

MIN-4341 O Mahurangi – Penlink **Out of Scope** and tolling

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Out of Scope, and advice on the toll proposal.

NZ Transport Agency's response:

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Advice on the toll proposal

- Tolling provides a mechanism to recover operations and maintenance costs without adding more costs to the National Land Transport Fund, as well as helping to manage congestion across the entire network.
- With a toll of \$3/\$2 (peak and off-peak end to end), it's anticipated the road will provide a good level of service to users of Penlink, Whangaparaoa Road and State Highway 1 by balancing flows across the network.
- Traffic modelling shows that not tolling Penlink results in much higher traffic volumes and increased congestion on Penlink.
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- To safely accommodate these queues, it is likely that additional widening would be required on State Highway 1, which is not included in the assessment above. There is a single lane merge to State Highway 1 currently proposed, and that caps the amount of traffic that can flow onto the state highway irrespective of the number of lanes on Penlink.
- The project's tolling assessment shows the toll helps to manage traffic across the wider roading network, providing increased level of service at Silverdale and for Penlink. The annual average daily traffic (ADT) difference on Penlink at opening is approximately 7000-8000 ADT less between a tolled scenario (18,000ADT) and not tolled (25,500ADT), indicating that a significant number of people are prepared to pay the toll to reduce their travel time.
- The previous Government agreed to proceed with the tolling proposal. You will have an opportunity to confirm this decision as you will need to take an Order in Council enabling the tolling regime. The Ministry of Transport is responsible for the Order in Council process which will need to be undertaken before the road is due to open. Construction on Penlink is currently forecast to finish in late 2026.

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