

Chief Executive's Public Briefing – May 2012

1. Introduction

This report is prepared to provide Directors an overview of the business and a general "pulse" as to the state of the overall operation. Detailed comments in the Finance and Business Reports provide more data on specific topics.

2. Presentations

Presentations made since the last Board Meeting:

- NZTA Board presentation

3. RLTP Update

The RLTP consultation Hearings Panel consisting of Rabin Rabindran, Cr Christine Fletcher, Mike Williams and Ian Parton (supported by Peter Clark) heard 154 verbal submissions over five days and considered 930 written submissions. The number of submission heard was an eight fold increase on the previous RLTP hearings and indicates the importance the public attach to the process.

Of particular note was the high number of submitters (including businesses) supporting the further development of the rail network, many recommending additional stations and park and rides.

AT is expected to approve the final RLTP in June 2012 and the National Land Transport Programme is expected to be adopted on 24 August 2012.

4. Ellerslie Train Station Opening

The Ellerslie train station re-opening launch was held on 14 May 2012. The station completion includes higher levels of customer amenity and enhanced station accessibility. The station includes full CCTV and PA coverage and new integrated ticketing machines.

The project delivery model was a tri-partite arrangement between NZTA, KiwiRail and AT.

The development was largely funded by NZTA as it provided for the future fourth lane on SH1. The timing was done to integrate with the electrification programme being managed by KiwiRail and the integrated ticketing systems installation managed by AT. All work was done while the station remained fully operational.

A review of usage numbers from Ellerslie Station is of interest :

Year	Passengers Per day
2003	300
2006	1350
2011	1900
2016	2500 (est)

By 2016 Ellerslie has the potential to become one of the ten busiest stations in the network

5. Depot Construction Contract – Tender Award

The EMU depot main construction contract was awarded to Downer New Zealand on 7 May for just under \$40M. This was lower than the Engineer’s estimate due to a highly competitive market. There were no probity or legal issues identified and work is due to start on site in late May with the first activities being construction of the foundations for the main building. The project is due to be completed by the end of June 2013 in time for the arrival of the first electric train.

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