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Māori Engagement in Tāmaki Makaurau

For decision: For noting:

Te tūtohunga / Recommendation

That the Auckland Transport Board (board):

- a) Note this report on Māori engagement in Tāmaki Makaurau.

Te whakarāpopototanga matua / Executive summary

1. This report and the attached information are for the fourth workshop with directors on Māori engagement in Tāmaki Makaurau. The workshop will take as read the background material to inform the discussion with the Māori Policy and Engagement Team.

Ngā tuhinga ō mua / Previous deliberations

Date	Report Title	Key Outcomes
25 February 2021	Tikanga Workshop	Discussion on tikanga in practice.
28 April 2021	Te Tiriti o Waitangi Workshop	Historical context on the Treaty of Waitangi.
27 May 2021	Treaty of Waitangi Settlements in Tāmaki Makaurau	Information and status of treaty settlements in Tāmaki Makaurau.

Te horopaki me te tīaroaro rautaki / Context and strategic alignment

2. At the board and Independent Māori Statutory Board (IMSB) meeting in May 2022 there was discussion on engagement with the IMSB, mana whenua and mataa waka. This report provides background information on Māori engagement for Auckland Transport (AT).

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Ngā matapakinga me ngā tātaritanga / Discussion and analysis

Overview

3. This workshop on Māori engagement focuses on the governance relationship between the board, IMSB, mana whenua and mataa waka. It looks at some of the challenges, potential opportunities through engagement and the current state of engagement.
4. Attachments 1 and 2 provide clarification and definitions for mana whenua and mataa waka. Attachment 3 provides a brief summary of the establishment and functions of the IMSB.

Mana whenua governance engagement

5. Mana whenua have established a collective forum to engage with the Crown, Auckland Council (AC) and the Council Controlled Organisations (CCO). The Tāmaki Makaurau Mana Whenua Forum is a governance-level independent forum which operates under its own terms of reference.
6. The forum's membership includes 19 council-recognised mana whenua iwi/hapū and can make decisions on matters within its authority. The forum does not represent individual iwi/hapū, or limit the rights and obligations of individual iwi/hapū. Matters relating to individual iwi/hapū must be consulted on separately.
7. The co-chairs of the forum are Karen Wilson (Te Akitai Waiohū) and Ngarimu Blair (Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei).
8. AT engage with the Tāmaki Makaurau Mana Whenua Forum on governance matters only. The challenges for AT governance engagement with the forum are:
 - not all mana whenua are attending the hui because of other commitments;
 - some mana whenua have confirmed they are no longer in the forum;
 - forum members only have authority to speak and make decisions on behalf of their own iwi/hapū;
 - the co-chairs can only make decisions on behalf their own iwi; and
 - the forum prioritise their engagement across the Crown and the council group.
9. In response to this, AT offers direct engagement with mana whenua.
10. The forum's engagement expectation is that a director/ or Executive Leadership Team member, Head of Māori Engagement and a technical expert attend the meetings.
11. Discussion points for directors include director attendance at mana whenua governance meetings, governance meetings with individual mana whenua or collectives and the impact of engagement.

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Mataa waka

12. AT's mataa waka engagement is through projects, programmes and plans. AT's mataa waka engagement follows the AC guidelines of engagement with Māori social, education, health organisations, mataa waka marae, taura here and individuals. There is no requirement through the legislation for governance engagement as it describes mataa waka as Māori who live in Auckland and are not in a mana whenua group.
13. AT has a database of organisations to engage with. There are challenges with engaging mataa waka organisations as their main focus is not transport but for their own outcomes. The response from these organisations is extremely low.
14. AT response to the challenges with engaging with mataa waka is to keep engaging with organisations while creating a working group to improve engagement with individuals.
15. Discussion points for directors include innovative ways to engage mataa waka.

IMSB

16. The IMSB promote social, economic and cultural issues of significance to Māori to the AC group.
17. Early engagement and collaboration with the IMSB can improve the quality of Māori outcomes, it is an opportunity to collaborate on issues that they have already engaged on with Māori and may improve support for AT initiatives at AC committee meetings. IMSB will generally want to know that AT has taken into account its issues of significance and evidence of engagement with mana whenua and mataa waka.
18. The IMSB is not a substitute for direct engagement with mana whenua and mataa waka in Tāmaki Makaurau.
19. Discussion points for directors include the governance relationship with the IMSB.

Ngā tūraru matua / Key risks and mitigations

20. Not applicable.

Ngā ritenga-ā-pūtea me ngā rauemi / Financial and resource impacts

21. No applicable.

Ngā whaiwhakaaro o te taiao me te panonitanga o te āhuarangi / Environment and climate change considerations

22. Not applicable.

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Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā whakaaro / Impacts and perspectives

Mana whenua, Ngā mema pōti / Elected members, Ngā rōpū kei raro i te Kaunihera / Council Controlled Organisations & Ngā kiritaki / Customers

23. Not applicable.

Ngā whaiwhakaaro haumaruru me ngā whaiwhakaaro hauora / Health, safety and wellbeing considerations

24. Not applicable.



Ā muri ake nei / Next steps

25. Not applicable.

Ngā whakapiringa / Attachments

Description	
1	Definitions and operating principles from The Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 and Land Transport Management Act 2003
2	List of Mana Whenua
3	IMSB

Te pou whenua tuhinga / Document ownership

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