

6. Auckland Light Rail Update

Leigh Auton and Tommy Parker provided an update on progress on the Auckland Light Rail project, with a report due to the Minister in a few weeks. There are three options being considered, and the business case for investment looks positive. Strong partnerships will be required to achieve the full benefits, including lifting urban form. There has been a positive response from South Auckland to the consultation process, and there has been significant work to engage mana whenua.

The recommendation will be to have the establishment unit sit within Waka Kotahi in the interim, while a decision is made on the right model for delivery going forward.

Amongst other things, the Board noted and discussed:

- The importance of partnering to achieving the desired outcomes.
- The uncertainty of how the project will be funded.

Resolutions	The Board noted the paper.
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The General Manager Transport Services, National Manager Policy and System Planning, Workstream Lead, Governance and Policy, Leigh Auton and Tommy Parker left the meeting.

7. Waka Kotahi and NLTF Annual Report

The General Manager Corporate Support and the Chief Financial Officer joined the meeting. The Chair of the Risk and Assurance Committee provided an overview of the 17 September 2021 meeting, where the Annual report was discussed.

Amongst other things, the Board noted and discussed Management's response to the audit findings on procurement processes. Management is working to ensure that procurement systems are on the digital road map. Sampling of contracts across Waka Kotahi will also be undertaken in a very visible way.

Resolutions	<p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the summary of the Risk and Assurance Committee's assurance on the annual reports for Waka Kotahi and the National Land Transport Fund for the year ended 30 June 2021 provided to the Board by the Chair of the Risk and Assurance Committee. • Approved the annual reports for Waka Kotahi and the National Land Transport Fund for the year ended 30 June 2021 as set out in the Resource Centre, subject to any further minor and editorial changes made pursuant to the below delegation to the Chief Executive. • Delegated signing of the Board's letters of representation in relation to Waka Kotahi and the National Land Transport Fund annual reports and the annual review of the scrutiny principle to the Board Chair and the Chair of the Risk and Assurance Committee.
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