

## **Summary update on city centre projects and initiatives to 26 October 2018**

### **Downtown**

#### **Downtown programme**

1. The notification period has closed for the Queens Wharf to Marsden Wharf section of the Quay Street Seismic Strengthening project, with only a limited number of submissions received. This is the first section of the seismic strengthening project to improve the resilience of the City Centre Waterfront, with subsequent sections to be notified in November 2018. The notification period for the Queens Wharf Mooring Dolphin has also closed and Panuku are currently analysing the submissions.
2. The resource consent application for stage one of the Ferry Basin Redevelopment has been lodged, with notification expected in mid-November 2018.
3. Concept designs for the both the Quay Street Enhancement and the downtown public spaces are nearing finalisation.
4. Five drop-in sessions were held at the project office for councillors, local board members and Auckland City Centre Advisory Board members over October 2018. The project team were pleased with the attendance of these sessions, and discussion focussed on the latest concepts for the various elements of the downtown programme. A Planning Committee workshop is planned for 30 October 2018, where the latest concept designs for the downtown programme will be presented to the councillors. Further workshops with local boards and the ACCAB are also planned for November and December 2018.
5. In the lead up to and during October 2018, the downtown programme's communications and engagement team members have engaged with operational partners such as Fullers and Ports of Auckland, Quay Street stakeholders, and with city centre stakeholders such as Heart of the City.
6. In early November 2018 the downtown programme expects to engage more widely with the public and is developing collateral to facilitate public understanding of, and engagement with the programme, as well as the design narratives that underpin it. It is intended to hold a series of pop-ups and align with existing events and activations instigated through the Development Response workstream. The engagement will be positioned as part of an ongoing process, rather than a one off consultation. As the programme approaches construction, the focus of engagement activities will shift towards managing construction effects and keeping people informed of progress.
7. From late October to late November 2018, a second phase of utility investigation work along Quay Street from Lower Hobson Street to Tangihua Street will commence, with main construction activity expected to begin in late-December 2018.

## **Wynyard Quarter redevelopment**

### **Wynyard Quarter street and park upgrades**

8. Work commenced on Monday 17 September 2018. Parts of Daldy Street are now closed between Gaunt Street and Fanshawe Street and Gaunt Street and Pakenham Street. Work has started removing the existing tram tracks and road surface.

## **Midtown**

### **Wellesley Street bus improvements**

9. No further updates. Previous update stated: The detailed business case phase of the project is about to be awarded and get underway. The detailed business case will look at the preferred options to meet bus network needs in more detail. Overall project co-ordination is being undertaken with the Victoria Street Linear Park team, the light rail team and City Rail Link Ltd.

### **Victoria Street Linear Park**

10. The Long-term Plan 2018-2028 has allocated \$33 million to the Victoria Linear Park, phased from financial years 2021/2022 to 2024/2025. Staff are currently planning the business case due to commence first quarter 2019.

### **Federal Street improvements**

11. A project update to the board is planned for late 2018, following the completion of the current preliminary design phase and receipt of associated quantity survey costing.

### **Parnell Station link – pedestrian link from the station to Carlaw Park**

12. The Carlaw Park walkway is near completion, with only landscaping work remaining. The contractor is securing sign off to allow public use.
13. The platform has been constructed, with some minor omissions to resolve.
14. Ticket gates have been delayed and are not expected until February 2019, this will not affect ongoing use of the new entrances.

### **Cook Street and Union Street - new safety measures on Cook Street and the surrounding area in the city centre**

15. The project team are collating the consultation feedback, applying for the necessary consents and are in the process of getting a consultant for detailed design.

### **Proposed speed management in the city centre**

16. Auckland Transport's road safety team are investigating changing speed limits in the city centre through a bylaw process. This will be going out for public consultation in November 2018.

## **Uptown**

### **Poynton Terrace**

17. The Poynton Terrace raised-table pedestrian crossing was completed on Monday 24 September 2018 (see Figure 1). The project team is working with Community Facilities to repair and tidy up the adjacent seating area.



Figure 1: Poynton Terrace completed

### **Learning Quarter**

18. Work on the Albert Park Caretaker's Cottage and bandstand is progressing well. There have been several issues which have been discovered during the construction including extensive rot to the wood in the sub-floor area, historic fire damage which needed to be repaired and insufficient structural supports for the roof to meet new regulations. All these issues are being addressed but have resulted in a delay to the construction programme and a cost overrun. Estimate completion date is now 11 November 2018.
19. Path improvements and signage in Albert Park are in the final design stage, with delivery anticipated by December 2018.
20. There are no further updates for Alfred Street. Auckland Transport's Parking Design Team are working with the University of Auckland to determine a long-term solution for Alfred Street.

### **Homelessness**

#### **Auckland Homeless Count: Ira Mata Ira Tangata**

21. The first 'Point in Time', region-wide street count of unsheltered homelessness and people in temporary accommodation, Ira Mata, Ira Tangata took place on the 17 September 2018. Key findings of the count were released at the World Homeless Day event in Aotea Square on the 10 October 2018.
22. The purpose of the count was to provide a snapshot of the minimum number of people experiencing unsheltered (sleeping on the street or in cars) and temporary homelessness at that point in time.
23. In total 336 people living without shelter were counted: 179 people sleeping rough and 157 sleeping in cars all of whom were adults. A validation exercise was undertaken over the 10 days following the count under the direction and guidance of Otago

University. The validation exercise found that the 336 people counted on the night represents 40 per cent of the people who were in unsheltered homelessness on the night. From this, the team estimated there were approximately 800 people in unsheltered homelessness on 17 September 2018.

24. In addition, there were almost 3,000 people in temporary accommodation on the night of 17 September, including transitional and emergency housing and 1300 of these people were children. Having this baseline figure is important to inform policy, practice and resourcing at local and central government, and service levels, and to measure change over time.

### **Housing First Auckland**

25. Housing First Auckland has placed 711 people (376 adult participants and 335 children) into permanent homes across the Auckland region since March 2017. Of the 376 people housed (primary adults) since the programme began, 81 were from the city centre.

### **Orange Sky mobile showers**

26. Australian mobile laundry and shower service provider, Orange Sky, launched in New Zealand in October 2018. The service is funded by Ministry of Social Development and council staff have been working with Orange Sky to identify suitable sites and locations for the van to park. Orange Sky are working collaboratively with key agencies including Auckland City Mission and Lifewise to engage with people experiencing homelessness.
27. An Arts, Community and Events Homelessness update report was presented to the Community Development and Safety Committee in October 2018.

### **James Liston Hostel**

28. There are no further updates this month. Previous update: work started on the refurbishment of the hostel on 28 June 2018. The refurbishment is due for completion by mid-2019.

### **Public amenities**

29. There are no further updates this month. Previous update: council is working with the City Centre Public Amenities report as an interim strategic framework. The Development Programme Office is facilitating discussions across council relating to interim measures and a regional strategy or policy.

### **City centre maintenance**

30. Council has a standard process to log maintenance requests for the city. This process ensures that the request is routed to the appropriate business unit or contractor and prioritised accordingly. The person making the report has the option to receive updates on the progress and resolution. The logging of the request will assist Council in understanding the trends in reported issues.
31. The website link is <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/report-problem/Pages/default.aspx>

## **City Rail Link**

32. City Rail Link Limited has released new fly-through videos of each of the new or redeveloped City Rail Link stations – Aotea, Karangahape, Mt Eden and Britomart. These were presented to ACCAB on 24 October 2018.
33. City Rail Link presented a project update to the Waitematā Local Board on 9 October 2018.

## **Britomart (C1) works**

34. On Lower Queen Street, City Rail Link Limited is excavating the 25-metre-wide, 14-metre-deep trench that will contain the project's twin rail tunnels between Britomart Station and the Commercial Bay development. Demolition of the old subway located on the southern side of the trench has been completed.
35. Within the Chief Post Office (CPO) building, excavation of the two 10-metre-wide trenches has commenced following the successful transfer of the building's weight onto new foundations. Construction of the tunnel boxes beneath the building is scheduled to commence in early 2019.
36. The City Rail Link tunnel section across Precinct Properties' Commercial Bay site is due for completion in November 2018. Removal of the upper section of the temporary wall between the tunnels beneath Commercial Bay and the Lower Queen Street tunnels is expected to commence later in November 2018.

## **Albert Street (C2) works**

37. Tunnel excavation is occurring under the Albert Street and Customs Street intersection. This work will connect the Albert Street tunnels to the tunnels being built under the Commercial Bay development. Ninety-five per cent of the Albert Street trench excavation is now complete.
38. Due to the concrete bridge deck constructed over the Albert/Customs Street intersection a year ago, traffic flow is unaffected by the excavation occurring underneath. Construction of the tunnel structure is expected to start under the intersection later this year, with completion by mid-2019. Ninety-five per cent of the Albert Street trench excavation is now complete.

## **Mount Eden (C6) works**

39. The micro tunnel boring machine that will pipe-jack the replacement 420 metres of stormwater line between Water and Nikau Streets in Mount Eden is due to be launched in December 2018. The existing watermain lies in the path of the future City Rail Link tunnels at Mount Eden and needs to be diverted ahead of any station and tunnel work in the area.

## **Light rail**

40. The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) is leading the development of a business case for the city centre to Māngere line with the support from Auckland Council, Auckland Transport and Homes, Land Community (HLC).
41. Representatives from teams across the council group are working on an issues and opportunities study for the city centre to Māngere light rail corridor. This will feed into New Zealand Transport Agency's business case for light rail.

42. The Auckland Design Office are considering the impact light rail will have on Queen Street.

### **Cycle network**

#### **Tāmaki Drive cycleway – Quay Street to Ngapipi Road**

43. The project is currently awaiting funding approval from NZTA. Construction expected to start late-2018 or early-2019.

#### **Nelson Street cycleway – stage three**

44. No further update this month. Previous update: Due to streetscape improvement opportunities for Market Place and Custom Street West, Auckland Transport is delaying making any decisions following the October 2017 consultation on the proposal. Auckland Transport will update the board, submitters and other key stakeholders when a decision is reached.

#### **Victoria Street cycleway**

45. No update this month. Previous update: The draft detailed design has been delivered and the project team are working through an urban design review in collaboration with Council's Design Office. Construction is expected to commence in November 2019.

#### **Federal Street walking and cycling improvements**

46. The project team are currently analysing feedback received from consultation. They will produce a report highlighting key themes and changes to be made to improve the safety of the design. The report is expected in November 2018.

#### **Ian McKinnon cycleway**

47. Construction work is progressing well with the additional scope on the motorway bridge at Upper Queen Street. Construction is expected to be complete on the 31 October 2018. An opening ceremony is planned for the end of November 2018.

### **City centre public art**

48. Heather Galbraith, lead curator for the implementation of the Wynyard Quarter Public Art Plan, has been working with Auckland Council, Panuku Development Auckland and mana whenua to finalise a master brief for the three transformational works identified in the plan. A brief for the first project of the series located along or at the intersection of Madden and Daldy Streets is also being developed. Artist shortlisting for the development of concepts for the first project will commence in November 2018.
49. The concept design for a contemporary piece of public art at the southern end of Federal Street is progressing. The purpose of the art work is to enhance the shared space environment being created through the upgrade of the area.
50. Opportunities for public art works within the designs of the Ferry Basin and Quay Street projects are being scoped. This area was first recognised as a priority for investment in the 2012 Quay Street Public Art Plan and was re-emphasised in the 2018 City Centre Public Art Plan.
51. City Rail Link station entrance threshold prototypes have been refined and threshold videography work is underway. Other elements of station design are on hold until an

updated timeline is obtained from City Rail Link Limited following the delay in the tender process.

52. A brief has been developed for an artwork on Lower Queen Street and planning is underway to progress artist selection.
53. The Myers Park underpass artwork developed design by Ngāti Whātua artist Graham Tipene and Barrington Gohns will move into detailed design when the programme for underpass works starting is confirmed.

### **Development Response**

54. Activate Auckland is working with Auckland Transport and the Karangahape Road Business Association to deliver a development response programme for the upcoming enhancement project. An integrated programme of communications, business support and activations is now in place.
55. Activate Auckland is working with Auckland Transport to facilitate a development response approach to the downtown programme. A universal score-carding system to measure across a wide range of impacts is now in final draft form.
56. Activate Auckland has supported Tauranga District Council to create a development response plan which is now live.

### **Griffiths Gardens and For the Love of Bees**

57. Many meals are provided in Griffiths Gardens each week including a new community group, Humanity NZ, that is serving meals on site every Wednesday at 6.30pm.
58. For the Love of Bees hosted five workshops and events on the Griffith's Gardens site and another five around the city centre in October 2018.

### **Artweek Auckland**

59. Activate Auckland supported Artweek Auckland in its launch of Te Paparahi, Toi Māori, Walks in the City Centre; a booklet featuring 60 Māori art pieces, architecture, design and sites of significance. It is a 48-page booklet featuring eight walks based on Māori mapping of the city curated by Olivia Haddon, a Māori designer. The booklet is also available on the phone application, AKL CITY TOURS and can be mapped and personalised in Pā Rongorongo's touch screen mapping system.
60. On 9 October 2018 a One Billion Flowers workshop was hosted by the For the Love of Bees team in Mojo Coffee on Wellesley Street West. The workshop was hosted by Deb Smith from Cloud workshop, Kirsty Cameron from Godmother Projects, Phantom Billstickers and Mojo - Wellesley Street, Sione Monu was a contributing artist. The workshop encouraged attendees to create art that will be a part of a collaborative postering project sponsored by Phantom Billstickers. The workshop was well attended by people of all ages.
61. During Artweek, a Late Night Art programme was run. This included light boxes in Bledisloe Lane and events at the Library, Pā Rongorongo, guided tours of Māori art in the city, late night photography workshops hosted by Raymond Sagapolutele, Auckland Art Galley digital light art, and multiple Tongan Kahoa floral garland making workshops hosted by Sione Monu.

## **Pā Rongorongo**

62. In October 2018, Pā Rongorongo hosted contemporary artwork produced by Māori artists, Natasha Keating and Charlotte Graham. These works were hung in the Pā to celebrate the launch of Auckland Artweek 2018 and the launch of Te Paparahi, Toi Māori - Walks in the City - a physical publication and digital application.
63. The City Centre Residents group members hosted a second-hand-sale fundraiser at Pā Rongorongo for the community fridge on October 20th. Donations were received from numerous councillors and city centre residents, all donations were managed and distributed by Jen Fuemana (Pā Rongorongo host) and members of the City Centre Residents Group. The sale fundraised over \$900.00 that will be spent on filling the community fridge at Griffith's Gardens.
64. Pā Rongorongo was awarded bronze in the BEST Awards, Nga Aho Award for Pā Rongorongo and silver in the Exhibition and Temporary Structures section both with Angus Muir design for Auckland Council.

## **Heritage Festival 2018**

65. Pā Rongorongo's kaimanaaki, Jen Fuemana, co-ordinated traditional Tongan Kahoa floral garland making workshops at Ellen Melville Centre and the Central City Library during September and October 2018. All workshops were completely sold out with a total of 69 attendees over the four workshops.
66. Olivia Haddon, Māori designer, co-ordinated an exhibition of Māori Modernists at Ellen Melville Centre, celebrating Auckland Council's significant public artworks by renowned Māori artists such as Ralph Hotere, Fred Graham, Selwyn Muru, Paratene Matchitt and Arnold Manaaki Wilson. This included a free guided tour hosted by Brooke Konia and talk hosted by Linda Tyler during Auckland Artweek.

## **Novembre Numerique**

67. Activate Auckland is hosting French artist, Tony Regazzoni, in Pā Rongorongo for the month of November 2018 as part of a cross-cultural digital exchange with the French Embassy - 'Novembre Numerique'. Tony will be working with local carvers, artists, lighting specialists and musicians, and the Auckland Art Gallery to create a number of works that will be launched at the end of November at Pā Rongorongo.

## **Tactical urban initiatives**

### **Federal Street shared space**

68. The project team are working with SkyCity and Auckland Transport. The second stage of the interim traffic calming and pedestrian amenity trial has now been installed, creating a chicane at the Wellesley Street entrance. Six further units are due to be installed at the end of October 2018 ahead of Auckland Transport conducting traffic volume and speed counts at the start of November 2018.

### **St Paul Street**

69. Tactical Urban Initiative are working with Auckland Transport and the Auckland University of Technology. The parklets and on-street graphics have been completed. Auckland Transport will be installing new bike parking this week to replace the

damaged unit. Wheelstops are to be installed around the bike parking to provide protection from moving vehicles.

70. Alfred Street – working with Auckland Transport and the University of Auckland. The temporary solution has been installed and will stay in place until the permanent solution has been determined.

#### **Eastern Viaduct**

71. Units are due to be removed at the end of October 2018, as AC36 takes over the site.

#### **Sale Street / Wellesley Street intersection**

72. Auckland Transport is now fast tracking their permanent solution for this site and so the Tactical Urban Initiative project is no longer required.

#### **Lorne Street pancake parklet**

73. Maintenance has been completed. Further graphics will be installed during summer 2018.

**Table 1. Delivery of city centre targeted rate-funded projects**

Project	Delivery stage	Comments
<b>Downtown Public Spaces</b>	Design and consultation	<p>Queens Wharf to Marsden Wharf section of the Quay Street Seismic Strengthening project – notification closed. Subsequent sections to be notified in November 2018. Notification period for the Queens Wharf Mooring Dolphin has also closed, and Panuku are currently working through the submissions.</p> <p>Resource consent application for stage one of the Ferry Basin Redevelopment has been lodged, with notification expected in mid-November 2018.</p> <p>The downtown programme is preparing for public engagement in early November 2018.</p> <p>From late October to late November 2018, a second phase of utility investigation work along Quay Street from Lower Hobson Street to Tangihua Street will commence, with main construction activity expected to begin in late-December 2018.</p>
<b>Britomart Streetscapes</b>	Design and consultation	<p>Concept designs for the both the Quay Street Enhancement and the Downtown Public Spaces are nearing finalisation.</p>
<b>Myers Park Upgrade stage two</b>	Design and consultation	<p>The Myers Park stage two project is moving into re-design based on the approved reduced scope.</p> <p>There are no further updates at this time.</p>
<b>Karangahape Road Streetscape enhancement and cycleway</b>	Design and consultation	<p>Detailed design has been completed and the project is moving into the procurement phase.</p> <p>Expected timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go out to tender early November 2018</li> <li>• Begin physical works January/February 2019</li> <li>• 14-month construction period</li> </ul>
<b>Federal Street Upgrade stage two</b>	Design and consultation	<p>The detailed design phase has commenced and is expected to be completed in early 2019.</p> <p>The preliminary design is nearing completion and resource consent documentation is scheduled to be lodged late 2018 or early 2019.</p>

Project	Delivery stage	Comments
<b>High Street</b>	Not started	<p>Currently there is \$14 million allocated to improvements in High Street funded through the city centre targeted rate. The funding is due to start in 2022/2023.</p> <p>As part of a review process for the current city centre targeted rate portfolio, a strategic assessment will be undertaken for High Street in early 2019. The strategic assessment will review the most recent information about the needs in the city centre in response to growth, development and light rail.</p>
<b>Poynton Terrace</b>	Construction	<p>The Poynton Terrace raised-table pedestrian crossing was completed on Monday 24 September 2018. The project team is working with Community Facilities to repair and tidy up the adjacent seating area.</p>
<b>Freyberg Place</b>	Construction	<p>Bollards have been installed and vehicle access through the square is now closed. Two nikau palms on Courthouse Lane will be replanted where they have failed including some others within Freyberg Place. Disruption around the area during the replanting will be managed through a traffic management plan as adjustments to the road pavement will be required to gain access to the tree pits.</p>
<b>Hobson and Nelson Street upgrades</b>	Feasibility and investigation	<p>Phasing and planning options for both streets are being assessed. Discussions continue with SkyCity regarding a funding agreement for Hobson Street in response to the New Zealand International Convention Centre programme.</p>