



Weekly report

Week ending
1 July 2022



Focus areas



GOVERNANCE

- The LGWM Partnership Board hui on 15 July 2022 will continue the focus on project progress, with a particular look at strategic relationships and risk. The Board will hear from the Programme Director on her vision for taking the Programme forward.
- The next LGWM Governance Reference Group hui is on 1 August 2022
- Mana Whenua Partners have been informed of the preferred option decision process. Taranaki Whanui received that information in their May 2022 Board meeting and the same information will be discussed at the Ngāti Toa Board meeting in June 2022.



PROGRAMME

- Peer review feedback on the Preferred Option has largely been closed out. This week a response went from the Board Chair to Te Waihanga, thanking them for their advice on carbon and clarifying where the Programme has a different view and why.
- The System Plan has been supplied to the Programme with final assurance currently being requested via partners prior to inclusion of the Plan in the Preferred Programme Option Report.
- The Programme presented to Partner Council's on 27 June 2022 on the Three-year Programme and the City Streets Project. This update shared the 30% design for the Golden Mile about to be consulted on and further detail on considerations for City Street's work.
- Partner Council briefings are planned for 29 June 2022 and 1 July 2022 to discuss the Preferred Programme Option Report Recommendations ahead of Council Meetings on 6 July 2022.



PEOPLE & CULTURE

- Three-year Programme Director Leti Page from Wellington City Council started this week. A watching brief is being held on changing COVID alert levels and restrictions to ensure that any changes are reacted to quickly to ensure that there is no risk to the programme's staff or work programme. Business continuity plan updates are underway to include winter flu considerations and principles for staff wellbeing.
- Ongoing recruitment is occurring to ensure that the programme is resourced appropriately, and workloads are well managed.



SYSTEMS & PROCESSES

- Future procurement model: the procurement model for the DBC stage of the transformational programme has been approved. Implementation plans are being developed before we go into negotiation phases.
- Strategic relationships and risks are being reviewed as we approach local government elections and in response to increasing stakeholder challenges to aspects of WCC transitional cycleways plan and potential impact on LGWM's Programme of work.
- Having established the baseline for programme foundations good progress continues to be made in completing the integrated programme schedule and baselining project schedules.
- Reviews of information management systems, funding and finance processes and CRM system currently underway to improve security, structure, and efficiencies in line with the increased Programme maturity, size, and stage.

Highlights/milestones

- The Preferred Options Programme Report has gone to the LGWM Partnership Board. The Governance Reference Group received an explanation of the recommendations on 20 June 2022. Partner Council decisions are expected on 6 July 2022.
- Engagement with Golden Mile Stakeholders began in the week of 21 June 2022 starting with affected business, residents, building owners and tenants.
- Construction continues on the SH1 Cobham Drive Crossing and linkage to Tacy Street walkway.

Communications and engagement highlights

In the media and upcoming scheduled news releases:

- **Cobham Drive Crossing and SH1 safer speeds east of Mt Victoria (ongoing)** – Construction work continues on the new Cobham Drive crossing.
- **Central City Walking improvements (ongoing)** – Construction has started on the Vivian Street/Victoria Street intersection.
- **Golden Mile stakeholder engagement ahead of public engagement in July/August 2022** - We are prioritising engagement with affected businesses, residents, building owners and tenants along the Golden Mile and we are inviting them to 1-1 meetings. In addition, we are contacting all other parties along the Golden Mile and side streets and inviting them to drop-in sessions, Facebook Live events and by phone and email. Public engagement will commence from 11 July 2022 until mid-August 2022.
- **Transformational programme**- We supported a ministerial announcement of the transformational programme options on 29 June 2022. Council meetings to receive the Board recommendations on the Preferred Programme Option are planned for 6 July 2022 at both Greater Wellington and Wellington City Council.
- **Thorndon Quay and Hutt Road Improvements (1 July TBC)** – We are planning to engage with the community on a new roundabout at Aotea Quay. Changes to design are currently being worked on to accommodate concerns raised by KiwiRail. We are engaging with pre-schools and a ballet school on Thorndon Quay/Hutt Road to codesign a kids-zone to ensure safe crossing of the planned cycle path.

Project updates

	Project	Start	Finish (approved)	Phase	Budget \$m	Time (RAG)	Budget (RAG)	Comments
Three-year programme	Thorndon Quay Hutt Road	Dec-19	Apr-22	SSBC	1.6			<p>Design changes to the Aotea Quay roundabout have been provided to KiwiRail for acceptance after their request to move the roundabout 5 metres further towards State Highway One. Consultation on the traffic resolutions for the roundabout will commence as soon as an agreement is reached with KiwiRail. The 70% design for the roundabout is delayed as a result of the changes requested by KiwiRail. Wellington City Council has engaged lawyers to write the construction contract.</p> <p>The 30% design for the TQHR will be shared with the partners technical advisors this week. A co-design workshop is being held with representatives of the childcare centres and advocacy groups for the Kid-Zone trials on Thursday 30 June 2022.</p> <p>The safety median required for Thorndon Quay Hutt Road and the challenges around turning across lanes in that location have been raised as likely to be of concern to the business community in briefings with Partner Council's this week.</p>
	Golden Mile	Nov-21	Feb-23	Pre-Implementation	5.7			<p>Between 11 July and 14 August 2022, we are inviting local and regional communities in Wellington, as well as a broad range of stakeholders, to provide feedback on detailed designs for the Golden Mile. Stakeholders include but are not limited to businesses, building owners and residents on the Golden Mile (and immediate side streets), business groups, emergency services, accessibility groups, advisory groups, interest groups and more. Options that will be available for feedback during the July/August engagement are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An online interactive map on Social Pinpoint – open to all from 12 July 2022 • Public events – 2 in person and 1 online – open to all on 20 July, 28 July, and 3 August 2022. • One on one in person meetings (with an option for online) – to be offered to approximately 80 identified building owners and tenants where we need to meet 1:1 to discuss changes and opportunities from 11-13 July 2022.
	Central City Pedestrian Improvements	Jul-21 Apr-22	Mid-22 Late-22	Detailed Design Construction	0.6 1.8			<p>Construction is underway at the second of the five intersections to be improved for pedestrians along the Vivian St corridor at Vivian/Victoria. Similar work will follow on the Waterfront corridor once work in Vivian St is completed. The project is planned to be completed by the end of 2022.</p>
	Cobham Drive shared crossing and safer speeds	Jul-19	Oct-22	Implementation	2.4			<p>Construction works on the crossing have started, with impacts on traffic being minimised by undertaking construction works that are disruptive to traffic at off peak times or during the night. At this stage final construction activities are expected to be completed in October 2022. The project team is monitoring the works closely. To date there's been a few delays associated with COVID-19 and weather. The project team are looking to make up lost time where possible</p>

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City Streets (Tranche 1)	Oct-21	Jun-24	SSBC	10.8			<p>Planning and design of the 83 individual projects has commenced for the Targeted Improvements projects.</p> <p>Optioneering is underway on four business cases with two long listing workshops with the Technical Advisory Group taking place last week.</p> <p>Project scoping is underway for three additional projects taking the number of live City Streets projects to nine.</p>
Mass Rapid Transit	Mar-20	Late-22	IBC	6.2			<p>Current focus has been on confirming the preferred Programme option, with our Partners prior to the Ministerial announcement this week. Subsequent approval processes of our council partners aims to confirm the Preferred Option by the end of July 2022. Completion of the IBC remains on schedule for late 2022.</p>
Strategic Highway Improvements	Mar-20	Late-22	IBC	5.8			<p>Planning for the subsequent Detailed Business Case (DBC) continues to develop the scope, schedule, resourcing and budget required. Early investigation of a series of technical components will commence soon which assisting us to accelerate the start of the DBC phase. A response to Te Waihunga's review of the PPOR has been provided from the Board Chair. It acknowledges the advice provided and clarifies where the Programme has a different view to advice provided and why.</p>
Travel Demand Management	Jul-21	Mid-22	SSBC	2.3			<p>Discussions at the LGWM Board covered arrangements for work on Travel Demand Management and Congestion Charging. There is a live discussion about where accountability for this work might sit. In the meantime the Programme will work on defining what it needs in terms of Travel Demand Management to meet its outcomes and then progress the discussion about who is responsible for delivery and how that might occur. The discussions being had at Partner and Board level around Congestion Charging are similar with particular consideration of the national picture. LGWM is discussing what the work programme looks like for the Ministry of Transport on this issue to ensure any work it does is integrated.</p> <p>The Waka Kotahi position is that congestion pricing is a broader issue than LGWM. Waka Kotahi is working with MoT at a senior level on a coordinated approach. LGWM participation is important for a portfolio approach and to avoid duplication. LGWM participation will be sought at the appropriate time.</p>
Urban Development	Ongoing	Ongoing	n/a	n/a			<p>Wellington City Council's Proposed District Plan was considered by Council on 23 June 2023. The main change of relevance to urban development alongside the MRT corridor was with regard to the earlier 6 storeys enabled within a 15-minute walking catchment of the City Centre Zone is reduced to a 10-minute walking catchment. This is not significant as zoning will change as MRT station locations are confirmed. The WLRC Annual Partner Forum was held on 27 June 2022. A key focus was looking at what could be improved in terms of regional growth planning and future work that will be occurring on a Future Development Strategy.</p>