

AT/NZTA Partnership Charter for Joint Transport Operations, Auckland

Purpose

1. To inform the Board of the progress of the future partnering arrangements between Auckland Transport and the New Zealand Transport Agency regarding joint partnership for transport operations in the Auckland Region.
2. To seek in principal endorsement for the Partnering Charter to be signed by the Auckland Transport Board and the New Zealand Transport Agency Board at the Joint meeting on 3rd March 2011.

Executive Summary

The formation of Auckland Transport on 1 November 2011 has brought together the transport operations of the previous Territorial Local Authorities (TLA) and provided an opportunity for better integration of the operations of the transport network. This opportunity is recognised by both Auckland Transport (AT) and the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). One of these initiatives is to evolve the previous Traffic Management Unit and TLA traffic signal staff and resources into a partnership for joint operation of the road network.

Initial meetings and strategic traffic management workshops between representatives from AT and NZTA in November and December have led to an integrated approach to operations which will be progressed to enable the Auckland Regional and State Highway/Motorway networks to be managed via a one network approach and operated in partnership by NZTA and AT. To establish the principles for this a Partnership Charter has been developed for both Boards to endorse this direction.

Background

The Traffic Management Unit was formed under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2003 originally with the four City Councils and joined later by Rodney District, Papakura District Councils and ARTA. Within the MOU, Transit New Zealand and later NZTA was deemed managing participant with individual Service Level Agreements (SLA's) with each authority. In 2009 following formation of NZTA significant change occurred which included termination of the Network Management Operations contract and Traffic Control Room manning contract, replacing them with a combined Traffic Operations (TOC) facility at Smales Farm with all in house NZTA staff and a new professional services contract with GHD.

Following the creation of the new Auckland Council on 1 November 2010 Auckland Transport (AT) a Council controlled (CCO) with its own board was created. This replaces the six TLA's and ARTA. This change requires that the current MOU including governance and management structure be replaced to recognise the business requirements of the two partnership members AT and NZTA.

Description of Proposal

Initial meetings happened between representatives from NZTA and AT in November 2011 which led to two strategic traffic management workshops held on 3 December and 13 December 2010. At these workshops it was agreed by AT and NZTA that an integrated approach to operations will be progressed to enable the Auckland Regional and State Highway/Motorway networks to be managed via a one network approach and operated in partnership by NZTA and AT. A draft implementation programme was developed for AT-

NZTA and an interim governance group was proposed with workstreams to develop the relationship.

Options Considered

Options considered included operating:

1. A system similar to the existing system with a Memorandum of Understanding and Service Level Agreements
2. A new partnership structure with an integrated team approach to deliver an agreed scope of work with interests aligned through agreed outcomes and Key Result Areas (KRA's). Staff will continue to be employed by NZTA/AT – but work for Joint Partnership similar to an Alliance.

Preferred Option

The Partnership Structure is the preferred option for developing the one network approach.

The proposed Partnering Charter and Partnership Agreement will deliver the Partnering Ethos to replace the existing MOU and SLA's which have been in place since 2002. It is proposed that the draft Partnering Charter (Attachment A) be signed by the AT and NZTA Board at the joint Board Meeting on 3 March 2011.

Next Steps

An overarching strategy for the proposed Partnering Agreement is being developed which will detail the principals of the new structure with the aim to be in place for 1st July 2011. With approval of delegated authority from the Board's the final Partnering Agreement will be signed by AT Chief Executive David Warburton and NZTA State Highway Manager, Auckland and Northland, Tommy Parker.

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. The Partnering Charter be approved and signed by the Auckland Transport Board and the New Zealand Transport Agency Board at the Joint meeting on 3rd March 2011
2. That the Board delegates authority to the AT Chief Executive David Warburton to sign the final Partnering Agreement with the NZTA State Highway Manager, Auckland and Northland, Tommy Parker.

Attachments

- A. Partnering Charter for Transport Operations between Auckland Transport and the New Zealand Transport Agency, March 2011.

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ATTACHMENT A

Partnering Charter for Transport Operations
between Auckland Transport and the New Zealand Transport Agency
March 2011

Purpose

To operate one transport system that delivers a satisfying experience to our customers by providing an integrated approach to moving people, goods and services safely and effectively throughout the Auckland region.

Objective

To enable customers to make smarter more informed choices about the way they travel, achieving the most from Auckland's transport services and infrastructure and keeping Auckland moving by a single network approach.

We will achieve this by

- **One Network** - Operating one reliable network across all modes throughout the region.
- **Customers** – Putting customers first by being responsive and providing accurate and timely information.
- **Co-operation** – create a jointly governed, managed and staffed traffic operations centre for the Auckland Region.
- **Safety** - Ensuring the safety of all.
- **Technology** - Optimising the efficiency and effectiveness of the network through innovation and the operation of appropriate technology in real time.
- **Incidents** – Managing and responding in a timely manner to incidents on the network.
- **Expertise** - Providing technical advice for operations, strategic planning, investigations, design and construction.
- **People** – Creating and maintaining a healthy enthusiastic organisation.
- **One Team** – Proactively and collaboratively use our experience, resources and expertise to work together to deliver enhanced value for money.

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