Date: Tuesday 17 March 2020
Time: 2.00pm
Meeting Room: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board boardroom
Venue: Ground Floor Promenade
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Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board
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To: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board  
Date: 17 March 2020  
In reference to Agenda Item 12 – Auckland Transport

**Bus services to Sunnyoek – Items 8 to 14 in the report**

At the time the new bus network on the North Shore was being planned I submitted on the need to have buses using the platforms on Sunnyoek Road to connect with the busway services. As a result we have a bus service, the 907, which uses the stops. The AT report says this service exceeded targeted expectations during all of 2019.

The AT report (Item 12) says that having the 843 bus go to the Sunnyoek bus station and turn around at the Link Drive roundabout is not an option they would consider. I am recommending a better option involving the 843 and 906 bus routes so that both service Sunnyoek Station in addition to the 907.

At present the 843 stops at the Sunnyoek shopping centre 550m from the bus station and the 906 in Totorava Drive 200m from the southern platform.

A simple swap of the routes for the 843 and 906 between Sunnyoek/Totara Vale and Constellation station would mean all these routes pass through platforms C and D of Sunnyoek bus station.

Changes:
1.  843 go past Sunnyoek Station and take over the route of the 906 through Totara Vale to Constellation  
2.  906 go past Sunnyoek Station and take the route of the 843 up Sycamore/Juniper to Constellation  
3.  907 maintain its present route from Campbells Bay to Sunnyoek Station, Taigel Road, Unsworth Heights to Constellation  
4.  The rest of the routes for the 843 and 906 would be unchanged and the timetables could remain the same.

Advantages:
- three feeder buses passing through Sunnyoek station platforms C and D on Sunnyoek Road. (presently only 907)  
- direct access to the station for people from Totara Vale instead of 200m walk from Totorava Drive  
- direct access for people from Sunnyoek (Sycamore area etc) instead of 550m walk from by supermarket  
- service from Sunnyoek Station to Link Drive / upper Waitakaruru residential area (using 906)  
- people from Totara Vale will have bus to Sunnyoek Shopping Centre and Wairau Intermediate School (using 843)

**Sunnyoek Bus Station Improvements**

As you know the Sunnyoek bus station has proved to be very successful despite having minimal infrastructure. It is the only bus station surrounded by residential area. The annual usage is above most of the railway stations in Auckland and ranks ahead of Alicorana bus station despite the latter having extensive facilities. As a result of this success there are a number of urgent infrastructure improvements required for the bus station.

I submitted to Auckland Transport on their proposals for traffic safety measures on Sunnyoek Road, which include a

The bus station is not user friendly in terms of access to/from the Sunnyoek Road overbridge and especially exiting from the northern platform. The stairs are steep and there is no cover meaning patrons get wet in inclement weather and the stairs become very slippery. An immediate measure would be to put a cover over the stairs as has been done at railway stations in the city such as at Ellerbe on the Southern line This should be achievable before the coming winter.

Medium term solution is to have a lift from the northern platform to road level and a widened path across the Sunnyoek bridge towards the southern platform. This is needed now but I realise planning, design and funding take time. My recommendation to you is that this be included in the priorities of the Board for the next three years. At this time the steps down from north of the bridge to the southern facing platform need improvement. They are designed for giants!

You may also be aware that with the continued increase in use of the busway and more buses at rush hours there is often an overspill of buses trying to stop at the platform. There are four different routes on the busway and the busway platforms can only safely handle two buses at once. Hence there is a priority to have the platforms extended.

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17/03/2020
Report Name: Board Member Dep. Chair George Wood

Report Period: From 19/Feb/2020 – To 10/Mar/2020

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The HC decision can be found at: http://www.nzlii.org/nz/cases/NZHC/2020/293.html

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