

# Update for Approval | SH1 Wellington Improvements

Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Board workshop on 22 August 2024</a> presented options for SH1 Wellington Improvements, including the Second Mount Victoria Tunnel and Basin Reserve Upgrade (with and without a Terrace Tunnel duplication), and a Long Tunnel.</li><li>• These project options were then presented to the Minister of Transport on 5 September 2024.</li><li>• A meeting was held on 30 September 2024 with the Ministers of Finance, Infrastructure and Transport and advice was requested covering consenting, bus prioritisation, road pricing, and early opportunities to start progressing work on the option that includes a Second Mount Victoria Tunnel, Basin Reserve Upgrade including a Terrace Tunnel Duplication</li></ul>
Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Second Mount Victoria Tunnel will deliver a new 0.7km tunnel parallel to the existing tunnel, s 9(2)(ba)(ii).</li><li>• The Basin Reserve Upgrade will provide grade separation between SH1 and local roads. This will be achieved through an extension of the Arras Tunnel and moving the westbound SH1 traffic to the northern side of the Basin Reserve. Local traffic, including Public Transport, will pass over SH1 on the western side of the Basin Reserve.</li><li>• A duplicate Terrace Tunnel comprising a new 0.5km tunnel parallel to the existing Terrace Tunnel s 9(2)(ba)(ii).</li><li>• Network improvements s 9(2)(ba)(ii).</li></ul>
Costs and Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The SH1 Wellington Improvements will result in significant travel time savings in peak periods, reducing traffic travel times from the Wellington Region to the CBD, Hospital and Airport by around 10 minutes.</li><li>• s 9(2)(ba)(ii).</li></ul>
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The project will now move into initiation phase and the Investment Case will be completed and brought back to the Board in mid-2025 following the decision led approach to project development.</li></ul>
Approval Sought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Following further consideration from the Board workshop on 22 August and feedback from the Minister, Board approval is sought to progress the option described above through to the investment case as the preferred option for the SH1 Wellington Improvements RONS.</li></ul>

s 9(2)(ba)(ii)

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