

SkyPath Update

s 9(2)(a)

Progressing the SkyPath project by supporting Auckland Council

- In March 2017, the NZ Transport Agency Board endorsed the Transport Agency's preferred option to work with Auckland Council to ensure the proposed Public Private Partnership (PPP) sufficiently protected the Auckland Harbour Bridge (outlined in 2017/03/1191)
- To achieve this, the Transport Agency has:
 - taken a greater role in the governance, delivery and operations - but not assumed any financial responsibility
 - received the draft Project Agreement (PPP contract document), s9(2)(h) [REDACTED], and held workshops to understand where Transport Agency input is required - including identifying associated risks
 - initiated development of a set of Minimum Requirements for the project that are intended to be incorporated within the Project Agreement and Licence to Occupy
 - drafted a Memorandum of Understanding between the Transport Agency and Auckland Council - which is currently under negotiation
 - provided a high level set of construction related project requirements to inform the pending Expressions of Interest process that Morrison & Co are currently running
 - developed a programme for the required assessment of the SkyPath detailed design - as well as anticipated timeframes for the design and construction of required strengthening works
 - maintained a project risk register with stakeholder input which is informing the Transport Agency's requirements in the Project Agreement

Progressing the SkyPath project by being involved and providing consistent messaging

Benefits of participation

The Transport Agency also secured representation on the SkyPath Steering Group, and initiated weekly meetings between the Transport Agency Project Manager and Auckland Council Project Manager

Both representation on the SkyPath Steering Group and the weekly meetings, have allowed the parties to identify coordination and collaboration opportunities, and to communicate and resolve challenges as quickly as possible

Campaign to secure government funding of SkyPath

s 9(2)(a) [REDACTED], of the SkyPath Trust, is currently running a campaign for government funding of the SkyPath project

This has included numerous letters, emails and meetings with various Ministers - including Hon. Simon Bridges, and Auckland Councillors

The Transport Agency and Minister's office have provided consistent responses that allocation of future tranches of the Urban Cycleways Fund has yet to be determined, and the Transport Agency is continuing to support Auckland Council and the current hybrid PPP delivery model

Progressing the SkyPath project by progressing the PPP development

Procuring partners for the key stages of the project

Morrison & Co. (MCO):

- are currently in negotiation with a preferred Delivery Partner and expect to make a formal appointment late August. The three short-listed Delivery Partners are all tier 1 contractors that have successfully completed projects on the Auckland motorway network
- have a preferred Independent Technical Advisor and expect to appoint them shortly after appointing their Delivery Partner. The short-list consists of consultants well known to the Transport Agency
- expect to appoint an Operating Partner by end of September. This role will include sales, marketing, ticketing, customer service and management and soft FM services
- have a preferred Maintenance Partner and will seek to undertake negotiations with this party through September
- are currently running the pending Expressions of Interest process for a Design and Construct partner for SkyPath
- are regularly providing progress updates to the SkyPath Steering Group, which now includes a Transport Agency representative