

# Summary Update on City Centre Projects and Initiatives to 30 April 2018

## City Centre Programme

### Central Wharves

1. Subject to central government approval, Panuku Development Auckland is set to lodge the updated resource consent for the Queens Wharf Mooring Dolphin on 4 May 2018.
2. The dolphin will be delivered as part of the Downtown Infrastructure Development Programme, with the initial programme schedule indicating a delivery date of late 2019 (dependent on meeting resource consent timeframes).
3. A council-led review on the interfaces between council's city centre planning and the Ports of Auckland 30 year Master Plan was presented at the 5 April 2018 Planning Committee workshop. The review highlighted the synergies between Quay Street, the Central Wharves and the Quay Park area, including opportunities with respect to the City Centre Master Plan and wider road network strategies.

### America's Cup (AC36)

4. Agreement has been reached between Auckland Council, central government and Emirates Team New Zealand on the preferred base location.
5. The resource consent applications for the agreed proposal were lodged on 13 April 2018. Notification of the consents commenced on 30 April and will close on 28 June 2018.
6. Following notification it has been agreed that the consents will be directly referred to the Environment Court, with a hearing held during October 2018. Auckland Council has withdrawn the previous resource consent applications and has put the consent application for the ferry and fishing fleet relocation on hold.
7. The initial contract for the Alliance delivering the America's Cup infrastructure was signed on 26 April 2018. The team is building up rapidly and is progressing option development with the aim of being ready to start construction works should the consents be approved. The consenting programme proposes physical construction will commence in early November 2018, subject to the outcome of the Environment Court process and any subsequent appeals.

### Downtown

8. An update on the Downtown Programme will be presented to the Auckland City Centre Advisory Board on 23 May 2018, with a focus on the Quay Street upgrade project.
9. Consents for the Quay Street Seawall are scheduled to be lodged on 4 May 2018. This is a critical milestone for the programme as all other elements of the project flow on from this. The remaining consent applications will be lodged by the end of the third quarter of 2018.
10. Construction of the first tranche of the seawall is due to commence towards the end of 2018. The programme team is working with Commercial Bay, Cooper and Company, City Rail Link Limited and the American's Cup Alliance to coordinate construction activities in the area.
11. Public consultation on the programme and its constituent projects is well underway with public drop-in sessions held on 27 March 2018. The programme team is also

working with the Auckland Design Office to implement a development response strategy for the programme.

12. Activate Auckland is assisting with development response programming.

### **Midtown**

13. Auckland Transport is progressing the business case for the Midtown Bus Project, which includes the streetscape and amenity upgrade for Wellesley Street. The Auckland Council and Auckland Transport teams are currently reviewing the project alignment, and phasing of the Victoria Linear Park and Wellesley Street, with the City Rail Link development.
14. Auckland Council and Auckland Transport are initiating the development of the business case for the Victoria Street Linear Park, including consideration of phasing sections of the Linear Park to be delivered alongside the City Rail Link works on Victoria Street.

### **Learning Quarter**

15. The CCTV and lighting upgrade is complete.
16. Work on the caretaker's cottage and band pavilion starts 14 May 2018 and is expected to take three to four months to complete.
17. Path improvements, landscaping changes around the Chris Booth Sculpture on Victoria Street, and signage are currently being designed, with delivery anticipated by December 2018.
18. Road layout changes for St Paul Street are underway, including changes to parking, increase in pavement width and surface treatments to better activate the space. Work should be concluded third quarter 2018.
19. Problem parking has been mitigated on Alfred Street with the installation of Placekit pieces. The process to permanently declare Alfred Street a pedestrian mall will start soon.
20. A destination plan is underway for the quarter led by the Learning Quarter Working Group and the Auckland Design Office. This will seek to maximise economic and cultural opportunities presented by events such as graduations.

### **Homelessness**

*Policy project: Kia whai whare tatou katoa*

21. Work on the policy project is progressing well, with strong support for a regional, collaborative approach across local and central government agencies, and non-governmental agencies. Auckland Council has commenced a system mapping exercise with these agencies. Council staff are also liaising with central government officials who are developing a national housing strategy which will include a focus on homelessness.
22. Research will commence in May 2018 with people at risk of, or who have experienced homelessness, along with frontline service providers, to ensure that their perspectives shape the regional plan.
23. Local board workshops will be held in May 2018, and the key agencies will come together at the end of the month to develop the core components of the regional plan.
24. Further engagement events with a wider group of stakeholders are planned in July to August 2018.

25. In parallel with the development of the regional plan, opportunities for implementation of new initiatives are continually being explored.

#### *Operational response*

26. Funding from the council's regional homelessness budget will be allocated to Lifewise for a Youth Homelessness project, and the Wise Group for a Housing First Kaupapa Māori evaluation. The Youth Homelessness project aims to develop a coordinated community approach to respond more effectively to youth homelessness. The Kaupapa Māori evaluation will ensure that Housing First Auckland is meeting the needs of Māori participants in the programme (64 per cent).

#### *Housing First*

27. The second Housing First Governance Group meeting took place on 26 April 2018, chaired by Mayor Phil Goff. Also, in attendance were Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Social Development and Disability Issues and the Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage and Pacific Peoples, and Hon Jenny Salesa, Minister for Building and Construction and Ethnic Communities and Associate Minister of Education, Health, Housing and Urban Development.
28. Housing First providers presented on progress to date. Housing First Auckland has placed 359 people (197 adults and 162 children) into permanent homes across the Auckland region since March 2017. Forty four of these are from the central city. Please see the attached infographic from the central city Housing First providers, Auckland City Mission and Lifewise (Attachment B). The Ministers and Mayor Goff were pleased with progress made.

#### *James Liston Hostel*

29. In addition to Auckland Council's \$2 million contribution to the redevelopment of the James Liston Hostel, Housing New Zealand have committed \$1.6 million to lease and operate the facility for five years for its current use as emergency housing for rough sleepers and chronically homeless people in the city centre.
30. Current project planning anticipates that construction will commence at the end of May 2018 and be completed in early 2019.

#### **Public amenities**

31. The City Centre Public Amenities review was presented to the Waitemata Local Board on 20 February 2018.
32. Work is ongoing in this area and further updates will be shared in due course.

#### **Activate Auckland: Supporting business**

33. Business Pac (business support package) has been launched through the Karangahape Road Business Association. The pilot created by Activate Auckland in partnership with Mentors NZ, the Auckland Chamber of Commerce and City Rail Link Limited is being promoted by the business association, Auckland Transport and council. So far 13 businesses have taken up the offer of support from a mentor and 19 have taken a Chamber of Commerce membership. Social media training is also part of the Business Pac package and Easy Social Media has trained over 50 businesses in and around Karangahape Road over the last year.
34. As part of the Aotea Quarter Destination Plan, Activate Auckland has facilitated the install of Q Theatre's temporary Broadway-style lighting. This was timed for the Comedy Festival launch in late April and temporary custom furniture is being delivered in early May to activate the Queen Street frontage.

### **Activate Auckland: Events**

35. Activate Auckland supported Splice with funding and promotion for their popular, free Art Speaks event at the Auckland Library on 21 April 2018.
36. Activate Auckland is supporting the following upcoming events:
  - Doc Edge Festival - 24 May to 3 June 2018
  - Auckland Festival of Photography – 31 May to 15 June 2018
  - Matariki Māori Film Festival – 15 June to 16 July 2018
  - Heritage Festival – 16-30 September 2018
  - Art Week - 16-30 September 2018
  - Suffrage 125 – timing to be confirmed.
37. Activate Auckland met with Auckland Live to discuss digital collaborations in Aotea Quarter, including the possibility of a shared hosting of a French digital artist in November 2018 (in collaboration with the French Embassy).

### **Pā Rongorongo and Griffiths Gardens**

38. Since opening to the public, on 13 March 2018, there have been 15 tours along with a number of workshops and events; these have brought over 250 people into the space. Upcoming activities include meetings of te reo Māori speakers.
39. Pā Rongorongo Kaimanaaki (host) is starting to plan monthly activations in the space, including collaborations with the New Zealand International Convention Centre, the Festival of Photography, Auckland Libraries, Artweek and the Matariki Festival.
40. Six community events were hosted by the For Love of Bees Project in the Griffiths Garden in April. These included organic learning, school holiday workshops and lunchtime classes.

### **Tactical urban interventions**

41. Projects currently underway include:
  - Federal Street Contraflow Cycleway – has been completed in collaboration with Auckland Transport. As this is a trial, improvements will be made as necessary.
  - Alfred Street – working with Auckland Transport and the University of Auckland. The temporary solution has been installed and will stay in situ until the permanent solution of declaring the street a pedestrian mall has been completed.
  - Federal Street Shared Space – working with Auckland Transport and Sky City.
  - St Paul Street – working with Auckland Transport and the Auckland University of Technology. Work is expected to be completed by the end of winter.
  - Eastern Viaduct – an activation project is underway in collaboration with Panuku Development Auckland.
  - Sale Street/Wellesley Street intersection – early planning underway with Auckland Transport.

### **City Rail Link Limited**

42. Britomart: The construction of the City Rail Link tunnels through the Commercial Bay site will continue until mid-2018. The latter half of the year will see the excavation of the tunnels across Lower Queen Street – forming the connection to the existing tracks.

43. Albert Street: For the duration of 2018 the tunnel box will be excavated and formed along Albert Street (between Wyndham Street and Customs Street), joining up with the tunnels at the edge of Commercial Bay. Towards the end of the year the first section of Albert Street will be reinstated.

### **Cycle Network**

44. Quay Street: Construction is progressing according to plan. Work is taking place along the northern side of Quay Street between Plummer Street and The Strand until mid-July 2018.
45. Tāmaki Drive cycleway: The project is currently at the end of the preliminary design phase and will shortly start detailed design, subject to New Zealand Transport Agency funding approval. A pre-lodgement meeting has taken place and it is anticipated that the resource consent application will be submitted in early June 2018.
46. Nelson Street Cycleway: Construction of stage 2 is almost complete with the speed table on Market Place due to be completed on 4 May 2018. The final section to Quay Street is being delivered as part of the Westhaven to the city cycleway stage 2.
47. Westhaven to City (Stage 2): An integrated streetscape/cycleway project is being investigated for Market Place and Customs Street. This is as a result of consultation feedback received late 2017. Staff expect to decide on an option in mid-2018. Further consultation may be required following the decision.
48. Victoria Street Cycleway: Detailed design for the Beaumont Street to Hobson Street section is currently being reviewed (including an urban design review), with construction expected in late 2018. This cycleway links to a number of existing and proposed cycle facilities including Franklin Road, Victoria Park (through to Wynyard Quarter) and Nelson Street.

### **SkyPath**

49. The Auckland Transport Alignment Project v2 has noted the SkyPath project as being one of the funded cycle projects along a state highway corridor. SeaPath is also noted.

### **Wynyard Quarter Redevelopment**

50. Tiramarama Way (east-west pedestrian laneway between Halsey Street and Daldy Street): Construction work commenced November 2017. Works are progressing well and it is anticipated that the laneway will be complete by mid-2018. The work is being undertaken by Panuku Development Auckland, the contractor is Downer.
51. Wynyard Central: Construction work is ongoing on the last two stages of this Wills Bond residential development, comprising eight townhouses and 80 apartments. Completion is due mid-2018.
52. 132 Halsey Street: Construction work is ongoing on this Wills Bond residential development of 51 apartments with ground floor retail. Completion is expected mid-2018.
53. 30 Madden Street: A new residential development of 91 apartments, maisonettes and penthouses, with ground floor retail and hospitality spaces, is due to commence mid-late 2018.
54. 10 Madden Street: Construction work on Precinct's third commercial building is due to commence mid-2018.
55. Park Hyatt Hotel: Construction is ongoing on this Fu Wah development. The hotel is due to open the first quarter of 2019.

56. Watercare Pump Station: Construction work is still ongoing. Works are due to be completed, including commissioning and final connections, by the end of May 2018.

**St Patrick's Square**

57. The vehicle access through St Patrick's Square is assessed as part of the building development resource consent – through a publicly notified consent process.

## Delivery of City Centre Targeted Rate Funded Projects

Project	Delivery stage	Comments
<b>Downtown Public Spaces</b>	Design and consultation	<p>Concept design has begun for the long-term outcome for the Downtown Public Space. It is anticipated that this will be completed by mid-July 2018.</p> <p>There is strong integration with the Quay Street West project, allowing the themes and narrative of the Downtown Public Space to flow through to Quay Street.</p> <p>Planning for the relocation of piers 3 and 4 is not delaying the design of the Downtown Public Space. Following the completion of the concept design, a parallel concept will be produced that will allow for a smaller portion of the Downtown Public Space to be built ahead of American's Cup and the integration of pier 4.</p> <p>Activate Auckland is assisting with development response programming.</p>
<b>Britomart Streetscapes</b>	Design and consultation	<p>The Britomart Streetscapes project will be delivered as part of the Downtown Programme.</p> <p>Preparation for the procurement of the design team is underway for Stage 3 – Galway Street (between Commerce and Gore Streets).</p>
<b>Myers Park Upgrade stage 2</b>	Design and consultation	<p>Reports on proposed scope and budget changes were presented to Waitemata Local Board and the Auckland City Centre Advisory Board on 20 March 2018. Both boards are supportive, but expressed budgetary concerns.</p> <p>Alternative additional funding options are being investigated with Community Facilities and Healthy Waters. An update on this will be brought to both boards in due course.</p>
<b>Karangahape Road Streetscape Enhancement and Cycleway</b>	Design and consultation	<p>Developed design is complete. Internal stakeholder feedback on design is being resolved to enable the design team to commence detailed design.</p> <p>A further workshop was held with the Design Reference Group on 19 April 2018 to seek feedback on the indicative construction staging and development response.</p>

		<p>Activate Auckland is assisting with development response programming.</p> <p>An update on the parking engagement results, further community engagement activities and the upcoming survey were discussed with the Karangahape Road Business Association on 26 April 2018.</p> <p>A presentation will be made to Waitematā Local Board on 8 May 2018 discussing development response, construction staging and parking engagement.</p>
<b>Poynton Terrace</b>	Design and consultation	<p>The public consultation report was released on 9 April 2018. A copy is attached for reference (Attachment C)</p> <p>Construction drawings are being finalised, with construction due to begin in late May 2018. Construction is expected to take six weeks.</p>
<b>Federal Street Upgrade – stage 2</b>	Design and consultation	<p>The public consultation report was released on 27 April 2018. A copy is attached for reference (Attachment D)</p> <p>The detailed design phase has commenced and is expected to be completed by end of 2018.</p>
<b>Hobson &amp; Nelson Street upgrades</b>	Feasibility and investigation	<p>Phasing and planning options for both streets are being assessed.</p>
<b>Freyberg Place</b>	Feasibility and investigation	<p>Auckland Transport is progressing the change in status of the square; from a road to a pedestrian mall. The proposal is due to go out for special consultation in Mid-May 2018.</p>
<b>O’Connell Street public art</b>	Construction	<p>Fabrication is underway. Installation is planned for June 2018.</p>
<b>Tauranga Waka, Beach Road public art</b>	Completed	<p>The Civic Event to celebrate Tauranga Waka will take place on 10 May 2018.</p>