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Kia ora Phil

Thank you for your letter of 16 May 2019 concerning the Let's Get Wellington Moving package.

I have been extremely encouraged by the public reaction since the package was announced last week and certainly most people I speak to are excited about the fact that Wellington is to benefit from a transformational transport initiative.

Since the announcement, I have spoken to other mayors in the Wellington region and today we facilitated a Let's Get Wellington Movement briefing open to any local body councillors in the region. The feedback from councils in the Wellington region has been most encouraging, especially once the discussion has turned to the \$4.4 billion to be made available for regional projects over the next 30 years.

Wellington City Councillors have had their own briefing on Let's Get Wellington Moving and there will be further workshops over the next few weeks.

Our Councillors will vote on the project later in June. Indications at this stage is that there is strong, but not unanimous, councillor support. Many support the entire project and one or two would like to be able to pick and choose and back just parts of it. The proposed integration of land and transport planning, and the push to change transport patterns, have proved particularly appealing.

As you know, I personally am very supportive of the indicative package and the regional funding proposals, but of course cannot convey definitive Wellington City Council councillor support until we meet to vote on the proposal next month.

Ngā mihi



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Mayor of Wellington