

AGENDA ITEM 15   BOARD NOTING PAPER	
<b>To:</b>	Board
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<b>Reviewed:</b>	Dean Kimpton, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Date:</b>	21/11/2023
<b>Title:</b>	Climate Change and Sustainability Report

## Aronga / Purpose

1. To provide a draft Climate Change and Sustainability Report and Dashboard for review and feedback.

## Te tūhonga / Recommendation

That the Auckland Transport Board (board):

- a) Reviews and provides feedback on the draft Climate Change and Sustainability Report and Dashboard.

## Te horopaki / Background

2. The board has requested that climate change and sustainability be added to future open board meeting agendas as a standing item.
3. The Climate Change and Sustainability Report and Dashboard (CCS Report) reflects the full portfolio of work governed by the Climate Change and Sustainability Enterprise Portfolio Steering Group (CCS EPSG).
4. The CCS Report reflects the core elements of climate change, environment, and social and economic outcomes and focuses on reporting compliance with legislative requirements such as the New Zealand Climate Standards CS-1, council plans such as Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan and the Transport Emissions Reduction Pathway (TERP), and voluntary commitments such as the Climate Leaders Coalition; as well as reporting against targets in the Auckland Transport (AT) Sustainability Strategy 2023-2031 (once endorsed) and associated plans such as Hiikina te Wero Environment Action Plan.

## Me mōhio koe / What you need to know

5. The CCS Report is provided as Attachment 1 in draft format for board input and feedback.

### CCS Portfolio highlights

6. The AT Sustainability Strategy 2023-2031 was noted by the Design and Delivery Committee (DDC) at its 14 November 2023 meeting and feedback will be incorporated into the strategy before it is presented to the board for approval at its 27 February 2024 meeting.
7. The Vehicle Kilometres Travelled (VKT) Reduction Plan was presented to DDC at its 14 November 2023 meeting and the Transport Infrastructure Committee (TIC) at its 15 November 2023 meeting. Both committees were supportive of the plan which provides a pathway to achieve a 29% reduction in VKT by 2035 to meet Emission Reduction Plan (ERP) targets, or by 2030 to meet TERP targets.
8. Funding associated with delivery on VKT and TERP targets does however require resolution through the LTP process. This will be challenging in a fiscally constrained environment and in the absence of an updated GPS Transport. In the meantime, AT commitment is all budgets, projects and services are to align with these outcomes. A recent example of innovation and ongoing commitment is the allocation of funding for low-carbon footpath trials – two trials are in the planning / design phase.

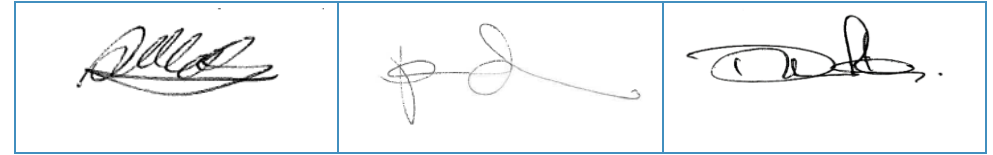
### Key issues and risks

9. The recent organisational redesign process is nearing completion and will see the combining of the Sustainability and Environment teams.
10. There is a potential shift in focus on environment and climate change from the new government. We expect the GPS Transport to provide the clarity needed.

### Upcoming priorities

11. Continued embedding of Climate Change and Sustainability into AT's strategies, policies, systems, processes, and procedures; including staff awareness and support.

12. Embedding climate risk into the Risk Management Framework, including commencement of a Climate Transition Plan and working with the Auckland Council Group to establish group climate risk management.
13. Proposal to the AT Board for their approval of the amended Climate Change Policy as per Audit NZ recommendations (this will be presented to the Finance and Assurance Committee at its 27 November 2023 meeting and to the board at its 27 February 2024 meeting).
14. Planning for how AT could support the uptake of electric vehicles in Auckland, in partnership with the Auckland Council whanau, stakeholders including the Ministry for the Environment, Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency and the private sector. This work aligns with the VKT Reduction Plan.



### Ā muri ake nei / Next steps

15. The next report and dashboard will be presented at the 27 February 2024 meeting and will incorporate any feedback provided.
16. The CCS Report will be updated over the next 2-3 board meetings as further feedback is received.

### Te whakapiringa / Attachment

Attachment #	Description
1	Climate Change and Sustainability Report

### Te pou whenua tuhinga / Document ownership

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