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Kia ora Minister Twyford and Associate Minister Genter,

I am writing to inform you that Wellington City Council has unanimously voted to endorse the Let's Get Wellington Moving programme, which the Government has also backed.

It follows the Greater Wellington Regional Council also unanimously supporting the indicative package.

Our decision unlocks funds already set aside for LGWM in our 2019/20 annual plan and commits the Council to funding its share of the next phase on a 60:40 basis between central and local government.

The unanimous vote shows strong political support for Let's Get Wellington Moving and a commitment to transforming transport in the capital.

Among the accepted recommendations were:

- Support for the Indicative Package of Investment for Let's Get Wellington Moving and the Government's proposed funding allocation for the region through the National Land Transport Fund.
- Endorsement of the early delivery work programme as presented in the Early Delivery Programme section of the report.
- Agreement to commence further investigations as described in the Business Case Development section of the report.
- Agreement to work towards a formalised partnership agreement and integrated delivery model for the next phase of the programme involving detailed investigation and delivery.

Additionally, Council has requested a report for the City Strategy Committee in August 2019 on the make-up of the early delivery programme and further work will be done on options for either an underpass or bridge on Cobham Drive and Council.

Council also backed an amendment which will ensure that the approach to procurement delivers genuine training and career development opportunities for those who work on the programme.

Minutes from the 26 June meeting can be found here: <https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/meetings/committees/council/2019/06/26>

The attachments and Programme Business Case referred to in the recommendations can be found here: <https://getwellymoving.co.nz/about/documents/2019/>.

I would like to acknowledge your support and contribution in reaching this important milestone. The announcement on the Indicative Package provides a way forward to deliver a step-change in transport to support the city and region's growth, and will realise much of our joint vision.

As we move forward to complete the next phase of investigations and detailed business cases, we will need to continue to work closely together to find ways through the complex constraints we will inevitably face. We are likely to need the support of your Government in a number of critical areas including:

- reflecting the regional funding allocation for Let's Get Wellington in the next Government Policy Statement on land transport to provide clear direction to the NZ Transport Agency;
- considering legislative changes to enable the introduction of local/regional demand management pricing tools (such as a parking levy) to achieve the mode shift and emission reductions we aspire to; and,
- investigating different ways through the consenting pathway for the major components of the LGWM programme, to enable us to accelerate delivery.

I would like to thank you both for your continued support for the Let's Get Wellington Moving programme and look forward to working collaboratively with Government in the next phases.

Ngā mihi

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Copy to:

Chair Laidlaw, Chair, Greater Wellington Regional Council

Sir Brian Roche – Chair, NZ Transport Agency

Mark Ratcliffe - Interim Chief Executive, NZ Transport Agency