

Whau Local Board Workshop Records

Date of Workshop: **Wednesday, 14 September 2016**
Time: **10.00am – 12.10pm**
Venue: **Whau Local Board Office, 31 Totara Avenue,
New Lynn**

Present: Catherine Farmer, Simon Matafai, Ruby Manukia-Schaumkel, Susan Zhu (from 10.50am, item 1)

Apologies: Duncan Macdonald (for absence), Ami Chand (for absence), Derek Battersby (for absence)

Item	Topic	Time
1	<p>AT Update (including portfolio discussions)</p> <p><i>Presenters: Felicity Merrington (AT), Rekha Jatav (AT), Marni Ratzel (AT)</i></p> <p><i>Members were presented with a ‘summary of the feedback from the Links to New Lynn public consultation’. Auckland Transport received 556 pieces of feedback from the consultation. A map was tabled with cycle routes identified by submitters and identified the locations and sections of roads where issues/concerns had been identified.</i></p> <p><i>There was strong support for the current cycling projects alongside the rail corridor and Te Whau Pathway and for more separation from cars. There were suggestions for new links and many raised concerns for cyclist safety due to traffic, speed and motorist behavior. The findings and resulting projects will be included in Auckland Transport planning and in the drafting of the next local board plan.</i></p> <p><i>The Board has been working through a series of projects to improve traffic flow in New Lynn. The Board was briefed on the last two projects, the lights at McCrae Way and Great North Road and the lights at Clark St and Ward St.</i></p> <p><i>It was noted that signals along Clark St are now well coordinated and that the removal of signals at Clark St and Ward St will likely result in impeding pedestrian movement and increased safety risks. It will not provide any benefit to general traffic movements and progression along Clark Street.</i></p> <p><i>It was noted that flows along Portage Road have the major impact on flows. It was also commented that the system will be monitored noting that the opening of the Waterview Connection and the major housing developments in New Lynn will also affect transport movement.</i></p> <p><i>The Board were in support of keeping the Ward St traffic lights in New Lynn and the removal of some signals at McCrae Way / Great North Road to improve traffic flow and enhance pedestrian access.</i></p> <p><i>The Board were updated on the transport issues list noting that Felicity will be providing further updates by email at the end of this week.</i></p>	10.00am – 11.20am
2	<p>Community Facilities Maintenance Contracts 2017</p> <p><i>Presenter: Mark Allen</i></p> <p><i>Members discussed the Board’s feedback on the new community facilities maintenance contracts 2017 (Project 17) that will take around 32 current contracts across Auckland’s local parks, toilets and community facilities and combine them</i></p>	11.30am – 12.10pm

into five full facility service and maintenance contracts.

A report was on 7 September board agenda and feedback has been delegated to board chair and deputy chair. This workshop was an opportunity for all board members to provide their input.

The following is a summary of what was agreed that the board would submit on:

- Existing service levels becoming the 'standard' levels of service*
- Supporting local suppliers so they have a full and fair opportunity to compete and that in the tender consideration that suppliers with over half local suppliers are given a higher weighting*
- Supporting local sub-contractors (community groups and small businesses) being paid a fair and reasonable rate, supporting the living wage and youth employment and training*
- Supporting a "local impact assessment" as part of the procurement process that local boards have input into scoping*
- Supporting seeking opportunities to build community empowerment into the contracts so that a local community group could potentially undertake the maintenance of a local park and requesting flexibility in the contracts to allow community empowerment opportunities to be increased over time*
- Requesting that increases resulting from growth are built into the 2018-28 Long-term Plan to ensure that local boards' locally driven initiative funding is not required to cover shortfalls in asset-based services funding*
- Requesting that simple and measurable performance Indicators and penalties for non-performance are included in the contract and are used to inform the measures for the 2018-28 Long-term Plan, the Annual Plan and Local board Agreements to enable local boards to have efficient and effective governance oversight of contract delivery and performance*
- Requesting that staff provide local boards with timely, relevant and high-quality advice during the annual planning process which will enable local boards to make informed level of service decisions following consultation with the community as part of the annual planning process*
- Requesting that Contracts tendering process, works to ensure that playground areas, dog exercise areas and fitness areas are spray free where possible*
- Requesting that the Contracts tendering process ensures that designated community gardens and orchard areas are toxic-chemical spray free*
- Requesting that staff include the opportunity for **community-owned assets** maintenance e.g. community' halls lawn mowing, to be included in the Contracts*
- Requesting that the local board relationship is adequately resourced and that the learnings from rollouts of similar region-wide projects be considered*

Relationship Manager: Glenn Boyd