

## **Summary Statement - Theunis van Schalkwyk**

1. I currently hold the position of Group Manager Strategic Projects at Auckland Transport (AT).

### **Overview**

2. The East-West Link is consistent with AT's strategic transport plans, and I consider that it responds to an identified need to improve freight and general traffic efficiency, public transport, and walking and cycling options in the project area. AT's continued involvement in the EWL project will be essential in ensuring integration with the wider transport network and with AT's future transport infrastructure plans in the project area.

### **Light rail**

3. The existing EWL alignment caters for light rail from the Auckland's central city to the airport.
4. Submitters raised the idea of modifying the East West Link to enable light rail to service the Onehunga Wharf. Our feasibility work to date considered options to maximise accessibility whilst also keeping airport to city travel times below 45mins. It has therefore ruled out alignments that utilise the old Mangere Bridge due to slow travel times. Also, it was suggested that Galway Street needed realignment, however, I consider that any movement of Galway Street needs to carefully consider any implications for AT's preferred light rail alignment.

### **Issues raised by Kiwi**

5. Discussions are continuing between Kiwi Property Group Limited and AT as to the best way to monitor traffic around Sylvia Park. I wish to reiterate to the Board that AT carries out extensive monitoring of the network for which it is responsible as a Road Controlling Authority, and NZTA's evidence is there will be no adverse effects on the road network in the vicinity of Sylvia Park.