

Chief Executive's Report – February 2018

Rapid Transit in Auckland

- Following the December 2017 Board meeting, the Auckland Rapid Transit Network Delivery Plan (Plan) was provided to the Minister of Transport
- This Plan:
 - identified four key corridors as part of the Rapid Transit Network, endorsed by Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP):
 - City - Airport
 - North West (City - Westgate)
 - Northern (including the Additional Waitematā Harbour Crossing); and
 - Airport - Botany
 - provided an overall programme within the 2021, 2025 and 2030+ timeframes for rapid transit within the identified four key corridors
 - considered risks and opportunities associated with design, consenting, property, engagement, procurement, construction and operation; and
 - proposed a governance structure that is joint between the Transport Agency and Auckland Transport

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Rapid Transit in Auckland continued

- The Minister of Transport, after consultation with colleagues, has decided to progress the City - Airport light rail link as an immediate high priority to be funded primarily from the National Land Transport Fund with some potential funding from Auckland Council. The remainder of the Auckland Rapid Transit Network will be progressed as part of ATAP with funding to be determined through that process
- The City – Airport light rail project will be:
 - an integrated transport urban development project
 - focused on local community and commuter transport and amenityIts primary purpose will not be as a link to the airport for travellers
- The Minister of Transport plans to take a paper to Cabinet shortly to seek agreement to this approach, including the City - Airport light rail project, as a Government priority and the progression of urgent legislation to help expedite the consenting and property aspects