

Transport Accessibility Advisory Group

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise the Board on the establishment of the Transport Accessibility Advisory Group (TAAG), hosted and chaired by Auckland Transport to engage with stakeholders and interested parties on ways to improve the accessibility of public transport to all people with impairment challenges in the Auckland Region.

TAAG Overview

In line with the NZ Disability Strategy, the NZ Transport Strategy and Auckland Transport's objectives, a new Transport Accessibility Advisory Group (TAAG) is being established.

The vision of TAAG is to improve the provision of accessible, affordable, integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable public transport services for people with impairment challenges in the Auckland Region. This includes the whole travel experience from when people leave their home to arrival at their destination.

The purpose of TAAG is to provide guidance, advice and clear direction to Auckland Transport management and key stakeholders on the:

1. Availability, affordability, accessibility and acceptability of conveyances, service information, premises and infrastructure of public transport services (including taxis and other related subsidised public transport services) to people with impairments;
2. Oversight of the Auckland Total Mobility scheme;
3. Development of the Total Mobility scheme and other relevant public transport initiatives.

The TAAG will comprise Auckland Transport representatives from public transport operations, road corridor operations, investigation & design and major infrastructure projects. A transport representative from Auckland Council will also be invited.



Interest groups on TAAG will comprise CCS Disability Action, Auckland Disability Providers Network, Royal NZ Foundation for the Blind, Association of Blind Citizens, Deaf Association, NZ Society for the Intellectually Handicapped (IHC), Brain Injury Association and Age Concern. Public transport service suppliers will also be invited to the TAAG.

Meetings will be held bi-monthly or as required with appropriate sub-groups formed as necessary to address specific issues and concerns.

TAAG is an advisory group and will pass recommendations to Auckland Transport Executive or Board for final consideration.

Recommendation

That this report be received.

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APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION by	David Warburton Chief Executive	