

## MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

<b>Subject</b>	Let's Get Wellington Moving – Meeting with WCC Mayor and GWRC Chair
<b>Date</b>	22 November 2019
<b>Briefing number</b>	BRI-1868

Contact(s) for telephone discussion (if required)				
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### Action taken by Office of the Minister

- Noted
- Seen by Minister
- Agreed
- Feedback provided
- Forwarded to
- Needs change [please specify]
- Withdrawn
- Overtaken by events

22 November 2019

## Minister of Transport

# Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) – Meeting with WCC Mayor and GWRC Chair

### Purpose

1. This briefing provides you with advice ahead of your LGWM meeting on Wednesday 27 November with newly elected council representatives:
  - Andy Foster, Mayor of Wellington City Council (WCC)
  - Daran Ponter, Chair of Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)
2. This briefing was requested by your office on 14 November 2019 following your meeting with officials on 11 November 2019. The meeting will also be attended by officials from the NZ Transport Agency.

### Background and context

3. LGWM is developing a new partnership and funding agreement between the three partners (the Transport Agency, WCC and GWRC), due to be considered by WCC and GWRC on 12 December 2019. This is an important milestone for the programme to fund and ensure progress on the business case work and early delivery programme.
4. You indicated interest in participating in a joint announcement with the WCC Mayor and GWRC Chair possibly once the new agreement is endorsed by councils. If you choose to progress this, we will provide you with a draft press release and supporting information in a separate briefing by 3 December.
5. The LGWM monthly report for October [BRI-1774] and the presentation provided at your 11 November meeting includes the most recent information about the LGWM programme, including updates on the LGWM early delivery programme. These documents are attached for your reference.

### Partnership and funding agreement

6. As it moves into the next stage of the programme, LGWM is working closely with the partners to develop a strengthened partnership agreement. This will be a step change in the partners' commitment to LGWM and represents a key milestone in the development of the programme.
7. The current LGWM Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has served the partners well, but the document is outdated and in need of strengthening as the programme moves into the next phase. Importantly there is also a need for funding from the council partners to be brought forward to support the business case work and early delivery programme. This needs to be captured in a new agreement.
8. The new agreement is being drafted collaboratively by the legal departments of the three partner organisations and builds on the intent of the MOU while providing a stronger link between the partners, including governance and funding commitments.
9. The revised partnership and funding agreement is expected to be completed shortly and presented to WCC and GWRC council meetings for approval on Thursday 12 December 2019.

10. It is possible that one or both councils will not be able to endorse the agreement that day. As both councils have changed leadership and membership since the local body elections, more time may be required for the councils to make decisions on the LGWM programme.
11. If the agreement is endorsed by the council partners on 12 December, there is an opportunity for you to issue a supportive media release and/or a to attend a signing ceremony to underline the renewed commitment by all three partners progress the LGWM programme.
12. WCC and GWRC publish their meeting papers ahead of their public meetings (see dates below), so they may wish to signal their intent to approve the partnership and funding agreement through a press release. This could be as early as 4 December, when WCC publish first.

**Bus action plan**

13. LGWM is discussing with GWRC and WCC how best to incorporate the joint bus action plan for the city into LGWM to provide early progress on bus priority improvements.
14. A key advantage of integrating this work with LGWM is that any changes to bus service delivery can be aligned and coordinated with other activities such as preparing for the MRT system.
15. We understand the bus action plan will be closely aligned with recommendations from GWRC's Wellington bus network review which will also be made public in December.

**Key dates over the next month**

- Wednesday 27 November – You meet with WCC Mayor and GWRC Chair.
- Wednesday 4 December – WCC and GWRC meeting papers published.
- Friday 5 December – LGWM to provide you with a briefing and draft media release on the council consideration of the LGWM partner and funding agreement.
- Thursday 12 December – WCC and GWRC hold council meetings to consider the LGWM partnership and funding agreement and the bus action plan.
- Thursday 12 December – If councils endorse the partnership and funding agreement you may wish to issue a supportive media release. There may also be opportunity for you to attend a signing event with the councils and the Transport Agency.

**Issues which may arise in the meeting with the Mayor and the Chair**

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**Invitees**

- Andy Foster, Mayor of Wellington City Council (WCC)
- Daran Ponter, Chair of Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)
- Kevin Lavery, Wellington City Council Chief Executive Officer
- Greg Campbell, Greater Wellington Chief Executive
- Brett Gliddon, General Manager Transport Services, NZ Transport Agency
- Mark Ratcliffe, Chief Executive Officer, NZ Transport Agency
- Sir Brian Roche, Chair, NZ Transport Agency Board

**It is recommended that you:**

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| 1. <b>Note</b> the content of this briefing  | <b>Noted</b> |
| 2. <b>Advise</b> your preference(s) if councils endorse the LGWM partnership and funding agreement on 12 December: |              |
| • Release supportive media statement as Minister of Transport  | Yes / No     |
| • Attend joint signing ceremony with the three LGWM partners   | Yes / No     |

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**Hon Phil Twyford, Minister of Transport**

Date: 2019

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