

Brett Gliddon introduced the paper, noting that the project was part of the Auckland Transport Alignment Project, but was not scheduled to commence until the second decade of the programme. He noted the importance of acquiring the property to secure the future transport corridor. The Board discussed the fact that the focus was on securing corridors that could be used for a number of potential multi-modal uses in future and to ensure network resilience.

The Board queried why the cost-benefit was so high, which is due the traffic time savings, and why the project wouldn't be build sooner. The prioritisation is determined by Auckland Transport.

Resolution	<p><i>The NZ Transport Agency Board resolved to:</i></p> <p>a) approve the preferred option identified in the State Highway 16/18 Detailed Business Case;</p> <p>b) Note that future decisions on the timing for commencement of the route protection stage of this project will take into account priorities and timings for the wider Supporting Growth Programme and City Centre to North West rapid transit improvements, as well as funding availability and priorities at a national level.</p>
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5.4 Light Rail

Board paper 2019/10/1449

The Chair and Carl Devlin introduced the paper by providing an overview of the Auckland Light Rail process to date, and the current Ministry of Transport-led process to evaluate proposals by the Transport Agency and NZ Infra.

The Board discussed the current progress on the Transport Agency's participation in the Ministry of Transport's process, and the existing project governance arrangements. The Board agreed to the proposed process for sign-off of the Transport Agency's response to the response to the Ministry of Transport.

Resolution	<p><i>The NZ Transport Agency Board resolved to:</i></p> <p>a) note the content of the update on the Light Rail project;</p> <p>b) authorise the Board Chair to approve the response to the Ministry of Transport's City Centre to Mangare Light Rail Project Response Requirements Document;</p> <p>c) authorise the General Manager Rail and Mass Transit to sign the Proposal Response Form, subject to the Chair's approval; and</p> <p>d) authorise Management to do all things necessary to give effect to this delegation, subject to the Chair's approval.</p>
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6. Information papers

6.1 Technology Risk Update

Giles Southwell introduced the paper, noting the technology risks arising from long-term under investment, the technology programme underway to address the risks and the funding challenges.