

# Minutes

## Auckland Transport meeting (Open session)

**Date:** Thursday 28 October 2021

**Time:** 9:00am – 10:10am

**Venue:** MS Teams

**Board &** Adrienne Young-Cooper, Chair

**Committee** Wayne Donnelly, Deputy Chair

**Attendees:** Tommy Parker

Abbie Reynolds

Kylie Clegg

Darren Linton

Mary-Jane Daly

Nicole Rosie

Councillor Chris Darby

Councillor Bill Cashmore

**Executives** Shane Ellison, Chief Executive

**and** Andrew Downie, Governance Lead

**Presenters:** Mark Laing, Executive General Manager, Finance

Jenny Chetwynd, Executive General Manager, Planning, and Investment

Mark Lambert, Executive General Manager, Integrated Networks

Wally Thomas, Executive General Manager, Stakeholder, Communities & Communication

Natasha Whiting, Executive General Manager, Culture & Transformation

**Members of** Richard Hancy, Tonkin and Taylor

**the public** Marcus Sin

Andrew Allen, Executive General Manager, Service Delivery

Vanessa Ellis, Executive General Manager, Customer Experience

Rodger Murphy, Executive General Manager, Risk & Assurance

Jodi Comber, Executive Assistant

Madi Salter, Transport Planner

Andrew McGill, Head of Integrated Network Planning

Melanie Alexander, Group Manager Network Management

Item	Topic	Responsible
1.	<b>Welcome/Acknowledgements</b> The chair welcomed members of the Auckland Transport Board (the board), the Executive Leadership Team and members of the public.	
2.	<b>Opening Karakia</b> Dr Jim Mather led the karakia.	
3.	<b>Apologies</b> Councillor Bill Cashmore and Councillor Chris Darby for early departure to attend a Governing Body meeting,	
4.	<b>Update from the Chair</b> The chair acknowledged the large amount of support Auckland Transport (AT) staff have been providing to COVID-19 pandemic (COVID-19) vaccination programmes and to vulnerable members of the community across Auckland.	
5.	<b>Late Items for General Business</b> None noted.	
6.	<b>Interest Register - Declarations/Conflicts</b> The chair noted her additional interest as chair of the Wairarapa Economic Development Forum (joint Councils, Masterton, Carterton, South Wairarapa).	
7.	<b>Approval of Draft Open Session Minutes – 30 September 2021</b> The board approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 September 2021. Carried: Kylie Clegg   Wayne Donnelly	
8.	<b>Action Register</b> The actions added from board meeting of 30 September 2021 were noted.	
<b>Items for Noting</b>		
9.	<b>Business Report</b> The Chief Executive presented the Business Report, highlighting the number of project public consultations that have had timetables amended due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and the support that both AT and Auckland Council are providing to over 60 vaccination sites across the region. He went on to note the 50% increase in graduates and interns recruited as part of the Ngā Kaihoe programme this year compared with last year, reflecting the success of the candidates employed from the programme in prior years and to provide additional resource in the context of a competitive labour market.  The following matters were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that discussions as part of existing forums with design consultants and contractors was a way to share our increasing focus on active mode travel delivery and that the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) change management</li> </ul>	



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	<p>team had developed a series of ways that projects could be bundled to assist with delivery of active modes as part of bigger projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Mather provided his ongoing support to address the recommendations coming out of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Audit, and acknowledged the progress of the AT Marae Safety programme.</li> <li>• The Chief Executive noted that Auckland Council is leading the response to how we adapt outdoor spaces to counter the impact of COVID-19 including dining outdoors and space for increased active mode travel with the support of Auckland Transport.</li> <li>• It was confirmed that once the current COVID-19 restrictions are reduced, a section of Tamaki Drive temporarily set aside for additional cycling facilities will be evaluated for incorporation into the Minor Cycling Programme to connect it with the existing cycling routes.</li> </ul> <p>The board noted the Business Report.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Annual Report – Performance against Statement of Intent FY21</b></p> <p>The EGM Finance and EGM Planning and Investment presented the report noting the impact of COVID-19 on the performance of Statement of Intent measures in the prior year. The following matters were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The deputy chair acknowledged the significant delivery of the organisation in the prior year and the level of agility that was required to adapt to changes in the environment whilst simultaneously supporting customer, supply chain and staff interests.</li> <li>• The chair added that the steps taken in FY21 have prepared the business for FY22, noting the significant funding received to support the drop in Public Transport (PT) patronage. She commended the PT operations teams for their performance and noted that AT will continue to examine global best practice in this area and apply lessons to our region.</li> </ul> <p>The board noted the Annual Report on Performance against Statement of Intent for FY21.</p> <p>Abbie Reynolds joined the meeting at 9:33am</p>	
11.	<p><b>Monthly Indicators Report – August 2021</b></p> <p>The EGM Planning and Investment welcomed Mr McGill and Ms Salter. Mr McGill outlined the highlights from the report, noting this showed performance against indicators for the month of August 2021.</p> <p>The board received the Monthly Indicators Report for August 2021.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Speed Limit Changes (Tranche 1) emerging results</b></p> <p>The EGM Service Delivery provided an overview of the results and introduced Ms Alexander and Mr Brown. Ms Alexander summarised the results including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The results are for the first tranche of speed limit changes implemented in 2020. Monitoring will resume once COVID-19 restrictions allow.</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition to the level of reduction in Deaths and Serious Injuries (DSI), the sections of road where changes have been implemented have also been evaluated for any increase in journey times.</li> <li>Feedback from residents in town centres and residential areas, where physical speed calming measures were also introduced, is that they feel much safer. Active mode travel has also increased in these areas.</li> </ul> <p>The following matters were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Linton observed that the changes made to reduce speeds along roads in Mairangi Bay had been positive and while initially the changes were viewed as disruptive by some members of the community, now the project is complete many see the benefits to vulnerable road users from the changes made.</li> <li>It was acknowledged that in some areas of Auckland it is more challenging to gather feedback in a remote or virtual manner and for these communities face to face consultations methods were always preferred.</li> <li>The impact of the speed limit changes to driving behaviour was discussed. While the town centre and residential changes were made in already low speed areas not requiring significant changes to driver behaviour, the behaviour changes required on rural roads were larger and took a longer period to take effect. It was noted that the first tranche of speed limit changes were used to address those areas where the posted speed was amended largely to the speed cars were already travelling, whereas further tranches would look to modify more challenging areas and may include steps such as re-engineering of roads..</li> <li>It was proposed that it would be helpful to conduct baseline surveys across the length of the project, instead of before and after to get a truer sense of the impact of the changes for mode shift and safety.</li> </ul> <p>The board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted the emerging results from the implementation of the Tranche 1 speed limit changes (30 June 2020).</li> <li>Noted that monitoring will be repeated after year two, providing a longer time period over which to assess the effectiveness of the changes.</li> </ol> <p>Carried Dr Jim Mather   Ms Reynolds</p> <p>Councillor Cashmore departed the meeting at 9:55am.</p>	
	<p><b>Papers for Noting (no discussion)</b></p> <p>The chair asked for discussion on the Pedestrian and Cyclist fatalities to be deferred to the December 2021 board meeting. With respect to the Safety Dashboard, the following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that the ongoing trend of increasing DSI on the road network remains concerning with causative factors largely relating to speed and/or alcohol. The EGM Service Delivery noted that the AT operations team is reporting an overall increase in speed across the network of around 5kph, which may be related to both the lack of congestion and the lack of enforcement.</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Rosie outlined the steps that are being taken to increase covert speed management and the legislative change required for this.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Darby left the meeting at 10:03am</p>	
13.	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>The chair acknowledged the contribution of Ms Daly to the board and the Auckland region, specifically her leadership in Finance and Assurance matters and her focus on effectiveness of programmes to decarbonise the transport fleet to address climate change.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 10:15am</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting: 9 December 2021</b></p>		

	<i>Items for Noting (no discussion)</i>	
14.	<b>Safety Dashboard</b>	Natasha Whiting, Acting Executive General Manager, Safety
15.	<b>Pedestrian and Cyclist fatalities briefing</b>	Natasha Whiting, Acting Executive General Manager, Safety
16.	<b>Board Effectiveness Review 2021</b>	Andrew Downie, Governance Lead

Signed as a true and correct record



Adrienne Young-Cooper  
CHAIR

13 December 2021

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