

BOARD MINUTE AND DIRECTION

BOARD OF INQUIRY

NORTHERN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSAL

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of a Board of Inquiry appointed under s149J of the Resource Management Act 1991 to consider resource consents and notices of requirement lodged by the New Zealand Transport Agency in relation to Northern Corridor Improvements in Auckland.

THE BOARD OF INQUIRY

Judge Melanie Harland (Chair)
Conway Stewart
Nigel Mark-Brown

DATE

26 May 2017

BOARD MINUTE AND DIRECTION NO.5

GROUPINGS FOR EXPERT CONFERENCING AND SUBMITTER SESSIONS

Expert Conferencing

1. Following the receipt of the Submitters' evidence, as outlined in the Inquiry Procedures (dated 20 April 2017) and in Board Memorandum 2, the Board of Inquiry (the Board) has indicatively identified which groupings and party's witnesses will be expected to attend expert conferencing. These groupings are set out in Appendix 1 to this Minute.
2. Not every topic will be subject to expert conferencing. Conferencing will only occur where it is desirable to more specifically focus or clarify any issues relevant to any matter in contention in the proceedings which the Board needs to determine.
3. Some parties have indicated that they disagree with the models used to assess the potential effects that might arise from stormwater, noise and traffic generated by the Project, or aspects of those models. The Board proposes to deal with any issues about the use of the models as part of the conferencing for each of the above identified topics, however if the parties agree that a dedicated conferencing session would more efficiently deal with these issues, they are to advise the EPA by **2pm 2 June 2017**. If allocated, any dedicated session is likely to occur before to the conferencing for the remainder of the topic.
4. Environment Commissioners Jim Hodges and Ross Dunlop will be the facilitators for the expert witness conferencing sessions. To enable the EPA and facilitators to organise the conferencing sessions, any

party who has an expert assigned to a conferencing session is to provide the EPA with the contact details for that expert by **2pm 31 May 2017** if that information has not already been provided.

5. Expert conferencing and any facilitated sessions will occur between 29 May and 7 July 2017. At this stage it is envisaged that the majority of the conferencing will be undertaken between 19 June and 7 July 2017 in Auckland, however the parties are reminded that their experts should be available to attend any session allocated during 29 May and 7 July 2017.
6. A further direction will be issued by the Board on the 8 June 2017, outlining the final topics and groupings, attendees, dates and times of all expert conferencing sessions.

Expectations of the Board

7. The Board has issued Memorandum 03 that provides guidance to counsel and experts on the procedures for expert conferencing and sets out the Board's and facilitator's expectations.
8. The parties identified as being required for expert conferencing in Appendix 1 are expected to begin working on the requirements set out in Memorandum 03, prior to their expert conferencing session.
9. Only the expert witnesses directed to attend any expert witness conferencing session are to attend it, unless the Board has given written permission for others to attend.

Submitter sessions

10. A number of parties have provided information relating to topics that will be the subject of conferencing in their submissions. The Board would like to provide an opportunity for these submitters to provide relevant factual information, including alternative designs, to the experts prior to them conferencing on that topic.
11. If there is sufficient interest, these sessions will be held prior to expert conferencing.
12. The topics that are being considered for these sessions are:
 - a. Transport and traffic, including the busway and shared use path; and
 - b. Noise and vibration.
13. If you would like to participate and attend a session(s) of this nature, you must advise the EPA of this by **2pm Monday 05 June 2017**.

For the Board:



Judge M Harland
Chairperson

Board of Inquiry for the Northern Corridor Improvements Proposal

Dated: 26 May 2017

Appendix 1 - Groupings for expert conferencing

Transport and Traffic – General/Design/Layout/Model/Alternatives

Witness	Party
Ian Clark	The New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant)
Terry Church	The New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant)
Duncan Tindall	Auckland Council
Anthony Cross	Auckland Transport
Kathryn King	Auckland Transport
Martin Peake	Auckland Transport
Andrew Maule	Auckland Transport

Transport and Traffic – Construction

Witness	Party
Ian Clark	The New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant)
Terry Church	The New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant)
Michael Hall	Kiwi Self Storage Limited
Duncan Tindall	Auckland Council
Martin Peake	Auckland Transport

Transport and Traffic – Site Specific impacts

Witness	Party
Ian Clark	The New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant)
Terry Church	The New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant)
David Willmott	Centre for Urban and Transport Studies
Michael Hall	Kiwi Self Storage Limited
Duncan Tindall	Auckland Council
Kathryn King	Auckland Transport
Martin Peake	Auckland Transport
Andrew Maule	Auckland Transport

Noise – Operational, Construction and model

Witness	Party
Siiri Wilkening	The New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant)
Rhys Hegley	Auckland Council
Jon Styles	Board's Expert

Landscape, visual and urban design

Witness	Party
Shannon Bray	The New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant)
Geoff Land	Kiwi Self Storage Limited (to be confirmed following receipt of evidence)
Dr Stephen Brown	Auckland Council

Landfill issues

Witness	Party
Arthur Amputch	The New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant)
Simonne Eldridge	Auckland Council

Stormwater (including model)

Witness	Party
Dave Hughes	The New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant)
Kok Chiang Lee	Auckland Council

Recreation and reserves

Witness	Party
Robert Greenaway	The New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant)
Maylene Barrett	Auckland Council

Planning

Note: Further groupings, and sub-groupings associated with planning will be narrowed down in the timetable. However, all planning experts are expected to be available for conferencing, potentially multiple sessions, within the timeframe for conferencing.

Witness	Party
Cedric Burn (Designations)	The New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant)
Damien McGahan (Resource Consents)	The New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant)
Andrea Brabant	Waste Management NZ Ltd
Dr Phil Mitchell	Watercare Service Limited
Alastair Lovell	Auckland Transport
Jo Hart (Designations)	Auckland Council
Jack Turner (Resource Consents)	Auckland Council
Craig McGarr	Board's Expert