

Sir Brian Roche returned to the meeting and resumed as the Board Chair.

9.5 City Centre to Mangere Light Rail – Outcome and Process

Board paper 2019/07/1423

Carl Devlin outlined the approach and next steps to be taken by the NZ Transport Agency in respect of Auckland Light Rail, in response to the dual process that has been set by the Minister of Transport in the May 2019 Cabinet paper, and the subsequent briefing from the Minister.

Board discussion and interaction with management covered the ins and outs of the process that has been advised (and which is still evolving) and the steps that the Transport Agency should take to ensure this project moves forward and best achieves the outcomes sought for Auckland and its transport networks.

Board Members acknowledged:

- the issues around this project (and those that will arise down the track);
- the usefulness of dealing directly with the Minister;
- the value from gaining a detailed understanding of the NZ Infra proposal so as to be able to provide appropriate and informed advice regarding light rail in Auckland;
- the limitations on the Transport Agency being able to develop a feasible alternative proposal by the proposed November 2019 deadline; and
- the Transport Agency’s advice around the direct appointment of advisors and are accepting of the risk (noting the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment procurement rules allow for this).

Resolution 15	<p><i>The NZ Transport Agency Board noted:</i></p> <p>a) <i>The NZ Transport Agency’s planned approach for developing the Auckland Light Rail plan over the four months to November 2019, including the direct appointment of advisors for this initial phase.</i></p> <p>b) <i>The final output of the interim phase is to be an options report/preliminary business case to be presented to the NZ Transport Agency Board in early November 2019, with the intention this</i></p>
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