

Penlink Project – unsolicited proposal

- Penlink (+\$200 million) is a construction-ready local roads project being delivered by Auckland Transport (AT) and currently planned for construction to commence in 2025/26
- In recent months AT has been undertaking a Business Case process to re-scope the project from four lanes down to two lanes and also investigate alternative funding and financing options in order to bring the construction forward
- The Transport Agency has received a request to submit an Unsolicited Proposal (USP) by Chinese company CTCE. On 27 November 2018, CTCE submitted their initial submission requirements in accordance with Stage 0 of the Transport Agency's USP Review Process and based on the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's (MBIE) All of Government approach
- For a submission to progress past Stage 0, it must demonstrate it can meet minimum criteria, particularly with respect to demonstrating uniqueness
- An Assessment Panel consisting of members from the Transport Agency, AT and Treasury are currently evaluating the submission and will submit a Stage 0 recommendation to the Approval Panel, consisting of Chief Executives and Board Members from AT and the Transport Agency, as well as Jon Grayson from Treasury (Deputy Secretary, Financial and Commercial)

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- As the output of the Stage 0 Initial Submission Assessment, the Assessment Panel will deliver a Recommendation Report to the Approval Panel and aim to have this completed this calendar year
- The Report will either recommend the proposal to move to the next Stage (Stage 1 – Detailed Proposal), or to be rejected from continuing further
- Due to the value of this procurement, endorsement of the recommendation will be sought from the Transport Agency Board
- In order to progress this efficiently, an out-of-cycle Transport Agency Board Paper will likely be required
- On Approval of the recommendation, CTCE will be informed of the outcome and provided feedback regarding the assessment
- Results of the outcome will be maintained in a Transport Agency managed USP register for future reference