transport

## **Official opening - Quay Street Cycleway, Auckland**

### **Purpose**

1. To provide you with information about the Quay Street Cycleway project, prior to the opening event planned for Friday, 8 July 2016, from 9.30-10.30am.

### **Quay Street Cycleway project**

2. This project is funded by the 2015-18 Urban Cycleways Programme (UCP), jointly announced by you and the Prime Minister in June 2015.
3. Community feedback was invited in late 2015 on the design before construction. A total of 232 responses were received, helping to refine design.

### **Project costs**

4. The implementation of the \$2.18 million cycleway project is funded predominantly by a \$1.45 million Government investment through the Urban Cycleways Fund (UCF) and the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF). The balance of investment (\$0.73 million) is from Auckland Transport. This project is part of the wider Auckland CBD package project announced through the UCP.

### **Project features**

5. Key features of the Cycleway include:
  - The entire one kilometre long, three metres wide route will separate bikes and pedestrians.
  - Planter boxes and raised concrete kerbs will be used to separate the Cycleway from traffic.
  - Drop kerbs at every pedestrian crossing will allow people on bikes to leave the Cycleway, dismount and join the footpath.
  - A zebra crossing will be added to the raised table across Plumer Street, giving priority over vehicles to pedestrians and cyclists who dismount.
  - The route along the waterfront to the city centre is the most popular route in Auckland. More people are already enjoying the benefits of cycling the route with a 7 percent increase in 2015 compared with 2014.
  - Auckland Transport is currently working on the Tamaki Drive Cycleway which will connect Quay St Cycleway to the Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Shared path which is currently under construction.

## Project benefits

6. The UCP involves central government partnering with local government to accelerate the delivery of \$333 million of key cycle projects around New Zealand over the next three years.
7. This major Government contribution will create a more user-friendly cycleway network across Auckland encouraging more people to cycle more safely, more often. The Cycleway significantly improves cycling infrastructure in Auckland's city centre by providing a vital link in the Auckland Cycle Network, connecting cycle routes along Beach Road and Auckland's waterfront. It will also provide a valued tourist and commuter link with Auckland's waterfront ferry terminal (refer to map attached as Appendix one).
8. The project is being delivered by Auckland Transport.

## Project context

9. In the next 5-10 years Quay Street will be transformed into a coastal boulevard. It will have more space for walking and cycling, along with outdoor dining and recreation. The improved public transport delivered by the City Rail Link will help enable this transformation. This cycleway is a cost effective temporary solution on Auckland's most popular cycle route that provides a safe, separated, cycle route along the waterfront.
10. Nine car parking spaces were removed from the northern side of Quay Street to enable the Cycleway. These were sited directly opposite Britomart car park, so there is sufficient parking available nearby to absorb this reduction.
11. Nine pohutukawa trees that were planted in traffic islands have been removed as part of the project. Six trees were relocated to Harbour Bridge Park and Teal Park, with three new trees replacing three that were disposed of due to poor condition (this was identified before their removal).

## Opening event objectives

12. Two phases of events are planned to celebrate the opening of the Cycleway.
  - i) Official Ministerial ribbon cutting event.
  - ii) One week of pop-up community activations around the 'Key to Quay Street' theme, including a Friday evening commuter pit-stop, and weekday morning promotions.
13. These two phases offer an opportunity for you and other key stakeholders to take part in the opening celebrations. The events aim to achieve the following objectives:
  - demonstrate the significant contribution the Government is making towards walking and cycling facilities
  - showcase the progress and benefits of the UCP as part of the wider Auckland Cycle Network
  - demonstrate central and local government collaboration to achieve a shared aim of a world-class shared path facility
  - mark a memorable occasion for the local community and key stakeholders
  - celebrate the completion of the Cycleway.
14. These two phases of events will be tied together with an overarching media campaign in the week prior to the opening, to raise awareness of the official opening and drive attendance to the community activations.

15. The 2WALKandCYCLE conference is also being held in Auckland 6-8 July. The conference's focus is on active, human-powered transport to achieve healthier, smarter and more liveable cities. The night before the Cycleway opening, you will present the LSA Golden Foot Awards and CAN / NZ Transport Agency Bike to the Future Awards. Shortly after the Quay St opening, Associate Minister of Transport Craig Foss will be presenting on cycling safety matters at the conference.
16. The opening has been included as an optional item on the conference programme. Attendees have been invited to walk or ride together to Quay St to attend the event.

#### **Iwi blessing**

17. Mana whenua are being consulted to determine whether a dawn blessing will be held on the morning of Friday, 8 July 2016. Mana whenua will be involved in opening the proceedings at the 9.30am ribbon-cutting event.

#### **Ministerial ribbon cutting**

18. The event will be located on Queens Wharf on the Auckland waterfront, adjacent to Quay St, from 9.30 to 10.30am on Friday, 8 July 2016.
19. Speeches and a ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place. The event will be open to the public, conference attendees and seating will be provided for approximately 100 invited guests.
20. The event attendees will be the first to ride the Cycleway. Along with the Prime Minister Rt Hon John Key, and Mayor of Auckland Len Brown, you will have the opportunity to ride with them or officiate the start of the ride. Bikes and helmets will be provided for dignitaries.
21. Guests will be invited to walk or ride the route at their leisure before returning for refreshments.

#### **Key attendees**

22. The key attendees invited for the Phase i) opening celebrations include the following:
  - Hon Nikki Kaye, Member of Parliament for Auckland Central
  - Mayor of Auckland Len Brown, additional councillors and local board representatives
  - Key staff from Auckland Transport
  - 2WALKandCYCLE conference attendees
  - Cycling customer representatives
  - Contractors
  - Chief Executive, Regional Manager for Planning and Investment Auckland/Northland and key staff from NZTA
  - NZTA Board members (tbc)
  - Iwi partners
  - Supporting business groups and agencies.

#### **Media**

23. We expect the opening event to attract media interest.

**Next steps**

24. We will continue to engage with your office on planning and developments for the Cycleway opening events.

**Recommendation**

25. It is recommended that you note the contents of this briefing.

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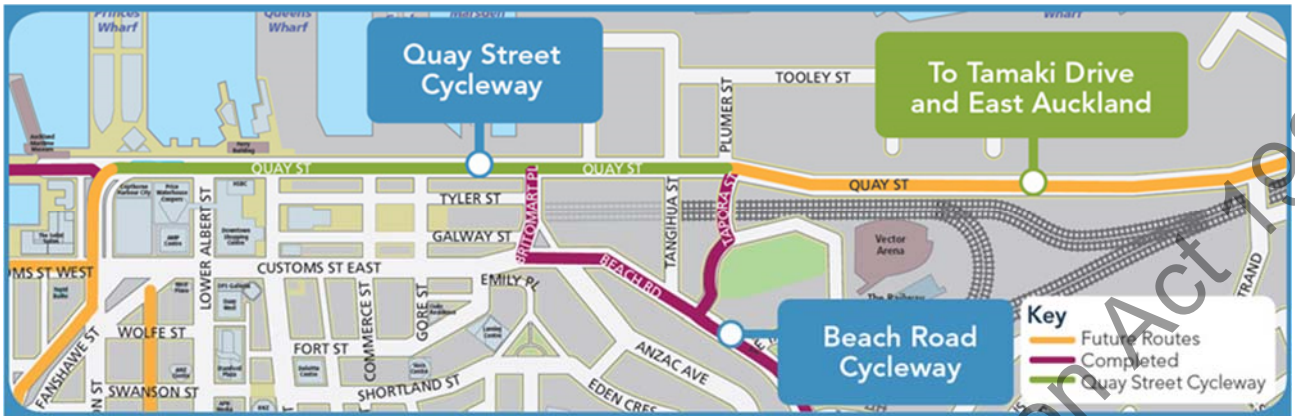
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Appendix one – Map



Appendix two – Artist's impressions of the Cycleway

