

Councillors' Office



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Dear Shane

We seek your assistance and leadership to plan implementation of the transformative vision outlined in the City Centre Masterplan refresh.

As you are aware, the CCMP refresh establishes major changes to support a friendly, safe, and vibrant city centre. These plans are enabled by the Access for Everyone concept, which sets forth a framework for rationalising general vehicle access to prioritise public transport, walking and cycling, and the public realm.

Residents of Tāmaki Makaurau are eager for these changes, with 76 percent of respondents supporting the CCMP's general direction, and 82 percent supporting Access for Everyone. Our collective responsibility is now to deliver this plan.

Realising this vision requires united efforts between and across AT, Auckland Council, and NZTA. As Planning Committee Chair and Deputy Chair, working with these and other stakeholders to implement the CCMP will be a top priority.

As stated in AT's submission on the CCMP refresh, a significant modal shift among people traveling to the city centre is foundational to realising the CCMP. This includes a substantial reduction in the number of private vehicles entering the city centre during the peak hours, and a correspondingly large increase in public transport, cycling, and walking above currently planned levels. More than any other institution, AT understands the significant efforts required to achieve this shift, and we understand AT has begun studying the requirements to deliver Access for Everyone.

We seek to formalise next steps to coordinate efforts among AT, Council, and NZTA. This includes establishing a cross-organisational working party to ensure existing programmes are aligned, challenges and risks are identified, and funding gaps are addressed.

We seek AT's leadership to create an implementation plan to realise the modal shift necessary to achieve the CCMP vision. We envision this implementation plan would answer the following questions, among others:

- How should such a working party be governed to ensure shared decision making and accountability?
- To what degree can existing programmes and funding sources achieve required modal shift?
For example, what modal shift can be attained through:
 - Parking, logistics, and kerbside management policies

- Existing cycling programmes
- Road safety programmes
- Programmes upgrading corridors entering the city centre
- Travel demand management tools
- How can we leverage existing and upcoming construction disruptions? In particular, how can we take advantage of this opportunity to deliver a Queen Street transit mall and 'kick-start' the Access for Everyone concept?
- What major infrastructure programmes envisaged by the CCMP (e.g. Wellesley Street transit mall, Quay Park interchange, etc.) can be executed in the next one, three, and five years? Which can be trialled or accelerated through temporary, low-cost interventions?
- What changes to State Highways are required, and how do they interact with other interventions?
- If funding gaps will prevent us from achieving the necessary shift, through what sources could they be filled?
- What updates to the RLTP and ATAP might be required?
- What KPIs, milestones, and outcomes must be monitored and evaluated?

These are some of the many considerations that require planning and analysis, many of which are already being explored by AT, Council, and NZTA.

In sum, with modal shift as an overarching priority, how can our efforts be coordinated and accelerated, what shortfall do we face, and how will it be overcome?

Guided by such a plan, we believe a cross-organisational working party will provide residents of Tāmaki Makaurau clarity and certainty that the CCMP and Access for Everyone is being realised.

We welcome your ideas and insights on this proposed process to create a more accessible city centre.

Yours sincerely



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