

30 August 2017

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Dear Lester

### **AUCKLAND METRO TRAIN CAPACITY**

Further to your letter of 15 August 2017, I can advise that the New Zealand Transport Agency Board has endorsed the procurement of 15 Electric Multiple Units (EMUs) to ensure sufficient capacity is available to meet projected demand on the Auckland metro rail network in 2019.

This approval will enable inclusion of the Auckland Metro Train Capacity project in the 2015–18 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) subject to Auckland Transport including the project in its Regional Land Transport Programme together with local share funding. Within the total cost estimate of \$133 million this will involve a NLTP share of \$67.8 million and an Auckland Transport share of \$65.2 million. The NLTP funding is subject to NZTA's Chief Executive being satisfied with all aspects of the project including certain quality assurance and due diligence processes.

The NZTA Board also noted that Auckland Transport has developed an Independently Powered EMU (IPEMU) option which was based on an assumed date for electrification to Pukekohe of 2027/28. As you are aware recent announcements have the potential to bring forward electrification which significantly impacts on the IPEMU business case. Given this the Board has agreed that it will consider approval of an IPEMU option if this is warranted following further investigation of the Pukekohe electrification and subsequent Government decisions.

I would also advise that, subject to the funding approval outlined above, NZTA will make a contribution to the initial upfront costs required to be incurred in regard to deposit, design and procurement fees for the 15 new EMUs.

NZTA is pleased to be partnering with Auckland Transport on this project and commends your agency on the patronage growth that has been achieved on Auckland metro rail.

Kind regards,



**Fergus Gammie**  
Chief Executive

cc: David Warburton, Chief Executive, Auckland Transport