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Please see below communication to you all from Phil Wilson, Chief Executive at Auckland Council, following the passing of the transport reform legislation on Thursday 30th April.

Final transport reform legislation

Tēnā koutou

Legislation has now passed changing the way transport is planned, governed and delivered in Auckland. The Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Act 2026 (the Act) makes three core changes:

- **Governance and planning arrangements will change.** The Act establishes a new Auckland Regional Transport Committee (ARTC), which will prepare a 30-year Transport Plan for Auckland and the Regional Land Transport Plan for Auckland. This creates a new joint council-government mechanism for long-term transport planning in Auckland. The intent is to improve alignment between Auckland Council and central government on strategic priorities, sequencing and investment. The Act also shifts responsibility and accountability for transport strategy, policy and planning to Auckland Council.
- **A statutory CCO continues, focused on delivering public transport services.**
- **Auckland Council will take on all other transport functions.** The Act moves most local transport functions, including Road Controlling Authority status, from Auckland Transport (AT) to Auckland Council. Governing Body and local boards will assume decision-making responsibilities that were previously exercised by the AT board or were delegated to AT staff.

We have a maximum of six months to implement the changes while continuing to deliver for Auckland.

Work to support these changes is already well underway including:

- A structural change proposal for employees of council and AT, launching for staff consultation 7 May.
- New governance arrangements including an interim board for AT and progressing the joint Auckland Regional Transport Committee with government.
- Transition planning for policies, systems and processes including supporting an enhanced role in transport decision-making for elected members.

This milestone is an important step and it's appropriate to acknowledge the wide-ranging impact of this reform. Now we can get on and work together to implement the changes required to support the opportunity ahead.

As a supplier to AT, your services to us are important through the transition and into the new model. We aim to make the transition as smooth as we can for you, to ensure the same great delivery for our region. Please share this information with your teams, as relevant. Achieving this legislative milestone allows us to define the most effective path to transition. During the transition



period (for up to six-months), all existing contracts with AT will remain with AT. At the end of six months, some contracts will move to Auckland Council, and some will sit with the transport CCO. The revised organisational structures of council and the CCO (to be confirmed in July), will determine the staff contract owners, and who will be providing agreed services within each organisation.

Through the transition period we will be providing you with general progress updates and more specific information relevant to your contract(s). For many suppliers there will be little change, for others, there may be some change, which we will communicate. Please reach out to your Procurement contact or procurement@at.govt.nz with any questions or clarifications.

Full information regarding the legislation change will be available on the [New Zealand legislation website](#), following Royal assent.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

Phil

Auckland Transport

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