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## **Notice of Motion** – *Safe road sharing by buses and bicycles*

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In accordance with Standing Orders, please place the following Notice of Motion on the agenda for the Puketāpapa Local Board meeting being held on 16th May 2019:

### **Recommendation/s**

That the Puketāpapa Local Board:

- a) advocate to Auckland Transport for contract improvements to support safer road sharing by buses and cyclists, particularly in bus lanes, by including the following in bus company service contracts:
  - i. require all bus drivers and managers to participate in a programme about safe sharing with cyclists, such as “Share The Road”, every five years, and as part of induction
  - ii. timetabling that allows adequate breaks for drivers, so that they do not have to rush during or between routes to be on time
- b) encourage Auckland Transport to work with accessibility and active transport advocates to identify places in the roading network where there is risk and conflict between buses and more vulnerable road users, and investigate opportunities to address these danger spots as a priority.

### **Background**

As Auckland’s roads become more congested and contested, including the entire road corridor from boundary to boundary, there are increasing conflicts between different users.

Recently, Auckland’s bus network has been reset, including fresh contracting arrangements, new routes, and increases in bus lanes (both in area and in hours). In addition, regional and local resources have been put into increasing the number of Aucklanders using active transport modes, in particular cycling.

With increased numbers of both buses and cyclists in the road corridor anecdotal reports from constituents suggest it is timely to look at ensuring bus drivers are appropriately trained and supported to “share with care”. The job of driving a bus is complex and skilled, and can be stressful as well, and drivers need training and working conditions that take this into account and encourage best behaviour towards other, more vulnerable, road users. Auckland Transport has a responsibility to support safety for all road users and has an opportunity to work with bus companies, workers, cyclists and communities to improve in this space.

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