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Action taken by Office of the Minister

- ☐ Noted
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11 August 2022

Hon Michael Wood – Minister of Transport

LET'S GET WELLINGTON MOVING PARTNERS' MEETING - 16 AUGUST 2022

Purpose

1. This briefing provides you with an update on the progress of the Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) Programme ahead of your meeting with the LGWM funding partners.
2. The funding partners and representatives are Greater Wellington Regional Council (Chair Daran Ponter attending), Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Robyn Elston, National Manager System Design attending) and Wellington City Council (Mayor Andy Foster and Barbara McKerron, Chief Executive Officer attending).
3. In addition to the funding partners, Dave Brash, Partnership Board Chair, and Sarah Gardner, Programme Director, will also attend the meeting.

Background and Context

4. The agreement by all partners to the Preferred Programme Option Report was a critical step in the LGWM Programme. The focus is therefore now on the transition to the next important phase and how the LGWM Programme teams need to evolve to deliver the Detailed Business Case (DBC).
5. Dave Dunlop has now moved on as Programme Director and Sarah Gardner is now fully integrated into the Programme.
6. The increasing focus of LGWM issues by candidates during the local government election campaign window means that LGWM may feature more heavily in the media. The LGWM Programme is working closely with all partners to manage this and no key risks are emerging beyond those anticipated.
7. Key topics of interest since the last meeting are:
 - a. DBC progress
 - b. Golden Mile Consultation
 - c. Governance Reference Group membership
 - d. People-Friendly City Streets update
 - e. Cabinet Paper release
 - f. Delivery model discussion
 - g. Urban Development

Detailed Business Case progress

8. Scoping work on the DBC has commenced following Cabinet's decision to progress Option 1 (South Coast light rail plus a new public transport tunnel) to the DBC stage and continue to investigate the feasibility of Option 2 (South Coast bus rapid transit plus a new public transport tunnel).
9. The DBC scoping is in its infancy, the Programme team will ensure you are fully apprised of the emerging scope as the DBC matures and provide any feedback on the procurement process as necessary. Waka Kotahi has key and experienced advisors also assisting the LGWM Programme in this and providing additional support and connection to the Crown in the execution of this important exercise.
10. LGWM officials are ensuring they stay closely connected with the Auckland Light Rail Programme to identify elements that can be adopted as part of LGWM Transformation Programme to enable consistency in approach across the programmes and value for money where possible.

Golden Mile Consultation

11. Consultation on the detailed design for the Golden Mile started on 11 July 2022 and is scheduled to finish on 14 August 2022.
12. There is a minority of Councillors on both Councils who remain unsupportive of the Golden Mile improvements.
13. These Councillors have raised concerns about:
 - a. loss of on-street parking
 - b. loading zones for businesses
 - c. lack of integration with other projects such as Featherston St – so public and businesses not getting the fuller picture in order to provide feedback.
14. These are minority views and overall, engagement on the current consultation is positive.
15. LGWM will continue to engage with Councillors on a regular basis and will continue to respond to all queries and take on feedback.

Governance Reference Group membership

16. The LGWM Governance Reference Group (GRG) is undergoing internal changes of leadership, with Wellington City Council Mayor Andy Foster replacing Greater Wellington Regional Council Chair Daran Ponter as the Chairperson of the GRG due to the 12-month rotation cycle.
17. The membership of the GRG is currently otherwise unchanged, but we will update you on any further change post the local body elections which might impact GRG membership

People-Friendly City Streets

18. The City Streets part of the Programme looks to improve bus reliability and increase walking and cycling options for commuters, and planning is well advanced with the first phase of the Network Plan completed, and the second phase already underway. Implementation of the Network Plan requires the determination of the time horizon over which it will occur.
19. Public consultation and engagement on the Featherston and South-West CBD (both part of People-Friendly City Streets Programme) is set to be temporarily delayed ahead of the local body elections, noting the risk of engaging on the issue in this politically sensitive period. The rest of the consultation will proceed as planned.
20. LGWM does not anticipate that the delay to public engagement will affect the critical delivery path in any significant way. This was supported by all partners because the risk was seen to outweigh the advantage of proceeding as it is optimal that the Golden Mile consultation is complete before activity on these elements continue.

LGWM Cabinet paper

21. s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
22. There is a high degree of interest in the paper among the Programme partners. We understand your office is still determining when the release should occur, but we anticipate it will be within a month.
23. s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
24. s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

Delivery model discussion

25. s 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]
26. s 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]

Urban Development

27. s 9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED]

28. The partners consider that the Specified Development Project process provides a significant opportunity to deliver transformational change across Wellington City to secure quality urban outcomes, align different planning processes, and facilitate and deliver denser housing in the catchments around the future MRT corridor.

It is recommended that you:

1. **Note** this briefing



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Hon Michael Wood, Minister of Transport

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