MINO-472 - Investment in Coastal Shipping

21 September 2022

Provide an update on the investment in coastal shipping and any progress being made.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

When the new services are fully operational, it is estimated they will remove around 35 million kilometres of truck travel from New Zealand's roading network every year, reducing wear and tear and improving safety for road users, while at the same time creating new employment opportunities for mariners and supporting regional development. This will also support our commitment in the recently released Emissions Reduction Plan to reduce emissions from freight transport by 35 percent by 2035.

As the services are yet to start it is difficult to provide actual impact. Attached are the contracted suppliers' summaries that describe the benefits and the capacity proposed. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is planning to undertake an independent externality impact assessment post service start, in order to provide actual rather than a theoretical assessment.

Waka Kotahi has not seen any notable progress since the one page updates provided in July 2022. However, we have complied a list of specific milestones which may be of interest to the Minister as possible event opportunities.

Aotearoa Shipping Alliance

- Vessels are still under procurement and no opportunities likely until quarter two of 2023.
- There is potential to visit during short term shipping operations which are scheduled for November 2022, if interested. At that time there would be the wharf operating, some material handlers in place on the wharf, and a coastal ship at the berth (possibly from Coastal Bulk Shipping which is also funded through Waka Kotahi).

Coastal Bulk Shipping

- Rangitata is now due to arrive in Auckland on 3 October 2022, however, time is required before being put into operation.
- Times/ /dates to be advised

MOVE

- Vessels are still under manufacture. No opportunities likely until this quarter 4 of 2023.

Swire

- The vessel is currently undergoing handover formalities in Auckland, i.e. crew change, flag change, name change etc.
- These are expected to be completed by the evening of 21 September 2022. The vessel will then sail to Marsden Point and Tauranga before returning to Auckland on 26 September for its first loading out of Auckland.

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- Pacifica would be happy to support possible media opportunities, but these need to be coordinated closely so they align with the schedule of the vessel.
- The current schedule would see the vessel in the following ports each week:
    - Monday – Auckland
    - Wednesday – Lyttelton
    - Every second Thursday (starting from 29 September 2022) in Timaru
    - Every second Friday/Saturday – Marsden Point
    - Sunday – Tauranga

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