

Regional Public Transport Plan – Proposed Programme and Consultation

Glossary

Auckland Regional Transport Authority	(ARTA)
Auckland Council	(AC)
Auckland Transport	(AT)
Land Transport Management Act	(LTMA)
New Zealand Transport Agency	(NZTA)
Public Transport Operating Model	(PTOM)
Public Transport Management Act	(PTMA)
Regional Land Transport Strategy	(RLTS)
Regional Land Transport Programme	(RLTP)
Regional Public Transport Plan	(RPTP)

Executive Summary

The RPTP specifies the public transport policies and services that AT proposes for Auckland. A service must be included in the RPTP in order for AT to contract for its provision. The current RPTP was prepared by ARTA in 2010 and needs revision to reflect:

- The changes in governance
- The strategic direction set by the Auckland Plan
- The provisions of the PTOM
- The new PT Network Plan

The draft RPTP is being prepared and is required to undergo full public consultation before being finalised and adopted by the Board, including the opportunity for all submitters to be heard by an AT Hearings Panel. It is proposed that the Hearing Panel consist of two AT Board members (one to be appointed Chair of the panel) as well as the Corporate Manager Strategy & Planning and the Manager of Public Transport Operations.

This paper sets out the programme for completing the RPTP and requests the Board to nominate three Board members for the Hearings Panel including a Chair, a Hearings Panel member and an alternate.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- i). Receive the report
- ii). Nominate a Chair and two Board members to form the Hearings Panel

Background

The PTMA requires AT to prepare an RPTP which specifies the public transport services that AT proposes for Auckland, and the policies that apply to those services. A service must be included in the RPTP in order for AT to form a contract for its provision.

This RPTP will be the first prepared by AT following the implementation of the new governance structure for Auckland in November 2010. It will replace the current 2010 RPTP and the policies and actions in the RPTP will contribute to achieving key transport outcomes and targets set out in the Auckland Plan. The public consultation process will be similar to that carried out for the RLTP.

In preparing the draft RPTP, account has been taken of the Government's intention to implement changes to the legislative environment for transport in Auckland before the end of the year. These include changes to the PTMA and LTMA which include repealing the requirement for an RLTS and the inclusion of the PTOM with its modified procurement procedures. It is understood that other requirements for an RPTP will be essentially unchanged and therefore in preparing this RPTP, AT has followed current PTMA requirements.

Compared to the current RPTP, the most significant changes in the draft RPTP include:

- Incorporation of policies and actions which give effect to the PTOM and which describe how it will be implemented through new services.
- The updated proposed PT Network structure approach building on the previous RPTP
- The fares policy, highlighting the importance of integrated ticketing and fares in the implementation of the new public transport network

PTOM principles have previously been approved by the Board and final arrangements will be confirmed in the next few months. The updated proposed PT Network structure and fares policy will be subject to a Board workshop at the July meeting.

Preliminary consultation, as required by the PTMA, has been carried out with AC and NZTA staff and in a presentation to operators. Presentations to Local Boards will be made prior to public consultation to introduce the proposed new services. Arrangements are in hand for pre-consultation with the other parties specified in the PTMA (Ministry of Education and KiwiRail).




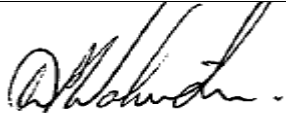
Following completion of the draft and its adoption by the Board, the draft will be issued for full public consultation using the special consultative procedure set out in the Local Government Act 2002. This includes provision for public submissions, and for submitters to present their submissions at public hearings, followed by deliberations leading to amendments and finalisation of the RPTP for Board approval in December.

Next Steps

AT will complete the stakeholder preliminary consultation for consideration in preparation of the draft RPTP and plans to finalise the draft RPTP for presentation to the Board in August for its approval before carrying out full public consultation. The planned programme for producing the RPTP is set out in Attachment 1.

Attachment

Attachment 1 – RTP Milestones and Consultation Timing

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RPTP Milestones and Consultation Timing

Key Milestones to Adoption of Regional PT Plan – Anticipated Timing							
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Key stakeholder preliminary engagement (on-going)	■	■					
Finalisation of draft RPTP doc (on-going)	■	■					
Board paper/presentation – PT Network		■					
Board's approval RPTP doc for consultation			■				
Submission period				■	■		
Hearings Panel						■	
Deliberations						■	■
AT Board adoption of RPTP							■

Note: The timetable for the consultation process will be affected by the number of submissions received.