

## Auckland Transport December 2019, update to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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### Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To provide an update to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board on transport related matters in their area.

### Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. This report updates the local board on activities and issues in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area, which have been raised by members and responded to in October and November 2019.
3. It includes local matters of interest and summarises the September and October 2019 decisions of Auckland Transport's Traffic Control Committee, as well as a summary of public consultations undertaken by Auckland Transport.
4. This report also provides an explanation about the local board's capital fund allocation and an update on the Community Safety Fund Projects in Devonport-Takapuna, which have been identified by the local board.

### Ngā tūhonga Recommendation/s

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) receive the Auckland Transport December 2019 update to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

### Horopaki Context

5. This report addresses transport related matters in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area.
6. Auckland Transport (AT) is responsible for all of Auckland's transport services (excluding state highways) and reports on a monthly basis to local boards, as set out in the Local Board Engagement Plan. This monthly reporting commitment acknowledges the important engagement role local boards play within and on behalf of their local communities.

### Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

#### Local Board Transport Capital Fund

7. Within Auckland Transport's capital programme, \$20.8 million per annum is ring fenced for local board transport infrastructure priorities that are local in nature. The fund is split between local boards on the basis of the local board funding model, except for Waiheke and Great Barrier, who receive 2% and 1% of the fund, respectively.
8. On 8 May 2014, the Budget Committee resolved to recommend that Auckland Transport (AT) be requested to enable the Local Board Transport Capital Fund (LBTCF) to be allocated outside the transport corridor where there is clear benefit in terms of supporting alternative means of transport, including walking and cycling.

9. Auckland Transport retains responsibility for this budget and needs to approve any project proposed.
10. Local boards can use this fund to deliver projects that they consider are important in their areas, but are not otherwise part of Auckland Transport's work programme.
11. The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board has fully allocated its local board transport capital fund from the previous electoral term, with the bulk of the funds allocated towards a Francis to Esmonde walking cycling bridge link. A workshop was held with the local board on 3 December to provide an update on this project.
12. Further workshops will be arranged with the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board as the projects progress.
13. New funding of \$2,230,954 will be available from July 1 2020 for consideration and allocation to projects in the new year.

### Update on Community Safety Fund Projects

14. Auckland Transport (AT) recognises the important link between local boards and the community. Auckland Council's Governing Body set aside \$20 million in the 2018 Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) to address local road safety concerns raised by the community to their elected members. Auckland Transport (AT) is partnering with local boards to deliver over 84 safety improvement projects across Auckland.
15. The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board has three projects which total \$1,080,000 from an available budget of \$677,978. The projects are listed below in priority order chosen by the local board to be constructed as funding allows. Based on current estimates, this means that the third project is unlikely to be funded, unless other funding is able to be found:

	Projects	Progress Status	Current Status	Original Projects Estimate	Projects highlights	Project Highlights 25 November 2019
1. CSFD1.2	Sunnynook Road vicinity of Bus Station Stop ID 3240	On Track	Design	\$ 390,000	New signalised mid-block crossing, being considered as part of the series of works for Sunnynook Road pedestrian improvements.	Public consultation closed on 22 November and comments are being reviewed for feedback and design changes. An update will be provided to the Board in early 2020.
2. CSFD1.10	113 Bayswater Road	On Track	Investigation	\$ 300,000	Pedestrian improvements to enable a safe crossing. Final proposal to be confirmed to ensure safety for cyclists as well as pedestrians.	Further investigation in progress, anticipated that consultation will be undertaken in early 2020.

3. CSFD1.5	East Coast Road between William Souter Street and Forrest Hill roundabout (near 248 East Coast Road, Bus Stop ID: 3220)	On Track	Investigation	\$ 390,000	Red line Project: Pedestrian improvements to enable a safe crossing.	Further investigation in progress, design and consultation will be undertaken in 2020.
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### Safe Schools Streets Trial

16. Earlier this year a “safe schools streets trial” was initiated using placemaking tools as an opportunity for school staff and students, as well the parents and local community to engage in the planning, design and implementation of features to improve safety, traffic management and amenity of school entrances and the surrounding street network.
17. Two schools on the North Shore area were chosen for the trial, Milford School and Willow Park, which commenced in June 2019.
18. The outcome of the trials is still being analysed and will be shared with the participant schools and local boards early in the new year.
19. On Wednesday 4 and 11 December as part of the safe school streets trial, Auckland Transport will be creating a ‘Play street’ on Otakau Road from 14.30 until 15.30.
20. This will allow the students to partake activities, such as a scooter and bike courses, which will showcase how the environment can be conducive to bikes, scooters and pedestrians.
21. This will also showcase to parents the ability to park elsewhere other than the school gate, creating a safer environment for students during pick up times.
22. The road will be closed from the above times to public, allowing guided access to only residents and emergency vehicles.

### Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi Climate impact statement

23. Auckland Transport is committed to minimising the negative effects that transport operations have on climate change. This includes encouraging emission neutral modes (walking and cycling) and low emission modes (public transport and ride sharing).

### Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera Council group impacts and views

24. The impact of information (or decisions) in this report is/are confined to Auckland Transport and do/does not impact on other parts of the council group.

## Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe Local impacts and local board views

25. The proposed decision of receiving the Auckland Transport monthly report has no local, sub-regional or regional impacts.
26. The table below summarises issues raised by Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members and responded to in October and November 2019.

Devonport Takapuna Local Elected Members Issues Responded in October and November 2019			
	Issue Name	Details Raised by Board Member	Response Provided
1	Intersection of Wolsley Ave and East Coast Bays Road	Residents raised safety issues at this intersection due to parked cars.	2 October 2019. CAS-1089444 and CAS-1112128. AT have assessed the area and are pleased to advise that it will be proposing the removal of the two parking spaces on the right entering Wolsley Ave. This will increase the accessibility for buses and other vehicles. AT are also proposing to remove the first parking space on the left entering Wolsley Ave to provide more space for vehicles to queue when letting buses and other vehicles pass by. To further enhance safety at this intersection AT is proposing to change the Give Way control to a Stop control. AT will undertake consultation shortly to seek feedback from the most affected parties on the proposal. Implementation of the proposed parking restriction will be subject to a number of considerations, including feedback from those consulted.
2	Victoria Road and Calliope Road Intersection Upgrade	The Chairperson prior to the local body elections asked for an update on this project.	11 October 2019. CAS-1099008. AT has a plan to reduce the speed limits of more than 700km of roads in areas which pose the greatest safety risk to people. This also includes a programme of works to reduce speeds in town centres, urban residential roads and city centres. Devonport Village is one of the village centres in the region, chosen for safety improvements to be proposed and implemented as part of the speed reduction programme. The investigation will involve designing interventions that will reduce speeds in the Devonport Village centre. The safety improvements are not limited to Victoria Road, and will also include side streets wherever necessary. This include the major intersection of Victoria Road and Calliope Road. In order to seek maximum support from major stakeholders, AT has decided to take a slightly different approach to this investigation process. AT is planning to form a Community Reference Group (CRG) consisting of members of the local board, business associations, residents' associations, Bike Auckland, local councillors and other important stakeholders. Auckland Transport engineers will then run workshop sessions with CRG members to present the draft plans. Plans will be adjusted to get maximum support from CRG members prior to going to wider community consultation. AT hopes to continue its investigation early in the new year.

3	Becroft Drive Footpaths	The Chairperson prior to the local body elections requested investigation into the widening of Becroft Drive Footpaths.	<p>19 September 2019. CAS-1112982. Encouraging more people to walk is a key part of AT's transport strategy. AT supports walking and invests in footpaths as part of making Auckland a desirable place to live. AT has a footpath budget designed to complete minor gaps in the existing walking network to provide for improved walkability in communities.</p> <p>AT maintains a list of footpath requests received from the public, and at present it contains approximately 700 requests. In the past year AT has received around 100 requests. Therefore, AT has to prioritise its investment. This request has been added to a new footpath candidate list where it was scored and prioritised based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proximity to schools, public transport and community facilities</li> <li>• Speed and traffic volume of the road</li> <li>• Existence of footpaths parallel to requested location (areas with no footpaths score higher)</li> <li>• Addressing a gap in the existing footpath network.</li> </ul> <p>The Becroft Drive footpath currently ranks 74 on the candidate list. AT's footpath programme can only fund the top 10-15 of these requests each year. Unfortunately, when compared to other requests, this footpath has lower priority and is unlikely to be constructed in the short to medium term through this programme. It will remain on the list until it prioritises high enough compared to other requests.</p>
4	Lyford Cres Footpaths	The Deputy Chairperson prior to the local body elections requested investigation in the widening of Lyford Cres Footpaths.	<p>8 November 2019. CAS-1157219. This footpath has been added to the new footpath candidate list and currently ranks at 324.</p> <p>AT can only fund the top 10-15 requests each year. This means that this request is unlikely to be constructed in the near future.</p> <p>All footpath requests are scored based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proximity to schools, public transport and community facilities</li> <li>• Speed and traffic volume of the road</li> <li>• Existence of footpaths parallel to requested location (areas with no footpaths score higher)</li> <li>• Addressing a gap in the existing footpath network.</li> </ul> <p>AT has around 700 requests on its list; therefore investment must be prioritised. This street will stay on the list until it prioritises high enough compared with other requests.</p>

5	Mobility Parking in Takapuna - Northcroft Street	A local board member requested that mobility parking be installed outside the AA Building in Northcroft Street.	<p>12 November 2019. CAS-10704.</p> <p>Auckland Transport (AT) is currently involved in a discussion group led by Panuku called the “Huron-Northcroft Streetscape Upgrade” project. It is aiming to improve the walking/cycling connection to Takapuna Town Centre as part of the construction of the new Gasometer carpark. As part of the analysis workshop, it is also being considered whether to re-arrange side carparks along both streets. The suggestion to add mobility spaces will be considered as part of this discussion.</p> <p><u>Current Mobility Parking Rules</u></p> <p>Parking rules for mobility permit holders are also slightly different in that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In all on-street pay and display parking areas, permit holders are given one additional hour of free parking on top of the time paid for, e.g. if a parking receipt is displayed with a expiry time of 2:15pm, the permit holder can stay in the parking space until 3:15pm.</li> <li>• Mobility permit holders can park for double the time restriction indicated on parking signage in the following areas: P5, P10, P15, P30, P45, P60, P90 and P120, e.g. in a P30 space, permit holders can park for 60 minutes.</li> </ul> <p>This may help provide a few different options for customers in the short-term while discussion and construction is ongoing.</p>
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## Consultations

27. The table below summarises consultation undertaken in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area which closed between September and November 2019:

<p><b>Auckland Transport is required to consult on traffic control matters.</b></p> <p><b>The preliminary documents were provided to the Local Board for comment.</b></p>	
Wolsley Ave - Broken Yellow Lines	This was distributed to the local board members for comment on 2 September 2019. Feedback closed on 20 September 2019 with no objections raised by members.
Westwell Road Belmont – New raised pedestrian crossing to replace pram crossing	This was distributed to the local board members for comment on 11 October 2019. Feedback closed on 4 November 2019 with no objections raised by members.
Sycamore Drive Sunnynook - Broken Yellow Lines	This was distributed to the local board members for comment on 11 October 2019. Feedback closed on 4 November 2019 with no objections raised by members.
<p>Proposed North Bus Tracking Safety improvements.</p> <p>Northboro Road – Road Marking six bus stops. NSAAT. Replace all four speed humps with tables.</p> <p>Tainui Road – Road marking for two bus stops. NSAAT, Replace two speed humps with tables.</p>	This was distributed to the local board members for comment on 31 October 2019. Feedback closed on 20 November 2019 with no objections raised by members.

Vauxhall Road – Road markings for two bus stops. NSAAT. Reshape Traffic island. Construct pedestrian refuge.	
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### Traffic Control Committee (TCC) report items September and October 2019

28. The table below summarises the carried decisions of the Traffic Control Committee in September and October 2019 that were within the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area:

Agenda Item	Street Name	Suburb	Type of Report	Resolution ID	Nature of Restriction
7	East Coast Road/Penning Road/Stanley Ave	Milford	Permanent Traffic and Parking changes	15510	Bus Stop, Bus Shelter, No Stopping at all Times, P30 parking, stop control, Give-Way control, Pedestrian Crossing, Road Hump, Edge Line, Road Markings for speed management
18	Rosyth Ave/Roberts Ave/Birkley Road	Bayswater	Temporary Traffic and parking changes (Event)	SE001391	Temporary Traffic and Parking Restrictions
19	Clarence Street	Devonport	Temporary Traffic and parking changes (Event)	SE001409	Temporary Traffic and Parking Restrictions
13	King Edward Parade/Victoria Road/Bracken Ave/Anzac Street/Barrys Point Road/Auburn Street	Devonport	Temporary Traffic and parking changes (Event)	SE001416	Temporary Traffic and Parking Restrictions
10	Cypress Place	Sunnynook	Permanent Traffic and Parking changes Combined	16069	No Stopping at All Times
11	Hurstmere Road	Takapuna	Permanent Traffic and Parking changes Combined	16035	No Stopping at All Times, Lane Arrows, P180, Traffic Islands, Flush Median

### Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

29. The proposed decision of receiving the report has no impacts or opportunities for Maori. Any engagement with Maori, or consideration of impacts and opportunities, will be carried out on an individual project basis.

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## Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

30. The proposed decision of receiving the report has no financial implications.

## Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

31. Auckland Transport will put risk management strategies in place on a project by project basis.

## Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

32. Auckland Transport will provide another update report to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board at the next available opportunity.

## Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

33. There are no attachments to this report.

## Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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