Route Optimisation 2011-2012

Glossary

Auckland Council	(AC)
Auckland Transport	(AT)
Benefit Cost Ratio	(BCR)
Geographical Information System	(GIS)
New Zealand Transport Agency	(NZTA)
Public Transport	(PT)

Executive Summary

Route optimisation progress was reported to the AT Board in April and May. This report summarises the results for 2011-2012 and provides an update on the routes for the 2012-2013 programme.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

i). Receive the report

Strategic Context

Route optimisation is an established programme to provide network efficiency through traffic signal route optimisation in conjunction with corridor operational assessment and minor improvements. The Integrated Transport Programme highlights this as a key mechanism to directly improve the efficiency and flow of vehicles, public transport, pedestrians and cyclists on the arterial roads of the Auckland region. The region-wide signal optimisation programme will provide a coordinated approach and regular review of the signal performance and operation on strategic routes throughout the wider region on a four year cycle.

Background

The April 2012 report to the AT Board provided an update on the Regional Route Optimisation Programme and results achieved to April 2012 and outlined the proposed four year programme.

The May 2012 report provided an overview of how the traffic signals are managed, monitored, adjusted, improved and what further measures are being implemented to gain efficiencies from the traffic lights.

The economic efficiencies of achieving optimisation are measured through the regional optimisation programme. The regional route optimisation programme is a key link between planning, infrastructure development and operational management to achieve network efficiency.

The 2011-2012 programme was the first year of a four year programme and achieved route optimisation on 10% of the arterial road network.





The combined estimated savings (first year) for 2011-2012 are:

- Time savings of 818,689 travel time hours
- CO₂ reduction of 1844 tonnes
- Fuel savings of 761 thousand litres

The complete results are presented in Attachment 1. The routes in the programme have been prioritised based on improvements starting with the most inefficient routes.

The route optimisation programme has a primary focus on traffic signal efficiency but the importance of corridor integration was identified and the investigations identify complementary works that can include changes to road markings, signage improvements, bus facilities, traffic restrictions at key times, pedestrian and cycle amenity improvements and complementary capital works that range from minor improvement works (e.g. kerb widening) to identifying work for major projects (e.g. Widening of a road to achieve a consistent number of lanes through a critical section). A summary of work identified for each route is shown in Attachment 2. The traffic systems component of the work has been completed and work is in progress on the some of the minor works identified.

The cost on which the BCR is based is for the full works completed to date. This includes core works for the investigations and traffic signals improvements (\$1.04m) and the cost of the complementary safety and PT improvement work estimated at \$0.2m. Further identified physical improvements for some of the routes is in progress. Total cost of the project for 2011-2012 was \$1.24m which was close to the budget allocation of \$1.28m. First year benefits are estimated at \$14.08m and the first year BCR for the project overall is 11.3. This will reduce slightly as the additional identified minor physical works are completed. The 2012-2013 budget for this project is approximately \$3m and the target is to achieve a further 30% of the arterial roads optimised.

The 2012-2013 programme commenced in late June and nine routes are in progress in the first quarter. The provisional programme developed in April 2012 has been revised to reflect an achievable programme of routes. The programme has been amended by removing routes where disruption is expected due to major works from either transport or utility projects. Some routes have been deferred till later in the programme and some works have been brought forward. The complete revised programme is shown in Attachment 3.

Next Steps

Progress the programme of work and provide a progress report in April 2013

Confirm the programme for 2013-2014 by April 2013 and commence work by 1 July 2013

Complete the programme of work for 2012-2013 and report in September 2013

Attachments

Attachment 1 Table of results for 2011-2012

Attachment 2 Table of complementary Capital Works for 2011-2012

Attachment 3 GIS map of 2012-2013 Programme





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Route optimisation results (efficiency)

July 2011 to June 2012

Route	Travel time savings (hours)	CO ₂ emission reduction (tonnes)	Fuel savings (litres)	First year benefits (\$m)
St Lukes	81,034	266	106,098	1.46
Symonds Street	234,052	1,005	402,429	4.41
Dominion Road	105,000	117	51,000	1.72
Reported April 2012	420,086	1388	559,527	7.59
Broadway	89,083	108.1	43,093	1.45
Great South Road (GSR)Broadway to Central Park	26,991	51	22,580	0.46
Great South Road- EP Highway to Princes St	105,966	63	29,313	1.67
Great South Road Mangere to Nicholson Ave	33,177	88	38,126	0.59
Greenlane East	8,978	32	14,271	0.17
Greenlane West	85,153	55	22,970	1.24
Kyber Pass	49,255	167	74,539	0.91
Additional results end June 2012	398,603	456	201,799	6.49
Total for 2011-2012	818,689	1,844	761,326	14,08





July 2011 to June 2012

Route optimisation results Complementary Capital Works

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		Efficiency	Efficiency improvements						
	Traffic	Traffic signals	Roadway im	Roadway improvements	Public T improv	Public Transport improvements	Safe	Safety Improvements	ents
	Timing changes & software upgrades	Intersection and traffic control	Mid block upgrades	Carriageway upgrades	Clearway	Bus stop improvem ents	Ped	Cycle	Lighting
St Lukes	done	done							
Symonds Street	done	done							
Dominion Road	done	qone							
Broadway	qone	lane merge improve	Yes - Rialto median upgrade	Linemarking kerbing	yes - loading	Improved kerb	pram crossings,	cycle boxes	Improved
		improve	improvements	catchpits	AM & PM peak		push buttons,		
Great South Road (GSR)Broadway	done	control loops improve	Yes - Erin St and Cornwall Pk	Linemarking median upgrade			island improveme	cycle lanes control loops	
to Central Park		signage	Ave pram crossings marking				nts, pram crossings, tactiles, service	cycle boxes	
Great South Road- EP Highway to Princes St	done	control loops improve signage		Widening drainage kerbing			pram crossings, tactiles, sign age		Improved
							improveme nts		





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Great South Road Mangere to Nicholson Ave	done	done		Linemarking signage catchpits			pram crossings, tactiles, sign age		
Greenlane East	done	signal poles relocate		Linemarking			pram crossings, tactiles, sign age		Improved
Greenlane West	done	control loops improve signal poles relocate signage		Widening drainage kerbing		relocated bus stop	pram crossings, tactiles, sign age, road	cycle lane cycle boxes control loops	Improved
Khyber Pass	done	Yes lane merge improve control loops improve		drainage kerbing linemarking			pram crossings, tactiles, push buttons, signage.	cycle boxes control loops	Improved





