

MC Notes

DATE Saturday 27 August 2022
TIME 10.00 – 11.15am
VENUE Ngā Hau Māngere project location, Māngere Bridge

Karakia and Waiata Tautoko (10.00 – 10.10am)

Te Akitai Waiohua open and a response from Eynon Delamere on behalf of Waka Kotahi

Introduction (10.10 – 10.15am)

E nga mana

E nga reo

E nga iwi

E rau rangatira ma

Nau mai, haere mai, piki mai

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tautou katoa¹.

- Welcome everyone and thank you for joining us this morning to celebrate the opening of Ngā Hau Māngere.
- Pepeha
 - o Ko Mt Manaia te maunga (cor Mt Manaia teh mau-ngah)
 - o Ko Te-Whanganui-a-Hei te awa (cor Te-Whanganui-a-Hei teh ah-wah)
 - o No Whangarei ahau (nor Whanagarei ah-hoe)
 - o Ko Mutton Toku Whanau (cor Mutton tor-koo whanau)
 - o Ko Steve toku ingoa (cor Steve tor-koo ing-oh-a)
- I am Steve Mutton, Director Regional Relationships with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and I am pleased to be hosting this event today.

Housekeeping

¹ All peoples of the world, All speakers, All the chiefly peoples here, All groups, Welcome, welcome, welcome to you all

- Before we start, in the unlikely event of an emergency, please make your way out of the station out into the car park area.
- If a medical kit is required, please come and see me or Grace who is standing at the back.
- And the public restrooms can be found just outside this tent behind me.

Acknowledgement

- I would firstly like to welcome and thank Te Akitai Waiohū for leading the karakia and mihi this morning.
- And my thanks to Nga mana whenua o Tāmaki for your commitment to our partnership and your journey together with us.

I also want to acknowledge

- The Minister of Transport, the **Hon. Michael Wood**
- Mayor of Auckland, **Phil Goff**, and Deputy Mayor **Bill Cashmore**
- Local MPs, Councillors, local board chairs and local board members of Auckland Council
- Acting chief executive of Auckland Transport, **Mark Lambert**
- Waka Kotahi board members (Victoria Carter, Patrick Reynolds)
- Representatives from Waka Kotahi and those involved in the project – Aurecon, McConnell Dowell and the many subcontractors who have played a part
- Thank you for joining us this morning.

Introduction

- Today's event marks the opening of Ngā Hau Māngere, an incredible new transport connection and community space across the Manukau Harbour.
- Despite the challenges of COVID on our shores these past few years, this is the second opening of a significant piece of walking and cycling infrastructure in Auckland these past few months, following the opening in May of the longest section of Glen Innes to Tāmaki which is now being enjoyed by people travelling on foot or wheels.
- It is great that we are able to come together to celebrate the new bridge and the positive change this project will deliver to local communities.
- While the Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS) sets out how money from the National Land Transport Fund is allocated towards achieving the

Government's transport priorities, it also talks about how the purpose of the transport system is to improve people's wellbeing, and the liveability of places.

- The transport system improves people's wellbeing by contributing to five key outcomes - Inclusive access (to economic opportunities such as work and education), healthy and safe people (protecting people from transport related injuries and harmful pollution), environmental sustainability (transitioning to net zero carbon emissions), resilience and security (minimising and managing risks) and economic prosperity (supporting economic activity with efficient movement of people and products)
- Ngā Hau Māngere aligns perfectly with these outcomes.
- Although delivered by Waka Kotahi, the additional community and environmental benefits this project delivers have been enhanced thanks to our partnership with mana whenua and our engagement throughout with the community.
- I would like to acknowledge how incredibly important this partnership is to Waka Kotahi and I know that this sentiment is one which the team working on this project agree.
- Many of us here are familiar with the Old Māngere Bridge which stood in the Manukau Harbour since 1915 and are aware of how much it was cherished by the community. When the bridge closed in 2018 due to safety concerns, we saw the outpouring of love which people had for it.
- At the time, Waka Kotahi undertook work to ensure that the community were provided a safe and appealing alternative route via the nearby SH20 underpass while Ngā Hau Māngere was constructed to ensure that a walking and cycling connection across the harbour could remain until we were able to be here today for the official opening of this new bridge.
- Today as we celebrate the opening of this new bridge for the community and I look forward to it becoming a place where both current and future generations create memories with their whānau and friends.

Keynote speeches (07.40 – 07.55am)

- Without further ado I would like to call on the Minister of Transport - Hon Michael Wood to share a few words.
- Thank you, Minister for sharing your views on the importance of helping support Aotearoa move to a low carbon emissions transport system.
- I'd now like to introduce the Mayor of Auckland - Phil Goff.
- Thank you, Mayor Goff for sharing your insights.
- I'd now like to invite Councillor Alf Filipaina, Manukau Ward Councillor.
- Thank you, Alf for acknowledging all those who have been involvement in the project over many years and those not able to be here with us today.
- I'd now like to invite Mark Kinvig, Waka Kotahi National Manager Infrastructure Delivery.
- Thank you, Mark for acknowledging the important role the community has played.

Closing (10.35 – 10.40am)

- Before we head down to the new bridge and Te Akitai close this event, I'd like to thank again all those involved in the project to date.
- Thank you to you all your mahi. You have all worked extremely hard to complete the work, while managing the challenges of COVID.
- And I would also like to thank the community and our neighbours for their support and understanding while we build this amazing project in your backyard and I hope you will enjoy this for generations to come.
- After the ribbon has been cut, I am delighted to confirm that Minister Wood will then start a Waka Ama regatta race under the bridge so I hope you are able to join in wishing those participants lots of luck!

- Refreshments will be available via a coffee cart and we're holding a wider community celebration from 12 noon to 2pm so you are welcome to enjoy the atmosphere throughout the afternoon too.
- Can I please ask you to make your way out this gazebo and walk down to the new bridge following the project team and Māori Wardens. Please stick to the wide footpath on the right of the road and follow those in high vis.
- Once again, thank you for joining us to celebrate today.
- Kia ora, Ka kite koutou.

Instruction for ribbon cutting and regatta

- Guide the dignitaries (Kaumatua s 9(2)(a), Minister of Transport, Mayor of Auckland, Councillor Alf Filipaina and Mark Kinvig) to where the ribbon will be across the bridge. Ribbon cutters to face towards the group of attendees so that the bridge and arch will be in the background for photos.
- Please pause for photos prior to ribbon cutting.
- Nicole to collect the cut ribbon and scissors from dignitaries.
- Guide Minister Wood to the first fishing bay and he will be handed a pole with a flag on it which will be on the bridge for this to be dropped, marking the start of the Waka Ama regatta. The flag is to be held up for approx. 1 minute before being dropped.

Instruction for interviews

- Guide Minister Wood to the other side of the bridge where media will be able to conduct interviews.