

# Minutes

## Auckland Transport Board meeting (Open session)

**Date:** 9 December 2021  
**Time:** 9:00am – 10:19am  
**Venue:** MS Teams  
**Directors and CCO** Adrienne Young-Cooper, Chair  
**Liaison Councillors** Wayne Donnelly, Deputy Chair  
Tommy Parker  
Dr Jim Mather  
Abbie Reynolds  
Kylie Clegg  
Darren Linton  
Mark Darrow  
Nicole Rosie  
Councillor Chris Darby  
Councillor Bill Cashmore

**Executive team members and Presenters** Shane Ellison, Chief Executive.  
Andrew Downie, Governance Lead  
Jenny Chetwynd, Executive General Manager, Planning & Investment  
Mark Lambert, Executive General Manager, Integrated Networks  
Mark Laing, Executive General Manager, Finance  
Vanessa Ellis, Executive General Manager, Customer Experience  
Roger Jones, Executive General Manager, Business Technology  
Jodi Comber, Executive Assistant  
Rodger Murphy, Executive General Manager, Risk & Assurance  
Natasha Whiting, Executive General Manager, Culture & Transformation  
  
Dayal Pituwala Withana, Road Safety Engineering Team Leader  
Ivy Hao, Transportation Engineer  
Xinghao Chen, Senior Transportation Engineer

**Elected members** Councillor Angela Dalton

Andrew McGill, Head of Integrated Network Planning  
Melanie Alexander, Group Manager Network Management  
Nathan Cammock, Programme Director  
Joanne Rua, Legal Counsel - Public Law  
Teresa Burnett, Head of Strategic Communications  
Madi Salter, Transport Planner  
Ping Sim, Transport Safety Technical Lead  
Michael Brown, Road Safety Engineering Manager  
Zeona Deysel, Business Insights Coordinator  
Craig Stanley, Business Insights Coordinator  
Adam Moller, Principal Transportation Engineer  
Regina Thayalakal, People Experience Lead  
Antony Hall, Head of People Experience Delivery  
Shiraz Munshi, Communications Lead

Item	Topic	Responsible
1.	<b>Welcome/Acknowledgements</b> The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.	
2.	<b>Opening Karakia</b> Dr Mather led an opening karakia.	
3.	<b>Apologies</b> None noted.	
4.	<b>Update from the Chair</b> The Chair acknowledged it was the last formal meeting of the calendar year and noted the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had, and how Auckland has responded in support of the nation firstly in elimination and in more recent months suppression of the virus. Within this challenging environment, the Auckland Transport (AT) Board of Directors (board) have approved the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) 2021-2031 and approved over \$36 billion in investments and capital to continue building and operating the Auckland Transport System. She went on to highlight that next year, AT will continue to deliver a number of mass transit projects, while continuing strong support for Auckland Council efforts to decarbonise the Auckland Transport System. She concluded by acknowledging the day to day work of AT staff, as well as their creative thinking to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.	
5.	<b>Late Items for General Business</b> None noted.	
6.	<b>Interest Register - Declarations/Conflicts</b> Dr Mather has been appointed a director of Southbase Construction Limited (effective 1/11/21). Mr Darrow noted his role as director/trustee for a business that operates from 7 and 8 Forge Way, Panmure. Mr Parker noted he is a resident of one the streets that is being consulted on for Tranche 2B of the Speed Limits Bylaw 2022.	
7.	<b>Approval of Draft Open Session Minutes – 28 October 2021</b> The board approved the minutes of the open session of the board meeting held on 28 October 2021. Carried: Darren Linton   Jim Mather	
8.	<b>Action Register</b> No items on the action register were due for review.	
9.	<b>Chief Executive Business Report</b>	



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	<p>The Chief Executive presented the report and noted both the addition of Te Reo Māori announcements on further public transport services, as well as the success of AT Local, outperforming the bus service it replaced and providing additional flexibility for transport users.</p> <p>The Chief Executive's business report was received.</p> <p>Councillor Cashmore departed the meeting at 9:05am to attend to urgent Council business.</p>	
<b>Items for Approval</b>		
10.	<p><b>Proposed Speed Limits Amendment Bylaw 2022 (No 2) &amp; Statement of Proposal (Tranche 2b)</b></p> <p>The EGM Service Delivery introduced Ms Alexander, Mr Cammock, Ms Rua and Ms Burnett and other members of the road safety team. He provided an outline of the steps taken and the quantum of change that is proposed across the network for Tranche 2a and 2b.</p> <p>The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that AT has to date received over 8,000 submissions on Tranche 2a of the Speed Limits Amendment bylaw.</li> <li>• It was confirmed that Tranche 2b is focused largely on roads around schools, residential neighbourhoods, and town centres, given the large number of vulnerable roads users using active mode travel in these spaces.</li> <li>• Ms Burnett acknowledged the growing experience in communicating changes of this kind to communities and how the approach has evolved to focus on speed calming as a catalyst for improving communities and encouraging mode shift and the utilisation of Community hubs to build and strengthen local relationships.</li> <li>• Ms Clegg noted that safe and appropriate engineering up of roads had been undertaken where needed.</li> <li>• Mr Linton noted the opportunity to further communicate how the changes being made to reduce speed are reducing deaths and serious injuries.</li> <li>• Dr Mather acknowledged the amount of effort involved in the research findings, highlighting that it was positive to see a focus on equity and engagement with mana whenua in the programme.</li> <li>• It was acknowledged that the consultation process may be challenging, as further roads are proposed for a reduction in speed and consideration for the safety of staff should be given at all times.</li> <li>• The Chair highlighted the importance of the independent review conducted by WSP and asked that this be acknowledged in the resolutions.</li> </ul> <p>The board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Noted a review of the existing permanent or variable speed limits for each of the roads detailed within Attachment 2 in accordance with Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017, as part of AT's Safe Speeds Programme (referred to as 'Tranche 2B') has been completed.</li> </ol>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Endorsed the findings of the technical review assessments of the speed limits for the Tranche 2B roads (Attachment 4) and particularly the assessments of whether the current speeds were 'safe and appropriate' as required under the Setting of Speed Limits Rule and Waka Kotahi's Speed Management Guide.</li> <li>c) Proposed new safe and appropriate permanent or variable speed limits for each of the Tranche 2B roads as recommended by the technical review assessments, by way of amendment to the Auckland Transport Speed Limits Bylaw 2019.</li> <li>d) Approved the proposed Auckland Transport Speed Limits Amendment Bylaw 2022 (No. 2) (Attachment 2) for public consultation.</li> <li>e) Adopted the attached Statement of Proposal (Attachment 3) to support the public consultation on the proposed amendment bylaw under the special consultative procedure of the Local Government Act 2002.</li> <li>f) Established a hearings panel to receive submissions on the proposed amendment bylaw via hearing(s) in person, with the panel to be chaired by two board directors and to include two Executive Leadership Team members.</li> <li>g) Delegated authority to the Chief Executive to approve any minor and technical amendments to the proposed amendment bylaw before it is released for public consultation.</li> <li>h) Noted the attached Safe Speeds Tranche 2 – Communications, Engagement and Consultation Strategy (Attachment 6)</li> <li>i) Noted that the May 2021 customer perception survey reflected continued support for speed reductions, in particular around schools and other community facilities.</li> <li>j) Noted that following consultation, staff will report back to the board with recommendations around whether to proceed with the making of the proposed amendment bylaw.</li> <li>k) Noted the independent review conducted by WSP.</li> </ul> <p>Carried: Kylie Clegg   Wayne Donnelly Tommy Parker joined at 9:22am</p>	
<b>Items for Noting</b>		
11.	<p><b>Monthly Indicators Report – September 2021</b></p> <p>The EGM Planning and Investment introduced Mr McGill and Ms Salter. Mr McGill highlighted the new measures added to the report for the number of formal complaints and resolving those cases. The Chair noted there is a need to rebuild confidence in the public transport system, using behavioural science and other methods available, given the importance of mode shift to reducing carbon emissions.</p> <p>The board received the Monthly Indicators Report for September 2021.</p>	
12.	<p><b>People Highlights – 2021</b></p> <p>The EGM Culture and Transformation introduced Mr Hall and Dr Thayalakal.</p> <p>Dr Thayalakal provided an overview of the report, noting the pleasing increase in the proportion of female employee in senior leadership roles and the percentage of Māori and Pasifika employees in the workforce.</p>	



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	<p>The board noted the key people outcomes delivered and progress made in the past financial year through the multiple initiatives undertaken across AT.</p> <p>Councillor Dalton departed the meeting at 9:59am.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Fatal crashes involving people walking and cycling update</b></p> <p>The EGM Service Delivery introduced the report, noting it had previously been presented to the Safety Committee at its meeting of 9 November 2021. He then welcomed Ms Alexander, Mr Brown, and Ms Sim. Mr Brown noted that a full review of fatal crashes was being completed partnering with Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) to identify trends related to fatal crashes, for both local and national trends to guide policy moving forward.</p> <p>The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Sim provided further detail on how the safe system assessment framework was being developed with a view to embedding it into the lifecycle on projects.</li> <li>• It was confirmed that research was being undertaken by Waka Kotahi to understand how safety interventions can lead to further adoption of active modes.</li> <li>• In response to a query from Ms Clegg around an increasing focus on safety as Auckland relaxes COVID-19 pandemic alert level restrictions, Mr Allen noted the ongoing engagement with New Zealand Police to increase enforcement, particularly in the lead up to Christmas.</li> <li>• The Chair noted the level of harm to vulnerable road users and the need to accelerate development of a safe road system.</li> <li>• It was noted that a deep dive on this topic would be brought to the Safety Committee at its next meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The board noted the briefing on fatal crashes involving people walking and cycling.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Safety Dashboard</b></p> <p>The Chair noted the significant increase in deaths and serious injuries and was pleased to see that further engagement with Waka Kotahi and New Zealand Police on this matter was scheduled for the first board meeting of 2022.</p> <p>The board noted the Safety Dashboard.</p>	
15.	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>The open session of the Board meeting was closed at 10:19am.</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting: 24 February 2022</b></p>		



**Signed as a true and correct record**



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**Wayne Donnelly  
DEPUTY CHAIR**

28 February 2022

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