

AT Board Meeting – OPEN session

Date: 8 July 2020
Time: 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Venue: Auckland Transport room 1.04, 20 Viaduct Harbour, Auckland
Board: Adrienne Young-Cooper (Chair)
Attendees: Wayne Donnelly (Deputy Chair)
Mary-Jane Daly
Dr. Jim Mather
Dame Paula Rebstock
Darren Linton

Carl Devlin (Executive Director, Programme Management & Project Delivery, Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency)

Attendees: Shane Ellison – Chief Executive Officer
Rodger Murphy – Executive General Manager, Risk and Assurance
Jenny Chetwynd – Executive General Manager, Planning and Investment
Vanessa Ellis – Executive General Manager, Customer Experience
Mark Lambert – Executive General Manager, Integrated Networks
Andrew Downie – Governance Lead
Annelieke de Wit – Board Secretary | Minute Taker

Joanne Rua – Legal Counsel, Public Law
Melanie Alexander – Traffic Operations Manager
Steve Hickey – Policy Advisor, Community & Social Policy Team, Auckland Council
Paul Wilson – Senior Policy Manager, Community & Social Policy Team, Auckland Council
Stuart Airs – Principal Specialist, Licensing & Regulatory Compliance Team, Auckland Council

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Item	Topic	Update / Actions	Responsible
	Welcome Acknowledgements		
	The Chair welcomed all present. Dr. Mather led the board through the opening karakia.		
1	Apologies		
	Kylie Clegg Nicole Rosie (delegated attendance to Mr Devlin) Councillor Darby Councillor Cashmore		
2	Late items for General Business		
	None		
3	Interest Register – Conflicts Declarations		
	No additional interests were registered. No conflicts of interest were declared.		
4	Matters Arising		
	None to report.		
5	Items for Approval		
5.1	Signage Bylaw Review – Findings Report		
	The EGM, Risk and Assurance introduced Ms Rua.		
	Ms Rua provided context to the item and introduced Ms Alexander, Mr Hickey, Mr Wilson and Mr Airs.		
	The findings report shows that road signs continue to present potential harms and nuisances for the general public, and that effectiveness could be improved. The Auckland Council board endorsed the report on 23 June 2020.		

The team requested the appointment of 2 members of the Auckland Transport board to join the joint Working Group with Auckland Council, to develop detailed options for the development of a new bylaw based on the findings report.

The following clarifications were provided following observations and questions from the board:

- The current bylaw expired in May 2020 and will be revoked in May 2022 unless it is reviewed.
- The number of complaints on signage is not beyond reasonable expectation for the region.
- Circa 50% of complaints focus on real estate signage, especially signs for Open Homes.
- Record keeping of signage and complaints has improved over the period that the bylaw has been active; the reporting function is expected to improve further.
- The bylaw does not regulate the use of te reo on wayfinding signage.
- The Customer Experience team, responsible for wayfinding signage, is collaborating with Ngati Whatua on the most effective way to include te reo on signage.

Dame Paula encouraged the team to further investigate the use of both official languages, English and te reo, on signage.

The Chair observed that all signage needs to be reviewed from a visual and hazard perspective to deliver on urban amenity and urban design. Mr Donnelly added that often signs are being missed because there is too much clutter, especially in the city centre. Mr Devlin clarified that there is no hierarchy in signage, rather that the purpose of the bylaw is to allow signage unless they represent a nuisance.

The Chair suggested Ms Clegg and Mr Linton to join the joint Working Group. This was agreed by Mr Donnelly, Dame Paula, Ms Daly and Dr. Mather.

The board:

- a) *Noted that Auckland Transport (AT) and Auckland Council have been working together to progress a review of the Signage Bylaw 2015 ("the Signage Bylaw") and have engaged with internal and external stakeholders to identify and examine the experiences and issues with the bylaw to inform whether a bylaw is still required and (if required), what it should contain.*
- b) *Noted that to enable the board to complete the review of the Signage Bylaw staff have prepared a Findings Report.*
- c) *Noted the following key findings (detailed in the Findings Report) of the review:*
 - i. *Signs continue to have the potential to cause harm and create nuisance;*

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. <i>The Signage Bylaw is part of a complex regulatory framework for managing signage issues;</i> iii. <i>The Signage Bylaw may have helped address nuisance and public safety concerns, created safe opportunities for people to meet, and indirectly supported business;</i> iv. <i>The Signage Bylaw's effectiveness could be improved by making it easier to understand and by updating certain rules;</i> v. <i>The Signage Bylaw is valid, reasonable, and does not give rise to any implications and is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990;</i> vi. <i>An options report should investigate opportunities to improve the current regulatory framework for managing signs in Auckland, including a single set of regulations for all signs (including for election signs) in a bylaw or the Unitary Plan, or a re-balanced combination of these tools.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) <i>Endorsed the Findings Report.</i> e) <i>Noted that Auckland Council governing body will also be asked (before the end of this month) to endorse the Findings Report.</i> f) <i>Noted that, subject to the board's (and Auckland Council governing body's) endorsement, the findings will be used to develop an options report around whether to make a new bylaw or to revoke the Signage Bylaw which will be presented to the board in or around September 2020.</i> g) <i>Appointed two board members, Ms Clegg and Mr Linton, to join the Auckland Council and AT Signage Bylaw 2015 joint working group to consider statutory options in response to findings from the review.</i> <p>(Dame Paula Dr. Mather): Carried.</p>	
6	General Business	
	<p>There was no general business.</p> <p>The Open board meeting ended at 9:31 AM.</p>	
Next Meeting - 21 July 2020 - Time 1:15 PM – Room 1.04, 20 Viaduct Harbour		



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Signed as a true and correct record

Adrienne Young-Cooper
CHAIR

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