

# Minutes of Meeting

Subject: Franklin Road Community Liaison Group Meeting

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Date and time 17 August 2016, 5.30pm

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Venue Level 17, Auckland Transport, HSBC House

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| Attendees | Ashwin Kumar    | AT: Project Manager                 |
|           | Eric Van Essen  | AT: Road Development Manager        |
|           | Julie Boucher   | AT: Consultation and Engagement     |
|           | Philippa Stokes | AT: CLG Secretariat                 |
|           | Gary McLean     | MWH: Project Design Manager         |
|           | Pieter de Klerk | Watercare Services                  |
|           | Andrew Landy    | Watercare Services Ltd              |
|           | Raj Pushpagadan | Brian Perry Civil: Project Manager  |
|           | Kevin Connolly  | Brian Perry Civil                   |
|           | Pippa Coom      | Dep. Chair Waitemata Local Board    |
|           | Bruce Copeland  | Bike Auckland                       |
|           | Trevor Lund     | Freemans Bay Residents' Association |

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| Apologies | Ross Malcolm | Vector                 |
|           | Janet Wilson | Franklin Road resident |
|           | Craig Moller | Franklin Road School   |

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## Introductions

No discussion

## Watercare

Preparation work has started and is nearly complete with resource consent conditions being met and plans submitted to Auckland Council.

Work due to start shortly in Collingwood Street with site establishment. First construction works will be pot-holing on Franklin Road the first week of September.

Two lane traffic flow will be maintained during all the works unless there are unforeseen ground conditions or obstacles, etc. In this event stop/go control will be used for the minimum amount of time possible.

A newsletter for residents from Watercare outlining the work about to commence has been created and is ready for distribution.

## Lighting

### Catenary Road Lighting

Watercare raised concerns over the placement of the catenary support pole placement. The placement is flexible and allows for uneven spacing, and a Lighting Plan will be forwarded showing pole placement once received from the consultant.

The clearance under the catenary lighting is 7-8 metres so large vehicles/cranes can pass under safely. The wires used are every robust so are fine in the tree canopy.

There should be significantly less ongoing tree maintenance but questions arose about who will be managing the long term tree maintenance. Auckland Council is responsible for the ongoing tree maintenance.

### Footpath Bollard Lighting

This was a preferred option however the lighting result was poor once modelled, with irregular spacing there was no consistency of lighting throughout the street. There are also potential issues with vandalism.

### Footpath Column Lighting

Footpath column lighting is now proposed instead of bollard lighting and further design will be progressed. Concerns were raised about the light spill into properties, however each individual LED light is recessed which means they will be less visible to residents than the existing road lighting. There will need to be some additional light columns between the catenary poles and these will be shown in the Lighting Plan once received from the consultant.

## Design Update

### Ponsonby Road and Victoria Street Intersections

The previous cycleway designs at either end of Franklin Road have been revised, in light of safety concerns. The kerbside raised cycle lanes have now been extended through to the intersections to provide additional safety for cyclists.

### New World Entrance

Approval is being sought for a 'Keep Clear' box on Franklin Road outside the New World underground carpark entry and exit. This will provide easier and safer access for New World customers and also improve visibility for cyclists.

Possible removal of one car park to allow for trucks turning left into the upper New World car park.

### Stormwater Scheme Design

Due to the topography of the road, footpaths sit below the road meaning a dual catchpit system is required, with one servicing the footpath and one servicing the carriageway.

Cycle friendly catchpits are being investigated where there is a gentle drop off into the catchpit with flat grates that cyclists can easily pass over.

### Next Steps

An urban design specialist has been consulted re: landscaping. There are restrictions but aiming for what is cost effective and looks good. Any planting will be low maintenance and

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low lying to keep sight lines clear, and may be localised rather than right through the street. Hoggin (a compacted crushed limestone) is an effective material to use as a tree surround.

## Scheduled Communications

Affected residents will be advised as to when the work starts and any discussions regarding work on private properties will be undertaken directly with residents as required.

Watercare will advise residents of the various stages of work and explain why additional work will be done after Stage 1 to install stormwater pipes, catchpits and manholes.

FAQ on the website will be available and regularly updated.

## General

The Freemans Bay Residents Association is still concerned about lack of visibility due to trees when vehicles are reversing out of driveways and feels the matter is still unresolved and would like to know which houses have been identified as having visibility issues.

AT confirmed this will be looked at in further detail on a driveway by driveway basis where required. Another safety audit was recently completed by Axel Wilkie of Via Strada who is a cycle specialist. Another audit will be done once the project is as the detailed design phase.

With the proposed cycle lanes located out past the tree line it is accepted that cars will likely use this when reversing out of driveways before merging with traffic. .

It was suggested that cyclist judder bars (rubber cushions) be considered to slow cyclists down where the cycle lane transitions onto the footpath, prior to the roundabout. AT will investigate.

## Actions

| What   | Who                         | When   |
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| Email minutes of meeting to CLG members and other attendees  | Philippa                    | 22 Aug |
| Get some examples of lighting that show people what it will look like – photos of it installed somewhere else, etc   | Ashwin to request from Opus |        |
| Lighting Plan showing pole placement and example images of the column footpath lighting to be sent to Freemans Bay Residents Assn and Residents (Trevor and Ross)  | Ashwin to request from Opus |        |
| Request information from AC about the long term management of trees and provide at the next CLG meeting  | Ashwin                      |        |
| Safety audit report by Via Strada to be sent to all CLG members  | Ashwin to send to Philippa  |        |
| Include in the Project Newsletter information about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• how works on private property will be managed</li><li>• stormwater works will be required during AT's Stage 2 works</li></ul> |                             |        |

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| What  | Who    | When |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cycle lane tie-ins at either end</li><li>• Wellington St roundabout</li><li>• Street lighting</li></ul> |        |      |
| Use of cyclist judder bars  | Ashwin |      |

Meeting closed 7.40pm