
Regional Public Transport Plan 2018 - 2028 feedback

Aotea Great Barrier Local Board provides the following feedback to the Regional Public Transport Plan 2018 – 2028:

- Aotea Great Barrier Island is unique within the Auckland region as we have no on island public transport. Our connection to the mainland network is via aircraft and ferries. Therefore, the airport terminals and wharf infrastructure, both on the island and on the mainland, are essential gateways and need to be futureproofed accordingly.
- The board is supportive of improvements to ferry services and especially any upgrades for Wynyard wharf. Sealink/Freightlink is currently the only company that services Aotea and operate from Wynyard wharf.
- The board supports the expansion and enhancement of public transport networks to and from Mangere airport for quicker, easier and more reasonably priced public transport options.
- Access to hospital service at Auckland Hospital and Greenlane is a growing issue for Aotea Great Barrier Island, which has an aging population. Easy and quick access from the airport to the hospitals is critical for the health and wellbeing of Aotea hospital attendees.
- The board supports greater competition on the ferry routes. The system needs to encourage competition on the current monopolised routes in the absence of regulation.
- The board strongly supports the plan's low carbon transport future initiatives for electric, and other clean fuel options, for all public transport modes in the region including ferries. In the future we hope to even see low emission aircraft.
- The board supports the Treasure Island programme and believes it's essential to integrate pathogen prevention measures into ferry and airport access design.