

Myers Park stage 2 – Mayoral Drive underpass
Project Objective Assessment

	Option A (recommended) – retain the existing bund wall with the inclusion of new stairs and ramps over the wall	Options B and C (above ground concept similar for both Options B and C)
Placemaking and safety	<p>How does this concept meet this objective?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hidden spaces behind the existing wall, that could be perceived to attract anti-social and unsafe behaviour, are removed. • Changes in level within the underpass via steps and a ramp could encourage pedestrians to take their time moving through the underpass, creating a sense of place rather than a purely transitional space. • An amphitheatre-like space is created within the park which could be used for seating or a performance space. <p>What are the challenges and trade-offs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sightlines into the park are narrowed which may impact perceived safety. This would be considered further during the next design phase. It may be feasible to reduce the wall height to improve sightlines. 	<p>How does this concept meet this objective?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear sightlines in and out of the park and removal of hidden spaces will help to improve perception and reality of safety. <p>What are the challenges and trade-offs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenging tie-in with the existing footpath levels in the park. Ramp and wall within the underpass is required to avoid significant works to the existing footpath. The physical barrier of the wall detracts from the new entranceway.
Accessibility and connectivity	<p>How does this concept meet this objective?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the entrance to the full width of the underpass will help to encourage the public to make use of this entrance and view this as a main entryway to Myers Park. <p>What are the challenges and trade-offs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further work is required to detail the ramp to provide a safe gradient and accessible route into the park. 	<p>How does this concept meet this objective?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased entrance width and clear view of the vibrant green of the park when approaching from Aotea Square will encourage use of the entrance. <p>What are the challenges and trade-offs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing levels make it difficult to integrate level access through the underpass with other accessible routes in the park.
Public art	The public art concept developed by Graham Tipene and Barrington Gohns - Whakarongo Environment as an integrated mana whenua design in the Myers Park underpass, is the same for the three options considered.	
Stormwater	All options maintain the existing storm water detention capacity of the park and therefore all achieve this objective.	