

**Date:** Thursday 9 May 2024  
**Time:** 10.00am  
**Meeting Room:** Reception Lounge  
**Venue:** Auckland Town Hall  
301-305 Queen Street  
Auckland

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## **Komiti mō ngā Tūnuku me ngā Rawa Tūāhanga / Transport and Infrastructure Committee**

### **OPEN ATTACHMENTS**

**ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS  
UNDER SEPARATE COVER**

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## Komiti mō ngā Tūnuku me ngā Rawa Tūāhanga / Transport & Infrastructure Committee

### Workshop:

## Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) 2024 – Auckland Transport capital programme options NOTES

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Notes of a workshop of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee held in Room 1, Level 26, 135 Albert Street, Auckland on Wednesday, 10 April 2024 at 1.46pm.

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#### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Cr John Watson	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Cr Christine Fletcher, QSO	Via electronic link
<b>Members</b>	Cr Andrew Baker	Until 3.02pm, Item 3
	Cr Josephine Bartley	Via electronic link
	Mayor Wayne Brown	
	Cr Angela Dalton	Via electronic link
	Cr Chris Darby	Via electronic link
	Cr Julie Fairey	
	Cr Alf Filipaina, MNZM	Via electronic link, from 2.06pm, Item 3
	Cr Lotu Fuli	Via electronic link
	Cr Shane Henderson	
	Cr Richard Hills	
	Cr Kerrin Leoni	Via electronic link, from 2.01pm, Item 3
	Cr Daniel Newman, JP	From 1.56pm, Item 3
	Cr Greg Sayers	Via electronic link
	Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson, JP	Via electronic link
	Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	
	Cr Ken Turner	From 2pm, Item 3
	Cr Wayne Walker	
	Cr Maurice Williamson	Via electronic link

**ABSENT**

Hokura Member Billy Brown  
Cr Mike Lee  
Hokura Member Pongarauhine Renata  
Hokura Member Tony Kake (Budget Committee)  
Hokura Member David Taipari (Budget Committee)

Note: No decisions or resolutions may be made by a Workshop or Working Party, unless the Governing Body or Committee resolution establishing the working party, specifically instructs such action.

**Purpose:**

1. Present the Auckland Transport (AT) capital programme options following the confirmed changes to the Regional Fuel Tax in order to inform the RLTP development.
2. Feedback, advice, and guidance from Committee members on the content and outcomes from the draft programme of investment, notably any items for further consideration/ discussion.
3. Shape the content and quality of future material to provide for formal endorsement on the programme at a future Committee meeting (9 May 2024).

	Item
1	<p><b>Ngā Tamōtanga / Apologies</b></p> <p>Ngā Tamōtanga / Apologies were noted from:</p> <p><u>Absence</u> Cr Mike Lee</p>
2	<p><b>Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga / Declaration of Interest</b></p> <p>Members were reminded of the need to declare any conflict that may arise between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.</p>
3	<p><b>Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) 2024 Briefing - Auckland Transport capital programme options</b></p> <p><b>Hamish Bunn</b>, Group Manager System Strategy and Policy (AT)  <b>Robert Simpson</b>, Manager Transport Strategy (AC)  <b>Dan Marsh</b>, RLTP Project Manager (AT)  <b>Jose Gonzalez</b>, Principal Transport Advisor</p>
4	<p><b>Questions and Discussion</b></p>

The workshop finished at 3.12pm





## Memorandum

28 March 2024

**To:** Transport and Infrastructure Committee, Waitemātā Local Board

**Subject:** Update on the midtown programme

**From:** Jenny Larking – Head of City Centre Programmes, Midtown Programme Director

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### Purpose

1. To provide an update on the delivery of the midtown programme.

### Summary

2. Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, Watercare and Eke Panuku Development Auckland are delivering several significant projects in the midtown area (the area near Aotea Square) alongside City Rail Link Ltd, utilities providers and the private sector. These projects will enhance the urban environment and foster a vibrant, safe and connected community, and ensure the city is ready to realise the benefits of the City Rail Link.
3. The last six months have seen the completion of the upgrades to Queen Street between Shortland Street and Custom Street, the Myers Park Underpass, and the installation of public art on Federal Street.
4. Victoria Street was opened to east-west traffic in December 2023, after being closed since 2021 for City Rail Link construction. The northern part of Victoria Street, between Albert Street and Queen Street, opened on 18 March 2024.
5. The next phase of construction includes the commencement of the Wellesley Street Bus Improvements project in April 2024, and Watercare's wastewater diversion work at the intersections of Wellesley and Queen Street, and Queen Street and Mayoral Drive in July 2024. Te Hā Noa will begin the next stage of construction on Victoria Street, between High Street and Kitchener Street, from March 2024.
6. A schedule of the projects in the midtown programme and a construction timeline are provided in Attachment A.
7. The council will be launching an awareness campaign to run from April to August 2024 to increase Aucklanders' knowledge and understanding of major projects, and their contribution towards creating an interconnected and thriving Auckland. The NZ Herald's Project Auckland supplement, published on 21 March 2024, included multiple stories centred on the city centre regeneration.
8. The programme is continuing to focus on supporting neighbouring businesses, residents and properties through change by incorporating a comprehensive development response approach. Key focus areas in coming months include supporting project teams to engage effectively with impacted neighbours ahead of the next phases of construction starting on Wellesley Street, Queen Street and Mayoral Drive.
9. A press release and OurAuckland story will be published following this memo.

### Context

10. Te Pokapū Tāone O Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland's city centre is undergoing a major transformation to become a more vibrant and better-connected place for businesses, residents, commuters and visitors.
11. The midtown area is set to become a key transport hub with the opening of the City Rail Link Te Waihorotiu Station. Te Waihorotiu is expected to be the country's busiest station and will play a pivotal role in the transformation of the midtown area and the city centre.
12. Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, Watercare and Eke Panuku Development Auckland are delivering several significant projects in the midtown area alongside City Rail Link Ltd, utilities providers and the private sector.
13. Ensuring the city is ready to realise the benefits of the City Rail Link investment is a key priority for the council group. The council group is aligning its projects to the construction of the City Rail Link. This will help minimise disruption, and ensure the area is attractive and free from significant construction when the City Rail Link operates from day one.
14. The projects in the midtown programme are funded separately by Auckland Transport, Watercare and the council, approximately \$150 million in total (comprising of the Midtown Wastewater Diversion project, Te Hā Noa – Victoria Street, and Wellesley Street Bus Improvements – Stage 1). The council projects are majority funded by the city centre targeted rate.
15. An update on the programme was provided by memo to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee ([TICCC/2023/134](#)) and the Waitemātā Local Board on 30 October 2023.

### Progress to date

16. Over the last six months, significant progress has been made towards regenerating the Midtown area to become an attractive, thriving and safe place.
17. The final phase of the Wai Horotiu Queen Street upgrades, from Shortland Street to Customs Street, was successfully completed in November 2023, delivering a seamless connection between Aotea Square and Te Komititanga for pedestrians, cyclists and scooter riders (see figure 1).
18. This has contributed to foot traffic in the Queen Street valley area continuing to track upwards, with the December 2023 quarter up 32 per cent on 2022, and 78 per cent of pre-COVID-19 levels<sup>1</sup>. Queen Street also hosted the 90<sup>th</sup> annual Farmers Santa Parade for around 155,000 attendees on 26 November 2023, as well as the council-led Christmas on Queen Street activations on Saturdays throughout December 2023.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.hotcity.co.nz/latest-updates/december-2023-quarter-shift-right-direction>

























































































