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# Event proposal for: WHC emerging preferred option announcement

11 July 2023

## Event outline

<b>Proposed date</b>	12:00pm Sunday, 23 July 2023
<b>Location</b>	<p>The preferred location for the event is Onepoto Domain – Te Kopua o Matakerepo.</p> <p>Te Kopua o Matakerepo is a large domain at the base of Onewa Road, alongside the Northern Motorway. The crater-shaped domain was formed by a shallow volcanic explosion more than 20,000 years ago and is thought to be one of the oldest volcanoes in the Auckland area. The area is of significance to mana whenua, as it is home to Puna sites (water springs) and two freshwater lakes.</p> <p>There would be photo opportunities within the domain, and it is close to both the Exmouth Road footbridge and Sulphur Point boat ramp, which look from the North Shore towards the CBD and Auckland Harbour Bridge.</p> <p>Other potential options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bayswater Marina / Marine Parade Reserve (near the windsurfing club)</li><li>• Exmouth Road footbridge</li><li>• Sulphur Beach boat ramp</li><li>• Victoria Park</li><li>• Westhaven Drive / Marina</li><li>• Northhead (360 views of Te Waitematā)</li></ul>
<b>Type of event</b>	Media stand up to announce the emerging preferred option for the Waitematā Harbour Connection.

Rt Hon Prime Minister, Chris Hipkins, Hon David Parker, Minister of Transport and Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Auckland, will likely attend.

Project board and management, project partners, mana whenua, and media will be invited to this outdoor event.

The event could follow a similar schedule as the March 2023 AHC event:

- Welcome / karakia
- Announcement / speech from the Prime Minister
- Address / speech from Minister Parker
- Media interviews

<b>Potential media</b>	All local and national media would be invited
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<b>Project costs</b>	s 9(2)(g)(i)
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<b>Project funding</b>	Phase funding is sourced from the National Land Transport Plan. Overall funding for future phases of work is to be confirmed, dependant on the outputs from the current IBC phase.
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<b>Project summary</b>	The project has gathered a high level of public support through two rounds of community engagement. The first, from November 2022 to January 2023, received over 4,300 responses, with a strong sentiment of support and to 'get on with it'.
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The second phase of community engagement (30 March to 1 May 2023) provided the public with the opportunity to give feedback in more detail on how and where they want to travel, as well as an opportunity to comment on the staging of the modes and where the new connections will connect on each side of the harbour.

Feedback suggests that the public care most about efficiency and resilience, and expect to see all modes of transport taken into consideration. On the North Shore, feedback indicates that a direct link to Takapuna is wanted with the increase in housing, jobs and services around the existing Northern Busway corridor and existing communities on the North Shore.



The project team have incorporated the public feedback in their options analysis.

[Project brochure](#)

[Summary of engagement November 2022 -January 2023](#)

## Background

Waitematā Harbour Connections is Aotearoa New Zealand's most significant city shaping project in coming decades.

The Waitematā Harbour Connections project is a strategic enabler of the overall transport system performance. The project will provide for a fully multi-modal solution for people wanting to walk, cycle, take the bus, travel by light rail, drive, or transport freight across the Waitematā Harbour, connecting people to transport options across the region and beyond.

The project will look at how all transport modes need to cross the harbour in the future, what new infrastructure is needed to cater for these modes, where it will go, and how we make the best use of what we already have, including the Auckland Harbour Bridge.

A well connected, sustainable, resilient, and reliable transport system gives people more choices, helps tackle harmful pollution, encourages quality growth, and supports a productive economy.

Waitematā Harbour Connections is being delivered by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and partners, Auckland Council, Auckland Transport and Ngā Iwi Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau.

The project is still in the Indicative Business Case (IBC) phase.

## Risks

Until the detail of the announcement is known, it is hard to assess the full extent of potential risks and what additional information is needed to support the event.

## Partner position

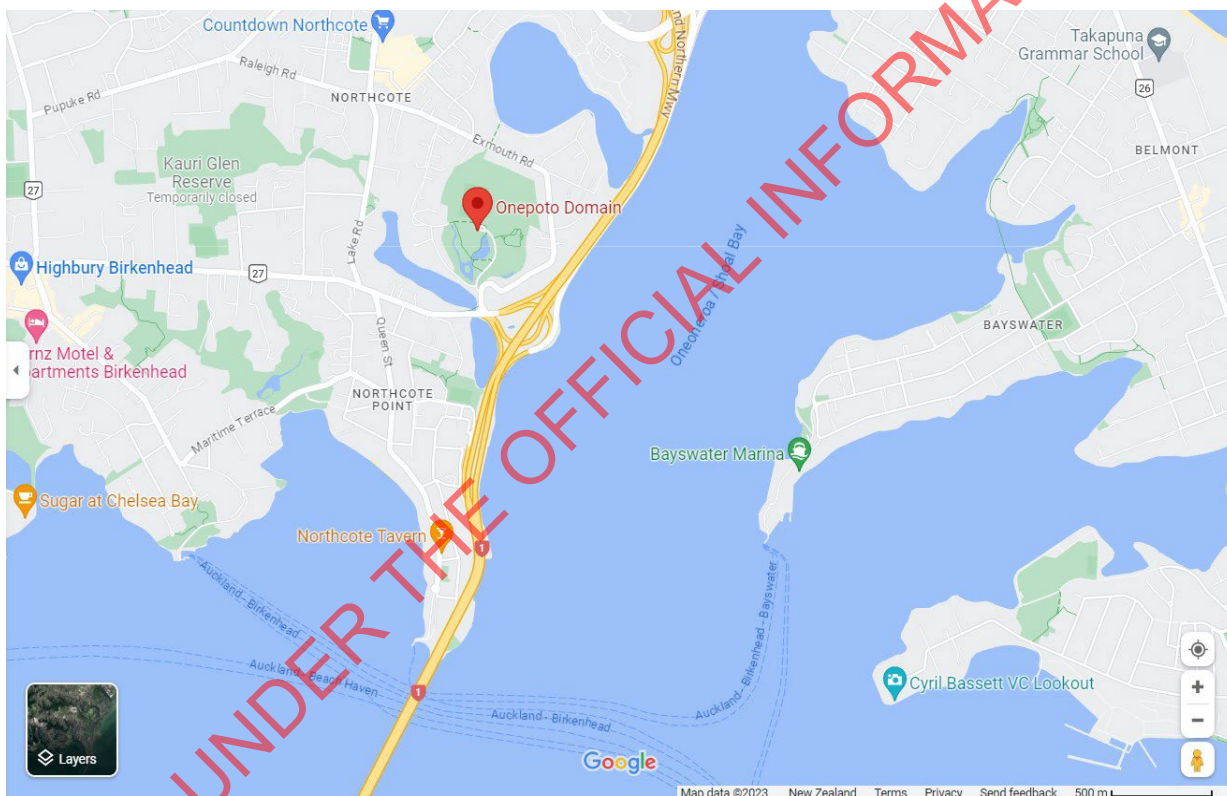
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- A recent independent review concluded that there is insufficient analysis and partner alignment to arrive at a single emerging preferred option with reasonable certainty.

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Map

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*What if the event was in mid-August?*

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**Cc:** Official Correspondence <Official.Correspondence@nzta.govt.nz>; Leisa Coley <Leisa.Coley@nzta.govt.nz>; Richard May <Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** For your help please - due 3pm today, 10 July 2023

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Please let me know if you have any questions, thanks so much!

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Hi Ruby

Speech notes for both PM and Minister of Transport

PR would be for Minister Parker, and social media images for the Office to be shared in social media.

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Thanks, s 9(2)(a) I've passed this onto the team and the ball is in motion.

By talking points do you mean speech notes for the announcement? And who would these be for? Also, just confirming that (if possible) social media images and the PR would be for your office, the PMOs use as Waka Kotahi will not be sharing these.

I'll get back to you regarding the event collateral once I have confirmation of what Waka Kotahi can provide.

Ngā mihi,  
Ruby

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Hi Ruby

Thanks so much for this!

We're going to test this with PMO, but in the meantime, the Office would like Waka Kotahi to start prepping

1. a run sheet, guest list, and invite, which will basically be the same with the previous announcement (with location TBC pending PMO preference). Hope this is quite straightforward.
2. In terms of supporting material, can the team do a bit more thinking and let me know if there is anything that they can recycle from the previous event beyond the flags? The Office has identified below what it has in mind, but I'm happy to get the team thoughts on this!

Documents included	Details	Due date	Waka Kotahi comments
Invite design	Required	COP Thursday, 13 July 2023	
Run sheet	Required	COP Thursday, 13 July 2023	
Guest List	Required	COP Thursday, 13 July 2023	
Draft PR	Required	COP Tuesday, 18 July 2023	
Back pocket Q&A	Required	COP	

		Tuesday, 18 July 2023	
Talking points	Required	COP Tuesday, 18 July 2023	
Briefing	Required	COP Tuesday, 18 July 2023	
Social Media Images for the preferred option	Required	WK to advise	
Video	Anything that we can recycle?	WK to advise	
Information Boards	Perhaps we can re purpose some of the Boards?	WK to advise	
Presentation	Required	COP Tuesday, 18 July 2023	
Media and public information	Information pack to be distributed to the attendees, maybe brochure, pamphlets?	WK to advise	

Please do reach out if you have any questions about this!

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Apologies for the delay, s 9(2)(a).

Please see attached

Ngā mihi,  
Ruby

**Ruby Schurink**

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**From:** [Leisa Coley](#)  
**To:** s 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: AHC announcement - MoT suggestion  
**Date:** Friday, 28 July 2023 5:10:00 pm

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**From:** s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz>  
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**Subject:** AHC announcement - MoT suggestion

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Hi Leisa

Just passing MoT suggestion on WHC announcement that they recommend WK to keep AT and Auckland Council in the loop with the media prep of the announcement so they can prepare for any questions.

Happy to chat if you have any thoughts on this, thanks so much!

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**To:** [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#) [Leisa Coley](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Waitemata Harbour Crossing event confirmed  
**Date:** Friday, 28 July 2023 5:16:28 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[Event invitation - WHC emerging preferred option media stand up.docx](#)  
[Guest list - WHC emerging preferred option media stand up.xlsx](#)  
[Run sheet - WHC emerging preferred option event.docx](#)  
[Event Information Sheet \(Rt. Hon Chris Hipkins PM\) 2023 - WHC announcement event.docx](#)

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Kia ora [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#),

Please find attached first pack of documents and the event info sheet for the Prime Minister.

As stakeholders will be invited to this event, we recommend having a karakia to mark the start and end of the event (which wouldn't be typical of a media stand up), would you like Waka Kotahi to coordinate this?

Also, I will call you on Monday to discuss detail of the Bayswater Marina venue.

Ngā mihi,  
Ruby

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Hi Ruby

In terms of other docs to support the Minister, can we please prepare the following

Due to me on **COP Friday, 28 July 2023**

- Run sheet

- Guest list
- Invite design
- Event sheet for PM

Due to me on **3pm Tuesday, 1 July 2023**

- Event Briefing (including key messages) for Min Parker with a recommendation to forward to PM
- Back pocket Q&A
- Speech notes for PM and Min Parker
- PR is already drafted by the Office, this will come for factchecking

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**Cc:** Richard May <[Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Waitemata Harbour Crossing event confirmed

Thanks s 9(2)(a).

Aiming to have the form, detail of collateral and wet-weather plan, and first pack of docs to you tomorrow.

Can you please confirm what else you require (briefing/ speech notes (who for?) / media release (who for?)) and when these will be due?

Ngā mihi,  
Ruby

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Hi Leisa and Ruby

We can now confirm that the PM and Minister will hold media stand up for the Waitemata Harbour Crossing on Sunday, 6 August 2023, from 10:30am – 11:30am. The preferred location is at Sulphur Point Boat ramp, with the AHB in the background.

However, I understand that this will be an outdoor set up, as such, can I please ask the team to think about a back up plan if it's raining?

Given that it will be outdoor, the Office understands that collaterals such as boards may not be suitable (possible could be blown away by the wind), but please let us know what the team can accommodate

If you can complete the attached as well as come back to me about back up plan and collaterals by **3pm tomorrow**, that would be fab, thanks so much!

If the run sheet, invite list are ready to go, please also send in through at 3pm

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**Cc:** [Leisa Coley](#)  
**Subject:** RE: AHC announcement venue  
**Date:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 2:13:43 pm  
**Attachments:** [Speech notes \(Hon David Parker\) - AHC emerging preferred option announcement.docx](#)  
[image001.png](#)  
[Speech notes \(Prime Minister\) - AHC emerging preferred option announcement.docx](#)  
[Media release DRAFT - AHC emerging preferred option announcement.docx](#)

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Hi [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#),

First three docs attached for you.

Ngā mihi,  
Ruby

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Hi Ruby

Appreciate that the team is working on this as fast as they can, just checking how far are we in getting these docs?

Ngā mihi nui

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**Subject:** RE: AHC announcement venue

Hi s 9(2)(a),

Just got Brett's feedback and we need to make changes to several documents – working as fast as possible but may be a bit later than 1pm.

Ngā mihi,  
Ruby

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Hi Ruby

Can we please get the materials before 1pm? This is a hard deadline 😞

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Mōrena s 9(2)(a)

Please see revised first pack docs.

Second pack docs are still to come, along with a mock up of the corflute (map board) and confirmation of whether we can do social media images.

Ngā mihi,  
Ruby

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Thanks Ruby

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Hi Prisca,

We've started to plan how the event would look at Sulphur beach boat ramp but upon looking closely at the space, feel like it may not be the best option. Although it is the closest to the bridge, it is literally just a carpark with approx. 25 parks and only one way in and out.

We are concerned that there wouldn't be a wet weather alternative (it would be difficult/not possible in wind to put up a marquee on concrete), parking will be limited, and we're unsure if the location would suit security requirements for the PM.

The team feel that Bayswater Marina would be a better option as there would be plenty of parking, grassed and concrete spaces, a view of the bridge, and likely an indoor option nearby should the weather be bad (we are yet to confirm this).

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# Hon David Parker

Minister of Transport

6 August 2023



PĀNUI PĀPĀHO  
MEDIA STATEMENT

## Emerging preferred option announced for Waitematā Harbour Connections

Prime Minister Rt Hon Chris Hipkins and Transport Minister Hon David Parker have today announced an emerging preferred option for one of the most significant city-shaping projects for Tāmaki Makaurau in the coming decades – the additional Waitematā Harbour Connections.

The project is a partnership between Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Auckland Council, Auckland Transport and Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau.

Public consultation undertaken in recent months has helped to inform the emerging preferred option, an underground crossing with separate road and rapid transit tunnels. This will enable the eastern Auckland Harbour Bridge clip-on lanes to be reassigned for walking and cycling.

The emerging preferred option also includes a new rapid-transit corridor which will seamlessly link the key nodes of Albany, North Harbour, Glenfield, Smales Farm and Takapuna to the city centre in a single high-quality and high-capacity rail facility, also aligning with Auckland Light Rail.

The additional rapid-transit corridor will maximise public transport network usage and enable twice the number of daily trips across the harbour than other options presented.

This option is also the most efficient and resilient, directly responding to the increasing frequency and intensity of flooding, inundation and wind events caused by climate change.

The emerging preferred option considers the areas particularly affected by these extreme weather events around the existing Auckland Harbour Bridge, providing an alternative route, and enabling sections of the existing State Highway 1 to be raised by several metres within the existing footprint.

“Public feedback indicated a strong preference for a direct connection between Albany, Takapuna and the CBD.

“This option also allows people walking and cycling greater access and connection to existing active mode networks on both sides of Te Waitematā.”

The project will maximise accessibility to employment, education and services through improved travel times and reliability, with the addition of a fast and frequent rapid transit system.

It will also remove 160,000 more regional daily vehicle kilometres travelled than the next best performing option.

The Waitematā Harbour Connections project will provide a future proofed solution for people wanting to travel across Te Waitematā be it by car, bus, light rail, walking, cycling, or truck.

This option has more opportunities for staging and flexibility compared with the other options because the rapid transit and road crossing parts are independent of each other. The first stage would be to upgrade the existing Northern Busway, providing early benefits for Aucklanders.

The Indicative Business Case will be finalised in early 2024, followed by further detailed design, financing, procurement, consenting and public engagement as the preferred programme of work develops.

**Media contact:** s 9(2)(a)

# Speech Notes

## Waitematā Harbour Connections emerging preferred option announcement

Speech for: Rt Hon Prime Minister Chris Hipkins

Date: Sunday, 6 August 2023

Event begins at 10.15am

You will be speaking for 5 minutes

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### Speaking points

- Waitematā Harbour Connections is a city-shaping project that will better connect people and freight across our beautiful harbour.
- It's a partnership between Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Auckland Council, Auckland Transport and Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau.
- Waitematā Harbour Connections is an essential part of ensuring resilient connection across one of the busiest transport corridors in Aotearoa, providing sustainable transport choices by closing a gap in active transport modes and connecting the rapid transport network and improving the freight network.
- When it's complete, Aucklanders will have a fully multi-modal solution for people wanting to walk, cycle, take the bus, travel by light rail, drive, or transport freight across Te Waitematā.
- More transport choice and a reduced reliance on private vehicles will help us reach net zero emissions by 2050.
- Tāmaki Makaurau city is changing, and we need to act now to ensure we have the right transport solutions for the growth happening in the Northwest.
- Over the next 25 years, the North Shore will grow by the population of Hamilton.
- That's an additional 160,000 people.
- In addition, freight and jobs will continue to grow, adding to the operational pressure already on the Harbour Bridge.
- In identifying the way forward, the Waitematā Harbour Connections team has engaged with Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau on the high cultural and environmental significance of Te

Waitematā, heard from Aucklanders about what they value, worked closely with partners, built on the findings of previous work to identify a short list of options for crossing Te Waitematā.

- It was clear from the community engagement, that Aucklanders and Aotearoa strongly support the need for additional crossings and want to all modes catered for.
- There was a resounding message to 'just get on with it'.
- In recent months, the shortlist options have been further assessed and an emerging preferred option has been identified.
- Today, I am announcing that an all-tunnel scenario with separate road and rapid transit tunnel is emerging as the preferred way forward.
- This option will enable the eastern clip-on lanes on the Auckland Harbour Bridge to be reassigned to active modes for pedestrians and cyclists, address resilience issues by raising State Highway 1, north of the Harbour bridge, extend the Northern Busway by adding a dedicated busway across the Auckland Harbour Bridge to the city centre and provide light rail on the North Shore.
- Of the four shortlisted options, this option performs the best considering the investment objectives and has the greatest benefits.
- There is significant investment underway on Transport in Auckland and the project team will complete additional work including more detailed design and planning to ensure Aucklanders have an integrated transport system.

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- We all want a thriving and sustainable Tāmaki Makaurau, where people are connected and have options for how they travel.
- Waitematā Harbour Connections project supports this connection.
- It maximises the accessibility of employment, education, and services by providing connection across Te Waitematā and a reliable, fast and frequent rapid transport system.

- The way forward outlined by the Prime Minister will future proof Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland's transport network.
- The work undertaken by Waitematā Harbour Connections project team and partners shows that the option with all tunnels will deliver greater benefits than an option using bridges.
- This option provides alternative transport corridors for all modes to cross the harbour and makes a more resilient network.
- Addressing resilience is important for keeping Tāmaki Makaurau connected.
- Seawater inundation due to storm surges and sea level rise are increasing, impacting the routes approaching the Harbour Bridge, particularly on the northern side.
- The road has flooded multiple times over the past decade, including early this year.
- Flooding from the coastal storm tide occurs on the busway lane approximately once per year and more frequently on the Northern Busway shoulder.

- The emerging preferred option improves the resilience of the Auckland Harbour Bridge corridor by raising State Highway 1, north of the bridge.
- It enables the best opportunity to protect and enhance Te Waitematā and avoids impact on wāhi tapu, the need for reclamation, and structures on the seabed.
- It also allows for the removal of Victoria Park Viaduct and relocation of space within St Mary's Bay.
- This way forward includes a new rapid-transit corridor that seamlessly links the key nodes of Albany, North Harbour, Glenfield, Smales Farm, and Takapuna to the city centre in a single high-quality and high-capacity rail facility and aligns with Auckland Light Rail.
- The additional rapid-transit corridor maximises public transport network usage and provides twice the number of daily trips across the harbour than other options.
- The option provides flexibility in staging construction, with benefits realised at the end of each stage, rather than having to wait for all parts to be completed.



- This is important because construction will need to be staged over decades to fit with other investments in Tāmaki Makaurau and the longer-term vision for the overall transport network.
- It is likely that the first stage would be to upgrade the Northern Busway to provide more capacity.
- Investment in the busway can be made with the knowledge it will continue to operate as a busway in the long term.
- There is still considerable work to do.
- The next stages include completing the Indicative Business Case ahead of more detailed design, financing, procurement, consenting and public engagement.
- This work is essential for confirming how and when the project will be delivered as part of an integrated and affordable plan to meet urban growth and transport needs for Auckland over the long term.
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Hi [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Please see briefing attached – Q&A not far away.

The map is still with Robyn, yet to get an ETA on the social media images but I believe they are being worked on – am chasing the design/channels team.

Ngā mihi,  
Ruby

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If we can get the back pocket Q&A and the briefing asap that would be fab!

Also, any update on the social images for the project/ maps?

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Ngā mihi,  
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Mōrena s 9(2)(a),

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<b>Subject</b>	Waitematā Harbour Connections emerging preferred option media stand up event
<b>Date</b>	2 August 2023
<b>Briefing number</b>	BRI-2826

Contact(s) for telephone discussion (if required)				
Name	Position	Direct line	Cell phone	1 <sup>st</sup> contact
Brett Gliddon	Group General Manager Transport Services		s 9(2)(a)	✓

**Action taken by Office of the Minister**

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- ☐ Forwarded to
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2 August 2023

**Rt Hon Prime Minister Chris Hipkins**

**Hon David Parker – Minister of Transport**

## **WAITEMATĀ HARBOUR CONNECTIONS EMERGING PREFERRED OPTION MEDIA STAND UP EVENT**

### **Purpose**

1. This briefing provides you with information about the Waitematā Harbour Connections project ahead of the media stand up on Sunday, 6 August, 10:15am to 11:00am.

### **Ministerial media stand up**

2. The event will be located at Bayswater Marina, on the Old Wharf.
3. You will be introduced by Brett Gliddon, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Group General Manager Transport Services.
4. Rt Hon Prime Minister Chris Hipkins will deliver a speech followed by Hon David Parker, Minister of Transport. Each speech has been allocated 5 minutes.
5. There will be 30 minutes at the end for media interviews. Brett Gliddon will be present to help respond to technical questions.
6. We expect national media interest from all platforms, as there has been consistent interest in the project since it launched and multiples stories following the public engagement period
7. Since the start of 2023, there has been more than 45 pieces of media coverage in the mainstream nationwide media.

### **Project context**

8. Waitematā Harbour Connections is a city-shaping project that will better connect people and freight across Te Waitematā and on the North Shore.
9. It is a partnership between Waka Kotahi, Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, and Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau.
10. The project is an essential part of ensuring a resilient connection across one of the busiest transport corridors in Aotearoa, providing sustainable transport choices by providing active transport modes and connecting the rapid transport network, and improving the freight network.
11. Waitematā Harbour Connections will create new transport connections and help the North Shore grow by developing new residential and employment hubs.

12. Forty percent of travel through the current corridor, the Auckland Harbour Bridge, is not Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland-bound. This project will provide greater connection for the whole Upper North Island and unlock significant value for the entire country for generations to come.
13. Waitematā Harbour Connections is aligned with other transport planning projects, including Auckland Light Rail and future rapid transit to the Northwest.
14. The first phase of public engagement was held from November 2022 to January 2023 and found strong support for more connections over the harbour among people in Tāmaki Makaurau, Waikato and Northland regions.
15. Public consultation between 31 March and 1 May 2023 asked for people's views about how they want to cross Te Waitematā in the future, and different rapid transit connections through the North Shore. The community strongly supported the need for additional harbour connections, wanting good long-term planning that will future proof Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland's transport network.
  - The most important factors when crossing Te Waitematā were efficiency (83 percent), resilience to differing events, such as accidents and extreme weather (73 percent), and growth opportunities (73 percent).
  - When asked about delivery, the most important mode was light rail (75 percent), followed by general traffic (66 percent).
  - A direct link to Takapuna from the central city was the most preferred option when connecting the North Shore, with 90 percent of people wanting to see an increase in housing, jobs, and services around the existing Northern Busway corridor and existing communities on the North Shore.

#### Project status

20. The project is in the Indicative Business Case (IBC) phase.
21. Key features of the IBC include:
  - an assessment of transport improvement options to look at all modes (light rail, buses, walking and cycling, drivers and freight), along with determining the future use of the Auckland Harbour Bridge
  - technical evaluations of all multi-modal connection options, including a second bridge and tunnel options for light rail and road, as well as walking and cycling connections. These resulted in a series of scenarios which the public and stakeholders were asked to provide feedback on from 30 March 2023.
16. Public and stakeholder feedback has been collected and there is high awareness of the project and strong support for additional harbour connections. People are expecting a multi-modal solution that gives transport choice.
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### Key messages

18. Key messages of the Waitematā Harbour Connections project include:

- The Waitematā Harbour Connections project will improve resilience and reliability of the State Highway 1 corridor for all New Zealanders, including the nation's freight, goods, and services, to the benefit of Aotearoa New Zealand's overall productivity.
- The project will mitigate current operational pressures on the Auckland Harbour Bridge, provide more travel choice, and help with the need to reduce carbon emissions, climate change and rising sea levels.
- When finished, Aucklanders will have a fully multi-modal solution for people wanting to walk, cycle, take the bus, travel by light rail, drive, or transport freight across Te Waitematā.

19. Key messages relating to the emerging preferred option include:

- The emerging preferred option includes:
  - a new light rail tunnel from Wynyard Quarter to Albany, with stations at Belmont, Takapuna, Smales Farm, Glenfield, North Harbour, and Albany West
  - a new six-lane road tunnel (three lanes in each direction), between Central Motorway Junction and Akoranga Drive
  - full bus priority lanes between Akoranga and the City Centre, enabling a dual rapid transit system on the North Shore (light rail and busway)
  - an active modes path from Westhaven to Constellation Drive, including the re-allocation of the eastern 'clip-on' to walking and cycling
  - raising a section of State Highway 1, between the Auckland Harbour Bridge and Akoranga Drive, to protect against sea level rise.
- Furthermore, Option D is the emerging preferred option as:
  - It would remove 60 percent of the traffic and freight that currently use the Auckland Harbour Bridge (by directing it through the tunnels).
  - Busway improvements would be made through converting lanes on the Auckland Harbour Bridge to bus lanes.
  - It would provide the greatest reduction in daily vehicle kilometres travelled compared to other options.

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- The emerging preferred option would improve transport choices, resilience, and congestion for journeys across the harbour, and support quality urban development around the rapid transit stations on the North Shore. It would integrate with Auckland Light Rail to enable a single, congestion-free journey from Albany through to the city centre and south to the Airport, and retains flexibility for staging different components.
- Providing modern, high-quality, and resilient infrastructure is crucial for a thriving Tāmaki Makaurau. The emerging preferred option provides the best opportunity to do this, by responding directly to key problems – resilience, a lack of transport choice, and future growth. This option will also provide new connections and help change the way people, goods, freight, and services travel to and from Tāmaki Makaurau.
- An indicative cost for Option D is \$35 to 45 billion. The various components of this cost are as follows:

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#### Project funding and costs

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21. The IBC is funded from the National Land Transport Fund.

22. Overall funding for future phases of work is dependent on the outcomes of the IBC.

**The following briefings on this subject have been sent to your office:**

Briefing	Title	Date
BRI-2066	Update on the Additional Waitematā Harbour Connections project	12 November 2020
BRI-2369	Additional Waitemata Harbour Connections Update	22 December 2021
MIN-3862	Meeting with BECA	2 May 2022
MINO-383	Additional Waitematā Harbour Connections consultation	5 May 2022
BRI-2554	Additional Waitematā Harbour Connections – Progress Update	19 August 2022
MINO-473	Waitematā Harbour Connections - Communications and Engagement update	23 September 2022
BRI-2619	Additional Waitematā Harbour Connections – Investment Logic Map	19 October 2022
MINO-493	Waitematā Harbour Connections Communications and Engagement Strategy –Indicative Business Case phase	25 October 2022
MINO-499	Waitematā Harbour Connections Minister's Monthly Update	26 October 2022
BRI-2633	Waitematā Harbour Connections Community Events	28 October 2022
MINO-501	Waitematā Harbour Connections November Monthly Report	1 December 2022
MINO-542	Waitematā Harbour Connections December to January Monthly Report	1 February 2023
MIN-4106	Document for Waitematā Harbour Connections meeting	15 March 2023
BRI-2713	Waitemata Harbour Connections - Update on Communications & Engagement	6 March 2023
MINO-693	Waitematā Harbour Connections lines	18 April 2023



MINO-805	Waitematā Harbour Connections and Northwest Bus Improvements population assumptions	28 June 2023
MINO-808	Waitematā Harbour Connections costings	30 June 2023
MIN-4255	Waitematā Harbour Connections June Monthly Report	10 July 2023

**It is recommended that you:**

23. Note the contents of this briefing.



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**Brett Gliddon**

Group General Manager Transport Services

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**RT Hon Prime Minister Chris Hipkins**

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**Hon David Parker, Minister of Transport**

Date: 2023

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Hi [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#),

This should mostly be fine – WK is supportive of the event being a standard media stand up. I'll adjust the first pack of docs accordingly.

The BRI, Q&A, speech notes are well underway but these are running a bit behind schedule, I'm working on hurrying the team along and have all approvers on standby to review. I've just informed our Media Manager she will now need to write the PR so we'll try get that across ASAP also.

Tent/umbrellas is the plan for the Old Wharf at Bayswater Marina. Correct, the view of the AHB is somewhat limited at the Old Wharf but there is the option to walk to the breakwater part of the Marina for photo opportunities if needed. The marina is one of the best options on the North Shore and is considerably better than Sulphur Beach. Photo attached of the AHB shot.

Ngā mihi,  
Ruby

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Thanks Ruby

I have now heard from the PM about the WHC announcement, it has been confirmed that the time will need to shift from **10:15am – 11:00am** on Sunday 6 August 2023

The following is the comments from PMO, my response is in orange, can you please check if you agree with the below and attached updated run sheet?

- We would like to scale down the proposed event and have it closer to a media stand up rather than a recap of our previous event. We'd like to keep this small and therefore cut the invite list to officials and mana whenua (if required) only – **Ruby, can Waka Kotahi please reduce the invite list to make it more like a media standup?**
- Our preferred venue is the Bayswater Marina – over the suggested Birkenhead Ferry Terminal. Is there a wet weather option at the Bayswater Marina? Could you please confirm that the Harbour Bridge is visible from the proposed spot at the location? **Ruby, are we okay to say that the plan is to set up a Waka Kotahi tent and hand out umbrellas if the weather doesn't play ball on the day. The stand up will be held on the old wharf, circled below. What about the view of AHB? Limited?**
- Timing – could we please amend the timing to 10.15am – 11.00am – **ok**
- We will also invite DPM Carmel Sepuloni in her Minister for Auckland capacity, she won't need a speaking slot - **noted**
- In terms of the runsheet, it'd simply be like a media stand up with a short mihi beforehand (if required) and then PM and Hon Parker will share some words before it being opened to media questions. Waka Kotahi Officials to be there for any technical / specific questions. – **Ruby, I don't think we need mihi to keep it simple?**
- In addition to the above docs, could we please commission a draft PR, speaking points for the PM and MoT, background briefing and Q&As? **Ruby, I trust this is all underway?**
- In terms of events collateral, I understand Waka Kotahi will have NZ Govt flags and will repurpose a corflute sign, which will feature a map of the project. They are also hoping to have a public engagement summary handout for the event. **Should be okay?**

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Q&A attached for you [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#), again, sorry for the delay!

Ngā mihi,  
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Thanks Ruby

If we can get the back pocket Q&A and the briefing asap that would be fab!

Also, any update on the social images for the project/ maps?

Ngā mihi nui

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Hi s 9(2)(a),

First three docs attached for you.

Ngā mihi,  
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Hi Ruby

Appreciate that the team is working on this as fast as they can, just checking how far are we in getting these docs?

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Hi s 9(2)(a),

Just got Brett's feedback and we need to make changes to several documents – working as fast as possible but may be a bit later than 1pm.

Ngā mihi,  
Ruby

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Can we please get the materials before 1pm? This is a hard deadline 😞

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Please see revised first pack docs.

Second pack docs are still to come, along with a mock up of the corflute (map board) and confirmation of whether we can do social media images.

Ngā mihi,  
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- In terms of the runsheet, it'd simply be like a media stand up with a short mihi beforehand (if required) and then PM and Hon Parker will share some words before it being opened to media questions. Waka Kotahi Officials to be there for any technical / specific questions. – **Ruby, I don't think we need mihi to keep it simple?**
- In addition to the above docs, could we please commission a draft PR, speaking points for the PM and MoT, background briefing and Q&As? **Ruby, I trust this is all underway?**
- In terms of events collateral, I understand Waka Kotahi will have NZ Govt flags and will repurpose a corflute sign, which will feature a map of the project. They are also hoping to have a public engagement summary handout for the event. **Should be okay?**

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Any chance you can push to get the PR? Our Media Manager also needs this so she can write our PR to match.

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Hi s 9(2)(a)

We've started to plan how the event would look at Sulphur beach boat ramp but upon looking closely at the space, feel like it may not be the best option. Although it is the closest to the bridge, it is literally just a carpark with approx. 25 parks and only one way in and out.

We are concerned that there wouldn't be a wet weather alternative (it would be difficult/not possible in wind to put up a marquee on concrete), parking will be limited, and we're unsure if the location would suit security requirements for the PM.

The team feel that Bayswater Marina would be a better option as there would be plenty of parking, grassed and concrete spaces, a view of the bridge, and likely an indoor option nearby should the weather be bad (we are yet to confirm this).

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# Back pocket Q&A's - Waitematā Harbour Crossing emerging preferred option

## General

### Why is this time different to previous studies/reports?

The project is being developed as part of an **overall transport network approach** to consider all modes together. Considering the whole transport network and integrated regionwide land use collectively ensures more robust individual conclusions.

In the past, different projects considering different modes were developed separately. Progress with other projects such as the City Rail Link, Northwest Rapid Transit and Auckland Light Rail means there is more urgency to integrate this work and ensure the significant additional benefits unlocked by completing the whole multimodal transport network are realised, while also contributing to the Government's and Aotearoa New Zealand's commitment to reaching net zero emissions by 2050.

An integrated transport system with greater travel choice will particularly help groups that don't have, or who have limited access to reliable vehicles such as young people, older people, people who stay at home during workdays, and people with mobility issues.

### How can I have my say?

On the digital engagement portal at [awhc.govt.co.nz](http://awhc.govt.co.nz) through the online survey or there are opportunities to speak to the project team at a range of community events across the city.

### How does the Indicative Business Case phase work?

This planning work builds on the 2020 business case and is being undertaken through a process called an Indicative Business Case (IBC). The IBC will assess a range of options and recommend a preferred way forward for further development.

### Covid has changed travel patterns, so do we actually need big, new connections?

Even though population growth may be slower than pre-pandemic and more people may be working remotely, there is still expected to be significant increases in travel demand in the project area. Even with a substantial increase in working from home currently, the motorway and busway continue to be extremely busy at peak times. Additionally, the project is also seeking to address existing transport challenges, not just those related to future growth.

### What are the climate impacts?

New infrastructure is important to deliver alternatives to travelling by private vehicle. The solution more than doubles the capacity for sustainable travel across Te Waitematā in the future.

It will enable policy changes - road pricing, parking charges, and targeted land use intensification – that encourage the use of more sustainable transport modes.

The initial analysis of VKT and vehicle emissions impacts of the staged implementation of the project found:

- Annual CO2-e savings peaking at some 4,800 tonnes of CO2-e per year by 2051.
- Annual VKT savings of some 86 million km per year by 2065.
- Cumulative savings over the 25-year period (2041-2065) are estimated at some 82,000 tonnes of CO2-e and 1.1 billion km of vehicle travel.
- Initial analysis indicates these savings purely from the transport infrastructure would be more than three times greater if the crossing was priced.

Combined with more transport choice across Te Waitematā and beyond, this will present a significant opportunity to help decarbonise our transport network.

### **How is this option the most resilient?**

The emerging preferred option will raise a section of State Highway 1, between Auckland Harbour Bridge and Akoranga, to help protect against sea level rise. The new road tunnel will avoid disruption and closures caused by extreme weather events entirely and provides an alternative in the event of any incident.

### **How will the project be staged / constructed?**

The emerging preferred option would have the project delivered in two stages. The first stage will include:

- Upgrading the Northern Busway stations and constructing an active mode path between Constellation Drive and Akoranga Drive.
- Constructing tunnels for three lanes in each direction - between Akoranga Drive and the central motorway junction - to address resilience and allow for multimodal connections.
- Completing significant maintenance upgrades to the existing Auckland Harbour Bridge (AHB); raising SH1 to protect it from sea level rise inundation; constructing dedicated bus priority from the Akoranga Station across the AHB to the city centre; constructing a dedicated and protected active mode path from Akoranga Drive across the AHB (using eastern clip-ons) to the city centre.

The other stage will include:

- A new light rail tunnel from Wynyard

## **Funding**

### **How much will it cost?**

The potential cost of a future programme of work will be established during this current IBC planning phase.

An indicative cost for Option D is \$35 billion to \$45 billion.

#### *Indicative cost caveats:*

- *The costs to date have been developed as Indicative Business Case Estimates (IBE) – an IBE estimate is prepared as part of an Indicative Business Case, for each proposed solution. These estimates are used for comparing project options.*

- *This is one of the earliest phases of cost estimates and allows for option comparison. IBE estimates are not appropriate for the purpose of confirming implementation funding as they are not based on a developed project design of an approved solution.*
- *A recent independent review concluded that there is insufficient analysis and partner alignment to arrive at a single emerging preferred option with reasonable certainty and without considerable risk at this stage.*

### **How will the connections be funded?**

The connections in this project represent a substantial investment. As well as government funding, a wide range of tools are being considered. These include tools commonly used to help fund major transport projects in New Zealand, such as road and transport user charges, those which are less common, such as tolling, and tools which have not been used in New Zealand before, such as value capture methods – that is, contributions derived from land and property value uplift due to the project.

The indicative business case will identify a short list of funding and financing options that will be explored in greater detail as the project progresses.

### **How does the project integrate with the Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP)?**

The ATAP is a document which aligns and records the transport priorities of central and local government in Auckland for the coming decades. Funding for the current investigation of additional connections across Te Waitematā is already identified in the ATAP, for the 2021-2031 period. The funding covers studies into the additional rapid transit connection and road improvements, and provides for the potential need for strategic property purchases.

Future phases of the project, including implementation, would be subject to the funding allocated in the next iteration of the ATAP, set for 2024-2034.

## **Delivery**

### **Who's delivering this work?**

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency in partnership with Auckland Transport and Auckland Council and Ngā Iwi Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau, along with an alliance of four companies – WSP, Beca, SYSTRA and COX Architecture – will deliver the Indicative Business Case. A recommendation will be delivered mid-late 2023, with full completion of the IBC expected in early 2024.

### **What's the timing of the proposed connections?**

This project will be one of New Zealand's biggest transport investments in the coming years and is expected to involve at least 15 years of design and construction work.

### **Why is this taking so long?**

This is a long-term solution; however, Waka Kotahi are making improvements in the shorter term. In May 2022, the Northern Busway was extended from Constellation Station to Albany, and Auckland Transport will lead further enhancements to the Busway – these are planned to help ensure public transport remains a highly reliable and attractive travel option.

### **How will you work with Auckland Light Rail and other projects around Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland?**



While Auckland Light Rail and Waitematā Harbour Connections are separate projects, together they underpin expansion of the rapid transit system.

The project teams are working together to consider the full Auckland transport system to better connect road, rail, bus, walking and cycling, which will encourage quality growth and give people more travel choices. This will make the transport network more resilient, while also tackling congestion and harmful pollution.

Waitematā Harbour Connections will connect with Auckland Light Rail at the city centre, providing seamless travel options between the North Shore and employment hubs at Auckland Airport and areas of housing growth in Mt Roskill, Onehunga and Mangere, and with other future rapid transit corridors to the North-West.

### **Haven't there been investigations in the past?**

Yes, a group of studies have looked into a potential connection across Te Waitematā in the past. The project team have considered all of these studies in this current work.

### **Active modes**

#### **Why isn't there a short-term walking and cycling connection?**

Waka Kotahi has considered lane reallocation on the Auckland Harbour Bridge on a number of occasions and has identified that the risks for people walking and cycling on the structure cannot be mitigated to the level where they can be confident that it is an activity which can be managed safely on a permanent basis, alongside other considerations, without considerable impact on the operation of the wider network. This can only happen once State Highway 1 traffic has been removed.

#### **What's happening with the proposed walking and cycling bridge in the short to medium-term?**

In October 2021, the Government announced it would not proceed with the standalone bridge component of the Northern Pathway project and Waka Kotahi has worked with partners and key stakeholders to identify an alternative option. Waka Kotahi provided advice on a medium-term preferred alternative option to the Westhaven to Akoranga section of the Northern Pathway to the Minister of Transport in April 2022 and is awaiting the outcome of a decision.

#### **What will happen in the longer-term?**

With state highway traffic proposed to be removed from the Auckland Harbour Bridge, the two eastern clip-on lanes can be allocated to active modes, providing the space required to enable active modes to safely be on the Auckland Harbour Bridge.

This will be a fully integrated approach, and walking and cycling will be assessed along with all other modes to consider how to make the most of existing and new infrastructure.

### **Rapid transit**

#### **What is rapid transit?**

Rapid transit is a type of fast, frequent public transport that carries large numbers of people using a variety of modes, including rail, metro and bus that operate on specially built corridors separated from other traffic (for example, the Northern Busway), providing more reliable, uncongested routes.

### **What mode will the additional rapid transit connection be?**

Early work suggested the additional rapid transit connection needed to be a rail-based mode. Only rail-based options provide enough additional capacity to meet the forecasted future demand.

With the recent decision on light rail for Auckland Light Rail and the integration between all rapid transit projects, the mode will likely be light rail.

### **Where will the additional rapid transit connection go?**

While the previous business case identified that the additional rapid transit connection should directly link the city centre with Takapuna and Smales Farm, extending to Albany, it will need to integrate with the Northern Busway and wider public transport network. Finalising route options for this new rapid transit connection is another key part of the current planning and engagement work.

### **How does rapid transit help shape the city's growth?**

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland will significantly expand and upgrade its rapid transit network over the coming decades to support and shape the city's growth.

An essential part of Waitematā Harbour Connections will be to recommend ways to integrate these transport improvements with quality urban development and land use outcomes.

The places this project will pass through will become vibrant, diverse centres and neighbourhoods, focused on quality transport routes, enabling people to have more choice in housing, employment, education, and other services.

### **Why aren't you doing heavy rail instead of light rail?**

There has been significant planning over many years for the development of Auckland's public transport network and there are several key reasons why heavy rail (that is, the current rail system operating in other parts of Auckland) isn't being pursued for the North Shore.

The future rapid transit network has been developed on the basis that passenger volumes are best balanced by having the Northwest rapid transit and Auckland Light Rail combine for connection to the North Shore. If a different mode was used, or the connections were not made in this way, it will be more difficult to operate services in a balanced way (as in, one or more of the lines may be required to operate far more trains than needed, which has a higher cost).

### **Why not include freight on the new rail line?**

Investigations have shown the significant and growing need for high-capacity passenger services for the North Shore, which is what the light rail proposal seeks to address.

The current heavy rail network will continue to be developed to increase its ability to move freight – there is no plan to operate freight on the new North Shore light rail line.

There will be no direct connection of the light rail line to an existing heavy rail line at either end and the existing North Auckland heavy rail line (to the west of the North Shore) will continue to operate rail freight.

### **What about if the port moves?**

As part of the project assessments, we've investigated the origins and destinations of a range of transport modes, including freight, which serves the current Ports of Auckland. A change to the location of the port is therefore able to be tested as a potential future scenario, and it's known that the proportion of traffic directly travelling to or from the port is small and, regardless of the new location, many of the trips continue to need to cross the harbour. The project team will continue to investigate changes to how Auckland grows, including any changes to the port.

### **Have you looked into alternative public transport modes like gondolas or trackless trams?**

There's been a significant amount of work over many years to look at all the travel demands for people to move across Auckland, including which modes can best serve people and can form a viable network. Modes such as ferries, gondolas, monorail, and newer 'pod' technologies tend not to have the necessary capacity or are yet to be considered 'proven' technologies appropriate for serving such a critical part of Auckland.

### ***Questions regarding the existing Auckland Harbour Bridge***

#### **Can the current clip-on bridges be used for active modes of travel (walking and cycling)?**

While there is the potential to convert one or both of the clip-on bridges to active mode use, a detailed structural assessment would be required to ascertain if they could cater to active mode use. As an example, small vibrations are possible when large numbers of pedestrians and cyclists use these types of (comparatively) lightweight structures, so a vibration assessment could be needed.

The clip-ons may need strengthening, which would require a study to establish if any remedial works are needed to allow for the different loading patterns of active modes.

#### **Can the original (1959) bridge be upgraded to allow for a wider range of options for future use of the structure?**

The original truss bridge (the centre 4 lanes) could potentially be upgraded for use by different types of users, including active modes. An assessment of the change in loading patterns would need to be undertaken, but it's anticipated that the truss is less sensitive to such loading changes than the clip-ons. Targeted strengthening measures may also be needed.

An initial feasibility study of the ability of the structure to take light rail has already been undertaken. It found the structure in its current form can't withstand light rail loading, which means significant strengthening works would be required to enable a change to use for light rail.

#### **Can the bridge be better protected to avoid incidents closing the crossing in the future (such as the 2020 vehicle impact)?**

It is possible to install wind barriers, similar to those used with other bridges around the world, which could reduce the likelihood of an impact similar to the 2020 vehicle impact, which was a result of an extreme

gust of wind causing a vehicle to strike a support structure that sits above the road level. A barrier may also assist in reducing any operational restrictions on high sided vehicles in stronger wind events. Fixing a wind barrier to the bridge would require some preparatory strengthening work, which could be significant. A wind barrier would not reduce the potential impact from errant vehicles for other reasons (for example, an accident on the bridge causing an impact). Strengthening work could mitigate this risk but not eliminate it.

#### **Could the bridge be returned to its original form (that is, remove the clip-ons)?**

A detailed review would be needed to ensure this could be done safely.

#### **Could the existing bridge be removed from the harbour?**

Options for removal would need to be carefully considered if this option were ever pursued. Removal of the bridge piers could present more of a challenge as these were sunk deep into the harbour bed during construction.

#### **Can the movable barrier be removed from the bridge in future?**

An appropriate traffic safety review would be required.

#### **Could a new bridge be constructed beside the existing Auckland Harbour Bridge?**

A number of factors would need to be considered in building a second bridge in the vicinity of the existing harbour bridge including:

- The distance between a potential new crossing and the existing bridge would need to allow a new bridge to be constructed, and both bridges to be maintained.
- The distance between both the existing and a new bridge would be aerodynamically affected by the presence of the other. A detailed study through future design phases would be required to ensure no adverse effects were created.
- The landing of the bridge on either side of the harbour.

#### **How will the project be staged?**

The project team are looking at potential staging of components of the project. The project team will be seeking feedback from the public on what's most important to them – this will inform further staging.

#### **How have recent flood events affected the design or planning?**

Resilience of Auckland's transport network is a key objective of this project and the project team have been developing the design to respond to impacts similar to the January and February 2023 weather events.

#### **How and when will station locations be determined?**

Investigations are currently looking at confirming the route of the Auckland Light Rail project. Station locations will come in the next phase.

### **What if Auckland Light Rail doesn't proceed?**

Even without Auckland Light Rail on the city side of the harbour, additional public transport capacity is needed between the North Shore and the Auckland Central Business District.

Increasing the capacity of the North Shore Busway has been identified as an early activity that can assist in the short-term, but this does not address long-term capacity constraints.

By the mid-2030s, continued growth in patronage will see buses running at capacity. If increased capacity is provided through light rail, then additional infrastructure will be required on the southern side of the harbour.

### **Does this mean less growth will happen further north of the North Shore (for example, Dairy Flat)?**

The population of both the North Shore and the North Future Urban Zone (FUZ) is projected to grow, creating an increase of housing, jobs, and services around a proposed light rail line.

### **When will we know what properties are impacted by this project?**

Current investigations have been focused on confirming the mode and route across Te Waitematā and on the North Shore.

At future stages of the project, potential property impacts will depend on how the emerging preferred option is progressed with detailed design, as well as the permanent project footprint.

Discussions around any potential property impacts will take place at a later phase in the business case process.

### **Will there be more ferries as part of an integrated system?**

Funding for additional ferry services has been identified by Auckland Transport in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031. This includes a range of projects that will improve the reliability, capacity, and attractiveness of the ferry network.

### **How does the project integrate with other projects in North Auckland?**

The project integrates with Auckland Light Rail, as well as further extensions of the Northern Busway, north of Albany. It will also link to walking and cycling facilities on the existing network, with provisions to link to future active mode facilities.

In the longer-term, the project will integrate with proposed future rapid transit networks for North and Northwest Auckland. The North Detailed Business Case is currently under investigation, with the Northwest Auckland Notices of Requirement lodged at the end of 2022.

### **Are tunnels more costly than bridges?**

It is more costly to construct and operate a tunnel than a bridge. However, it's important to recognise that tunnels offer different benefits than bridges.

### **How will construction impact me?**

The nature of construction is that it is disruptive.

The location, type, and duration of these impacts will be identified during future phases. Future phases of the project will look at potential construction impacts, and their mitigation, in greater detail.

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Greater Auckland	Editor			
NZ Herald	Senior Writer			
NZ Herald	Super City Reporter			
Radio NZ	Journalist			
Radio NZ	Senior Journalist, Checkpoint			
Business Desk	Senior Journalist			
The Spinoff	Editor at Large			
Newsroom	Writer			
NZ Herald	Newsdesk			
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Newsroom	Newsdesk			
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NZME	Journalist			
News Talk	Newsdesk			

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GUEST LIST - Waitematā Harbour Connections emerging preferred option announcement				
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	Prime Minister	Rt Hon Chris Hipkins		
<b>Waka Kotahi NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY</b>				
Waka Kotahi	Group General Manager, Transport Services	Brett Gliddon	<a href="mailto:Brett.gliddon@nzta.govt.nz">Brett.gliddon@nzta.govt.nz</a>	
Waka Kotahi	Project Sponsor	Paul Glucina	<a href="mailto:paul.glucina@nzta.govt.nz">paul.glucina@nzta.govt.nz</a>	
Waka Kotahi	Project Director	Duncan Humphrey	<a href="mailto:duncan.humphrey@nzta.govt.nz">duncan.humphrey@nzta.govt.nz</a>	
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# RUN SHEET FOR WAITEMATĀ HARBOUR CONNECTIONS – EMERGING PREFERRED OPTION MEDIA STAND UP

**Date of event:** Sunday, 6 August 2023

**Time of event:** 10:15am – 11:00am

**Event location:** The Old Wharf, Bayswater Marina, 21 Sir Peter Blake Parade, Bayswater, North Shore 0622

**Dress code:** Business

**Prime Minister and**

**Minister's travel details:** Hon David Parker, Hon Carmel Sepuloni, and Rt Hon Chris Hipkins will arrive by private vehicle.

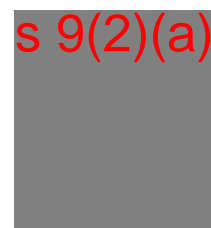
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Media and dignitaries arrive</b>
	Rt Hon Prime Minister Chris Hipkins, Minister for Auckland, Carmel Sepuloni, and Minister of Transport, Hon David Parker, arrive and will be greeted by Brett Gliddon, General Group Manager Transport Services.  Media arrive.
<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Welcome from Waka Kotahi</b>
	Brett Gliddon will welcome guests and introduce Rt Hon Prime Minister Chris Hipkins to speak.
<b>10:20am</b>	<b>Address from the Prime Minister</b>
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<b>10:25am</b>	<b>Address from the Minister of Transport</b>
	Speech from Hon David Parker.
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Media interviews</b>
	Brett Gliddon will thank the Prime Minister and Minister, and hand over to media.  Rt Hon Prime Minister Chris Hipkins and Hon David Parker to respond to questions, with Waka Kotahi spokesperson, Brett Gliddon, on hand to respond to any technical questions.  Kaity Alexander, Media Manager, Auckland/Northland, will be at the event to help coordinate media interviews.
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Event ends</b>

## Key contacts:

- Brett Gliddon, Group General Manager
- Lucie Timmers, Regional Manager Auckland & Northland, Waka Kotahi
- Anneke Boddé, Principal Advisor Waka Kotahi & WHC C&E Lead

## Media Contact:

- Kaity Alexander, Media Manager, Auckland/Northland



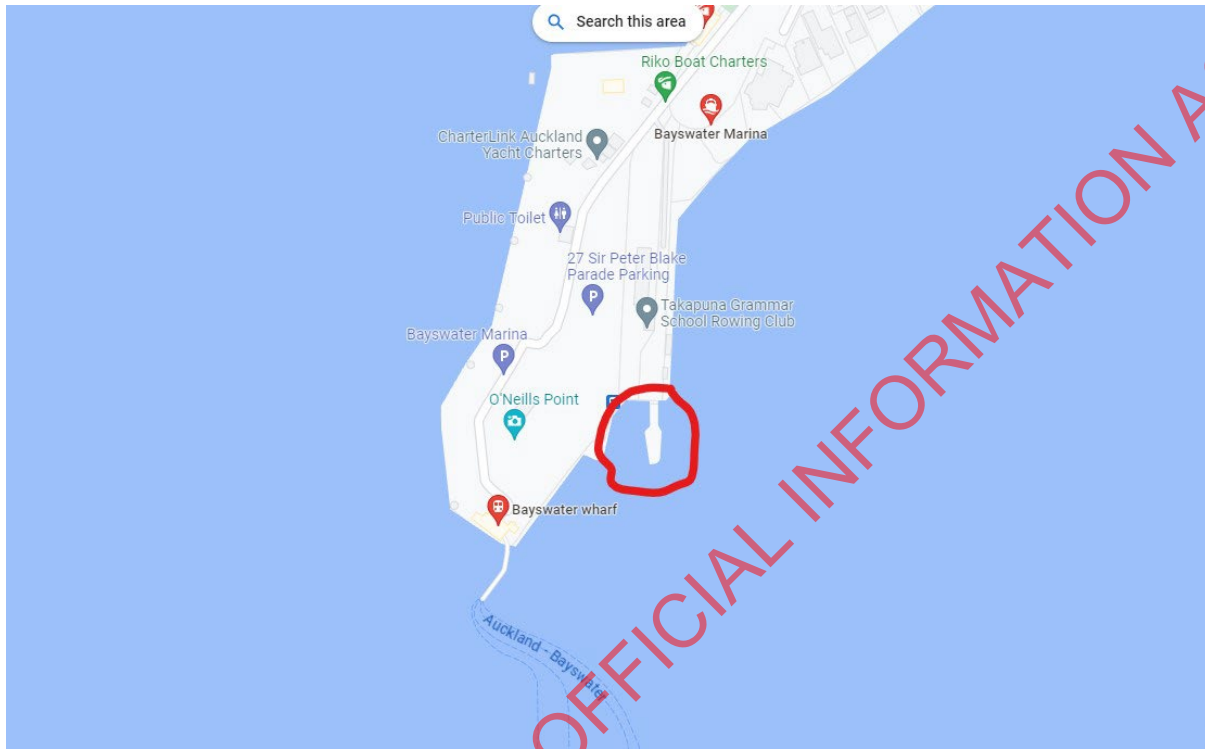
**Transport information:**

Both Hon David Parker and Rt Hon Chris Hipkins will arrive by private vehicle.

**Parking:**

Parking will be reserved for Hon David Parker, Hon Carmel Sepuloni, and Rt Hon Chris Hipkins, with plenty of additional parking (as per map below) available for media.

**Event map:**



# INVITATION COPY FOR WAITEMATĀ HARBOUR CONNECTIONS EMERGING PREFERRED OPTION MEDIA STAND UP

You're invited to join Rt Hon Prime Minister, Chris Hipkins, and Hon David Parker, Minister of Transport, at the announcement of the emerging preferred option for the Waitematā Harbour Connections project.

Waitematā Harbour Connections will provide for a fully multi-modal solution for people wanting to walk, cycle, transport freight, take the bus, drive, or travel by light rail across the Waitematā Harbour, connecting people to transport options across the region and beyond.

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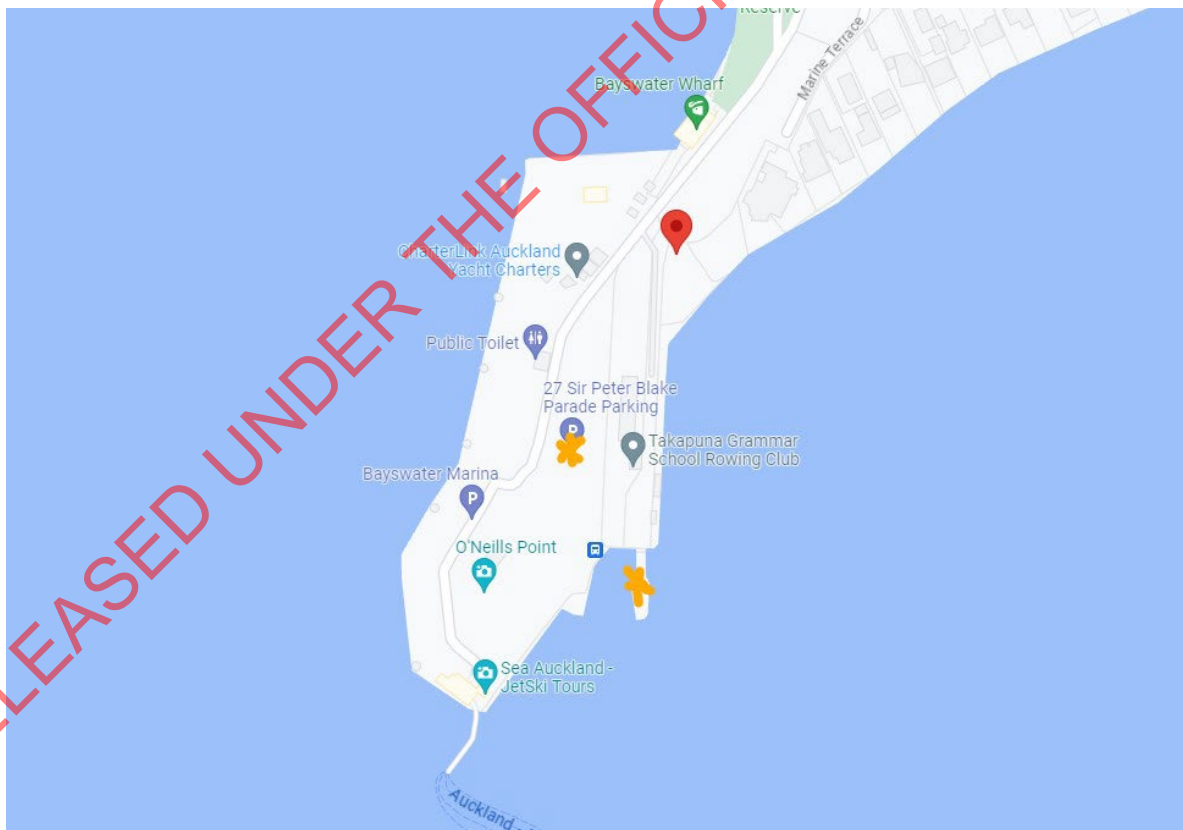
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**Parking:** Parking will be available at the Marina, with the 27 Sir Peter Blake Parade parking lot being the closest to the Old Wharf.

**Suggested map:**



Suggested images:



Logos required:

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**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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Map attached

SM tile is not far away.

Ngā mihi,  
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Thanks so much Ruby and please give my absolute big fat thanks to the Design team!

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The design team are on it! Aiming to have this to you this afternoon.

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We could:

1. ask the external provider to make a new tile (but this may not be possible in the time left and would come at a cost)
2. try get the files from the external provider so that our team could have a go at repurposing them (no guarantee they would provide 'workable' files and it may not be possible in time).
3. Ask the design team to make something from scratch but this likely wouldn't be ready until later today (and then would need to be signed out).

How would you like to proceed?

The map for the corflute board is sitting with Brett – I should have this to you in the next hour.

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Just one additional comment from the PMO, noted that WK will not be sharing any images, but can the team provide some imagery as noted below?

Item	Advice
Social media images	It may be possible to repurpose some imagery from the last event or our Channels team might be able to produce some imagery but would not include any real imagery (photographs). The map will not work as a SM tile.  Waka Kotahi will not be sharing any images on social media.

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This should mostly be fine – WK is supportive of the event being a standard media stand up. I'll adjust the first pack of docs accordingly.

The BRI, Q&A, speech notes are well underway but these are running a bit behind schedule, I'm working on hurrying the team along and have all approvers on standby to review. I've just informed our Media Manager she will now need to write the PR so we'll try get that across ASAP also.

Tent/umbrellas is the plan for the Old Wharf at Bayswater Marina. Correct, the view of the AHB is somewhat limited at the Old Wharf but there is the option to walk to the breakwater part of the Marina for photo opportunities if needed. The marina is one of the best options on the North Shore and is considerably better than Sulphur Beach. Photo attached of the AHB shot.

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# Emerging preferred option

As at August 2023



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**Cc:** [Caitlin McInnarney](#)  
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Hi Caitlin

As discussed, all good to go but if we can publish it on Sunday to tie it up with the announcement, that would be good

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**Subject:** WHC engagement summary sign off

Hi s 9(2)(a)

While the summary will not be printed for the event on Sunday, we still require the MO's approval so that we can post this to our website (ideally tomorrow, prior to the event).

Can you pass this on to the team and let me/Caitlin know once good to go? Thanks!

Ngā mihi,

**Ruby Schurink**

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# Waitematā Harbour Connections

Between March and May 2023, the Waitematā Harbour Connections project asked for people's views about how they want to cross Te Waitematā in the future, and different rapid transit connections through the North Shore.

This wider community feedback plays an important role in helping shape the recommended way forward for this city-shaping project.


## How we engaged with the community

 **800+**  
people at **20+**  
community  
events


 **20+**  
stakeholder  
group  
meetings

 **9M +**  
views from  
nationwide  
advertising

 **200+**  
stakeholders  
at ministerial  
events


 **34 pieces of**  
media coverage  
with a potential  
reach of **26M +**

 **100,000+**  
website visits  
from **21,000+**  
unique users

 **80 interactions**  
via our project  
inbox and 0800  
number

 **200+ views**  
of our online  
webinar

 **3,215 survey**  
responses

 **6 school**  
sessions

## Who we heard from

 Home owners  
and residents'  
associations

 Transport and  
infrastructure  
groups

 Business owners  
and business  
associations

 Local  
Government  
Elected Members

 Environmental  
groups

 Active modes  
groups

 Retirees

 Hapori Māori

 Tertiary and  
school students

## What we heard

You strongly supported the need for additional harbour connections, wanting good long-term planning, future proofing Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland's transport network.

"Spend the money and do it right."

Here's what factors are most important to you when crossing Te Waitematā:

### Efficiency 83%

- getting around faster



"We need to start thinking long term and how to improve the infrastructure to motivate people to use public transport, reduce carbon emissions and be more interconnected."

### Resilience 80%

- to differing events like accidents or extreme weather



"I want our city to be beautiful. I like having a tunnel for a road to separate / hide car traffic on bridge. I like resilience in our transport."

### Growth opportunities 73%

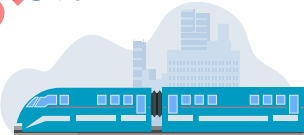
- developing and enhancing communities



"I think all options will enable future growth opportunities in the North."

When asked about delivery, you told us what modes are most important to you:

Light rail  
75%



General traffic  
66%



Walking and cycling  
63%



You told us that a **direct link to Takapuna for the Central City** is the most preferred option when connecting to the North Shore.



"Genuinely opens up the North Shore as a viable public transport option... has the ability to promote significant growth in the economy of the North Shore."

# 90%

of people want to see an **increase in housing, jobs and services** around both the existing **Northern Busway corridor** and existing **communities on the North Shore.**



## From our independent market research

### The key insights were:



strong support for additional harbour connections



high awareness of the project



people are expecting a multi-modal solution

### People want us to consider:



an efficient crossing that eases congestion



a cost effective solution



minimising disruption during construction

# Community engagement events

We took the project across the city, holding 20+ community events across Tāmaki Makaurau from Warkworth to Mangere, to give people the opportunity to learn more about the project. We also had an info hub at Karanga Plaza, Wynyard Quarter. Throughout the month, we spoke to more than 800 people.



## Next steps

We'll be incorporating what we heard into the Indicative Business Case, which is due to be completed early 2024.

We'll also continue to talk with our partners and the community as the project progresses. There'll be further community engagement as part of future phases.

You can read more about this and sign up for updates on the [Project webpage](#).

### How to contact us

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**Cc:** [Leisa Coley](#)  
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Ok gotcha, just making sure it's all good

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**Cc:** Leisa Coley <[Leisa.Coley@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Leisa.Coley@nzta.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: AHC announcement venue

Hi s 9(2)(a)

A media stand up wouldn't usually have guests outside of media so we've stripped the list back accordingly.

It would be difficult to only invite one rep from AC and AT – the Mayor and mana whenua partners would need to be invited also and that would really require a karakia etc.

Ngā mihi,  
Ruby

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Hi Ruby

Just checking the guest list is all good? No AT and AC reps in there?

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Mōrena s 9(2)(a)

Please see revised first pack docs.

Second pack docs are still to come, along with a mock up of the corflute (map board) and confirmation of whether we can do social media images.

Ngā mihi,

Ruby

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**Cc:** Leisa Coley <Leisa.Coley@nzta.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: AHC announcement venue

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Thanks Ruby

I have now heard from the PM about the WHC announcement, it has been confirmed that the time will need to shift from **10:15am – 11:00am** on Sunday 6 August 2023

The following is the comments from PMO, my response is in orange, can you please check if you agree with the below and attached updated run sheet?

- We would like to scale down the proposed event and have it closer to a media stand up rather than a recap of our previous event. We'd like to keep this small and therefore cut the invite list to officials and mana whenua (if required) only – **Ruby, can Waka Kotahi please reduce the invite list to make it more like a media standup?**
- Our preferred venue is the Bayswater Marina – over the suggested Birkenhead Ferry Terminal. Is there a wet weather option at the Bayswater Marina? Could you please confirm that the Harbour Bridge is visible from the proposed spot at the location? **Ruby, are we okay to say that the plan is to set up a Waka Kotahi tent and hand out umbrellas if the weather doesn't play ball on the day. The stand up will be held on the old wharf, circled below. What about the view of AHB? Limited?**
- Timing – could we please amend the timing to 10.15am – 11.00am – **ok**
- We will also invite DPM Carmel Sepuloni in her Minister for Auckland capacity, she won't need a speaking slot - **noted**
- In terms of the runsheet, it'd simply be like a media stand up with a short mihi beforehand (if required) and then PM and Hon Parker will share some words before it being opened to media questions. Waka Kotahi Officials to be there for any technical / specific questions. – **Ruby, I don't think we need mihi to keep it simple?**
- In addition to the above docs, could we please commission **a draft PR, speaking points for the PM and MoT, background briefing and Q&As?** **Ruby, I trust this is all underway?**
- In terms of events collateral, I understand Waka Kotahi will have NZ Govt flags and will repurpose a corflute sign, which will feature a map of the project. They are also hoping to have a public engagement summary handout for the event. **Should be okay?**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 August 2023 9:41 AM

**To:** s 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz

**Subject:** RE: AHC announcement venue

Hi s 9(2)(a)

The plan is to set up a Waka Kotahi tent and hand out umbrellas if the weather doesn't play ball on the day. The stand up will be held on the old wharf, circled below.

Any chance you can push to get the PR? Our Media Manager also needs this so she can write our PR to match.

Ngā mihi,  
Ruby

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Hi Ruby

When can we confirm this?

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**Sent:** Friday, 28 July 2023 12:46 PM

**To:** s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz>

**Subject:** AHC announcement venue

Hi s 9(2)(a)

We've started to plan how the event would look at Sulphur beach boat ramp but upon looking closely at the space, feel like it may not be the best option. Although it is the closest to the bridge, it is literally just a carpark with approx. 25 parks and only one way in and out.

We are concerned that there wouldn't be a wet weather alternative (it would be difficult/not possible in wind to put up a marquee on concrete), parking will be limited, and we're unsure if the location would suit security requirements for the PM.

The team feel that Bayswater Marina would be a better option as there would be plenty of parking, grassed and concrete spaces, a view of the bridge, and likely an indoor option nearby should the weather be bad (we are yet to confirm this).

Ngā mihi,

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Ah... I only looked at the tracked changes ><  
Good reminder though, I've passed on, thanks Richard!

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Probably to late and minor but there is no 's in te reo so there cannot be 'waka kotahi's' like I say minor and just good to remember for next time

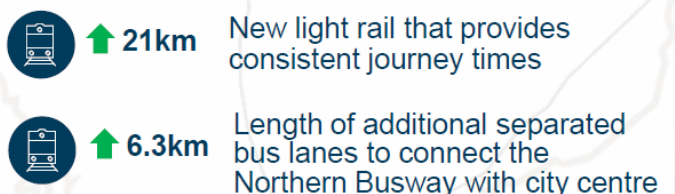
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I think mainly the info is in line with the briefing that we sent.

the only thing that isn't in the briefing is the 21km and 6.3km figures that are taken from the Board WHC presentation, snip shot below



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<Robyn.Elston@nzta.govt.nz>

**Cc:** Richard May <Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz>

**Subject:** For fact checking please - PR - due asap

**Importance:** High

Hi Andy

As indicated earlier, can you please kindly review the attached PR and let me know if Waka Kotahi has any concerns or comments on the attached version as soon as possible? PMO is keen to get this out this evening to media (embargo), thanks so much

Ngā mihi nui

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# Hon Chris Hipkins

Prime Minister

# Hon David Parker

Minister of Transport



6 August 2023

PĀNUI PĀPĀHO  
MEDIA STATEMENT

## Phased tunnels for second Harbour crossing

- Two new three lane road tunnels (one in each direction) for vehicles between the central Auckland motorway junction and Akoranga on the North Shore. These are similar in concept to the Waterview tunnel.
- The road tunnels will be each 5 km long. By way of comparison the twin 3-lane Waterview Tunnels are each 2.5km long.
- 6.3km of new separated bus lanes on the Northern Busway between Akoranga and the city centre.
- Reallocation of space on the existing Auckland Harbour Bridge for the northern busway.
- Walking and cycling paths from Westhaven to Constellation including the re-allocation of one of the lanes on the Auckland Harbour Bridge to cycling, with further advice sought on an elevated walking platform above the cycle lanes.
- Under any phasing option the number of lanes available to cars, trucks, public transport, walking and cycling all increase above the status quo.
- The raising of State Highway 1 between the existing harbour bridge and Akoranga to protect against increasing flooding and rising sea levels, using tunnelled material.
- Securing the land for the interconnection points south of the bridge, including to maximise use of the City Rail Link and the much needed North Western busway.
- A separate new 21km light rail tunnel that links to the existing Auckland Light Rail corridor, and goes from Wynyard (east of the existing Auckland Harbour Bridge) to Albany, with stations at Belmont, Takapuna, Smales Farm, Glenfield, North Harbour and Albany West. This would be a separate project from the road tunnels, and would be built in stages (as the Auckland to Waikato Expressway has been).

Two new three lane road tunnels under the Waitemata Harbour, one going in each direction, and a separate light rail tunnel that will link to the existing Auckland Light Rail corridor is the proposed plan for a second Auckland harbour crossing, Prime Minister Chris Hipkins and Transport Minister David Parker announced today.

The twin road tunnels would not be contingent on the light rail tunnels, with phasing options for the road tunnels to be considered by NZTA/Waka Kotahi, including whether to build both tunnels at once or separately. In either case, additional busway, driving and cycling and walking capacity will be created at each stage.

Separately, a future light rail tunnel is proposed from the Wynyard Quarter, under the harbour east of the Auckland Harbour Bridge, and on to six new stations on the North Shore.

This too would be phased. Construction would not be expected to begin until after at least the first of the two road tunnels is completed.

"This is a bold plan for Auckland's future that delivers a modern transport network that will connect all parts of the city," Chris Hipkins said.

"Reducing congestion requires improvements to both roading and public transport, giving the public choice.

"Under this proposal the network will become joined up, allowing Aucklanders to travel from the north to the south, east and west on public transport - freeing up room on the existing Harbour Bridge and in the new road tunnel for those who want to drive.

"A second harbour crossing is needed as soon as possible, and construction is planned to start by the end of this decade and why we are proposing a phased approach, ensuring additional capacity is achieved after each stage.

"The recent wind-related bridge closures of the Harbour Bridge, and the increasing frequency of flooding on the approaches north of the bridge, illustrate the city's vulnerability to interruptions. These new tunnels future-proof the city's transport network by reducing reliance on the Harbour Bridge while creating fast new options for getting in and out of the city.

"A project such as this must be delivered in stages, like the Waikato Expressway was, so that the cost and roll-out of each element can be managed carefully and responsibly. The Government has asked the New Zealand Transport Agency - Waka Kotahi to accelerate work on essential first steps towards realising a transport plan of this scale.

"We could afford the Harbour Bridge in 1959, when Auckland's population was only 430,000, so we can afford a second crossing that will modernise transport for the city's residents and the millions of people who visit every year," Chris Hipkins said.

David Parker welcomed another key element of the preferred option, extending the Northern Busway across the bridge into the city centre.

"The Northern Busway is among New Zealand's most successful public transport projects – it has vastly improved the daily commute made by thousands of North Shore residents into the city centre each day. Without it the northern motorway and the bridge would already be completely clogged at peak times.

"The twin-tunnel connection would allow the busway to be extended across dedicated lanes on the Harbour Bridge into the CBD. This is essential to maximising the value of other important investments such as City Rail Link currently under construction.

David Parker said the Government is instructing Waka Kotahi to speed up work to protect the route and acquire land along the emerging preferred option corridors.

"The Waka Kotahi recommended option also includes raising State Highway One north of the Harbour Bridge to protect it from flooding caused by storm surges and sea level rise.

"In my opinion, one of the problems in Auckland transport planning has been too much uncertainty. All harbour crossing options land in the same area south of the bridge, near to Victoria Park. This is the anchor point for everything.

"It is clear to me that the critical connections between the new tunnels, the Auckland Harbour Bridge, SH1 (south and north), SH16 (to the port and to the west), the City Rail Link, the Northern Busway, the much needed North Western busway, and any light rail options should be secured now.

"Much of the land is already owned by the Crown. Securing remaining land is important for all future options. The draft Government Policy Statement of Transport to be released in the coming weeks will prioritise and fund this.

"Waka Kotahi will also report back to Cabinet next year with a detailed plan for how the elements of the cross harbour plans can be phased and funded.

"With a project of this scale we will need to keep an open mind to funding options. We are seeking advice from Waka Kotahi on this," David Parker said.

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Thanks so much Richard

Really appreciate the team looking into this swiftly in a very constrained timeframe!

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Both see attached - note the comment from Andy.

Also note that the word emerging has been removed, please be aware that it is not a preferred option as far as Waka Kotahi is concerned until the board has received and signed off the IBC later this year, we were asked to provide an emerging preferred option.

Thanks

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