

CONFIDENTIAL

City Rail Link update

Recommendation

That the Board:

- i. Note progress on the City Rail Link (CRL).

Executive summary

There has been considerable progress on the CRL project over recent months.

The new temporary entrance to Britomart has opened, the pipejack under Albert Street has reached its midpoint and piling is 40 percent complete.

The first project-wide procurement documents have been released and reference design is being applied to upcoming contract documents.

Planning matters are progressing and the first sub surface property negotiations are underway.

In the sustainability space, CRL's first annual review has been published and a social outcomes strategy completed

Community Liaison Groups (CLGs) continue to meet, regular newsletters are being distributed and CRL is now using Instagram as another social media platform.

The constitution of City Rail Link Limited (CRL) is being prepared, with a target of Quarter 2 2017 for establishment.

Strategic context

1. The Auckland Plan and AT's Statement of Intent identifies the CRL project as the top priority transport project in the next 10 years. The CRL will significantly improve access to the city centre and support Auckland's growth and development.

Background

2. There has been considerable progress on the CRL project over recent months. This paper provides an update on the activities of the various workstreams within the project.

CONFIDENTIAL

External Consultation/Engagement

3. The four Community Liaison Groups (CLGs) met late last year, with another C1/C2 CLG meeting held this month and a Mt Eden CLG meeting is planned for April, prior to the start of the Nikau St stormwater works. CLGs in areas without construction meet annually. A stakeholder e-newsletter continues to be distributed at least monthly and meetings with individual stakeholders continue as required. These include SkyCity re upcoming utility works, Precinct Properties re Albert St bus locations and businesses who are facing construction impacts.
4. Work has continued to promote businesses on the hoardings adjacent to the pipejack and the team is in discussion with Stamford Plaza and Residences for the design of the permanent Albert St hoardings adjacent to them.
5. Neighbours to the Britomart works were invited for an early preview of the new Britomart accommodation building pre-Christmas as a thank-you for their patience during construction.
6. CRL is now on Instagram, as an additional social media platform to its Facebook presence.

Workstream updates

7. Construction

The new temporary entrance building for Britomart Station opened on 9 January and the Chief Post Office (CPO) entrances closed on 16 January to allow work to begin on the CRL tunnels in and under the CPO. The changeover went smoothly and pedestrian flows are being monitored to identify any necessary changes to pedestrian crossings, signage and wayfinding.

The stormwater relocation in Albert St has reached the halfway mark, with the drive from Victoria to Swanson Street completed. The 2m diameter tunnel boring machine returned to Victoria St shaft for the drive to Wellesley St.

About 40 per cent of the piles required for the Albert St C2 tunnel package have been completed. Also a traffic deck is underway in stages across the Customs St/Albert St intersection.

Utility investigations are being undertaken in advance of the main works in the Aotea, Karangahape and Mt Eden areas.

Construction within the Downtown Shopping Centre site is progressing and piling around the perimeter is now complete. Bulk excavation will follow.

8. Procurement

Following a well-attended industry briefing late last year, the first CRL-wide contract documents (C7) for the linewise systems was released to the market on 18 January seeking expressions of interest (EOI). The C3 pre-qualification documents have followed with the EOI expected in April and the request for tender in October. The C6 (Nikau St stormwater) documents are due to go out in March.

CONFIDENTIAL

9. Planning

Two appeals received on the Aotea to North Auckland Line (NAL) regional consents are being addressed through discussions with appellants and an approach to the Environment Court that they are without basis and therefore dismissed.

The NAL alteration package, including the proposed Porters Ave closure, has been notified by Auckland Council. The Nikau Street stormwater diversion has been lodged and is likely to be non-notified.

Alteration for the substrata package has been lodged with Council.

AT needs to confirm a recommendation from Council on the Aotea alteration package.

10. Property

All surface properties identified as being required have been purchased and meetings were held in late 2016 with owners of subterranean land required. The first negotiations for these start this month. There are a total of 91 negotiations required and these are scheduled to be completed, by mid-2018, with compulsory acquisition used if required.

11. Sustainability

The CRL's first annual sustainability review has been published and a social outcomes strategy completed. Both the C1 (Britomart) and C2 (Albert St) contracts have received 'Leading' ratings from ISCA (Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia) for their design and construction planning.

12. Design

Reference designs for all stations have been presented to the Urban Design Panel for review.

Reference designs for contracts C3 to C9 are being translated into particular specification clauses for the procurement documentation.

CRL continues to work with Auckland Council design office with respect to the scope and quality of urban realm reinstatement of Albert Street upon completion of the CRL works. There is considerable involvement from the political/community groups.

13. CRLL

The constitution of City Rail Link Limited (CRLL) is being developed by the shareholders, with a target of Quarter 2 2017 for establishment.

CONFIDENTIAL

Document ownership

Submitted by	Carol Greensmith CRL Communications Manager	
Recommended by	Chris Meale CRL Project Director	
Approved for submission	David Warburton Chief Executive	

Glossary

Acronym	Description
AT	Auckland Transport
C1/C2/C..	Contract One/Contract Two/ Contract.....
CLG	Community Liaison Group
CRL	City Rail Link
CRLL	City Rail Link Limited
CPO	Chief Post Office
EOI	Expressions of Interest
ISCA	Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia
NAL	North Auckland Line