

Auckland Transport is seeking funding of \$1.811 million to deliver a Detailed Business Case and early design work for Wiri to Quay Park Rail Corridor Improvements

- The section of the North Island Main Trunk Line from Wiri to Westfield is heavily used by both freight trains (accessing Metro Port and Port of Auckland), and metro rail services
- The project proposes the addition of a third line between Wiri and Westfield, and capacity improvements at Westfield and Quay Park junctions
- The main benefits (measured over the 2018-2024 period) are to:
 - increase public transport patronage between Wiri and Britomart by 10%
 - reduce monthly average peak hour passenger journey times by four minutes
 - increase freight throughput between Wiri and Quay Park by 10%
 - reduce the number of unplanned incidents (where passenger services are affected by freight interactions) by 65%
- KiwiRail had previously submitted a Detailed Business Case (DBC) for Crown funding, but the document needs further work to provide assurance around the level of costs (this work will not significantly delay project delivery)
- Following discussions with Auckland Transport, it was agreed that \$1.811 million of funding would be sought to complete the DBC and progress pre-implementation work so that the Transport Agency has greater confidence in the costs and value for money proposition

The following information will be made available on the Transport Agency website

- Under section 20D(2) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, after approving or declining funding for activities or combinations of activities, the Transport Agency must place a copy of the decision, and the reasons for the decision, on its website
- In the event the Board agrees to the recommendations in this paper, the following information will be made available on the Transport Agency website:

'The Wellington metro rail network is critical component of the land transport system in the Wellington region. The investment in renewing and improving the metro rail network is important to ensure that metro rail services can continue to meet current and future demand.'

'Improving the Auckland metro rail network will be a key enabler of further residential and economic growth. Production of the Wiri to Quay Park Corridor Improvements Detailed Business Case will enable the Transport Agency to consider implementation funding in 2019.'