

## Minutes of Meeting

**Purpose of Meeting:** SH16 St Lukes Upgrade Project

**Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting 3**

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**Project:** SH16 St Lukes/Great North Road  
Upgrade Project

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**Prepared by:** Elise Miller

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**Place of Meeting:** Western Springs Garden Community Hall, Date 26 May 2014  
956 Great North Road,  
Western Springs.

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**Present:** Community Liaison Group Members

Ronnie Salunga (NZ Transport Agency's SH16 St Lukes Upgrade Project Manager)

Howard Marshall (Project Manager, Auckland Transport)

Martyn Francis (Design Manager, Aurecon)

David Hooker (Engineers Representative, Aurecon)

Simon Mitchell (Leighton, Stakeholder Manager)

Brett O'Leary (Leighton, Project Manager)

Elise Miller (Leighton, Stakeholder Liaison Officer)

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**Apologies:** Jala Shekho (NZTA Senior Engagement and Stakeholder Liaison Advisor)

Dr Cathy Casey (Albert-Eden-Roskill Councillor)

Catherine Farmer (Whau Local Board Chair)

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**Distribution:** Project website and by email to Community Liaison Group Members

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## 1 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- SH16 St Lukes/Great North Road Interchange Construction update (progress to date and overview of the next 6 months)
- Traffic management
- Noise walls
- Urban/landscape design
- BOI conditions
- Discussion

## 2 Construction Update

Brett O'Leary (LCPL Project Manager) as per presentation slide

- SH16 works commenced on the 18 May with temporary traffic management with a plan to complete night works within two weeks.
- Commencement of physical works in the week commencing 26 May.
- Bridge piling will start in June.
- Site clearance will be starting in June.

### Questions relating to the construction update:

**Q:** *What is the piling like underneath the bridge:*

**A:** Basalt, Sandstone, bedrock – nobody really knows what it's like until you get there.

**Q:** *Will there be any closures to build the bridge, how is this worked in with Well cConnected Alliance (WCA) and what about the dismantle of the bridge?*

**A:** There will be a partial closure to the lanes on the motorway to build the abutment. It will take about a week with night closures in place. To dismantle the bridge it will be cut in to pieces, and taken away, in pieces and will take about two weeks total and the work will be done at night with a detour in place for motorist safety. We work alongside AMA regarding the closures with WCA and the Causeway, Alliance; we have weekly meetings to make sure they are alongside each other.

**Q:** *When you demolish the bridge will you close both lanes at the same time?*

**A:** Effectively yes, at night and then re open from 5am the following morning so there is no disruption to peak traffic times.

**Q:** *Which route will motorists have to use if they are coming back from St Lukes when you are demolishing the old bridge?*

**A:** They will use the newly constructed bridge.

## 3 Noise walls

Aurecon/LCPL – as per presentation

- The aim is to construct permanent noise walls prior to Christmas 2014.

## 4 Urban/Landscape Design

Martyn Francis (Aurecon, Design Manager) as per presentation.

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- Urban and Landscape design based on the 'Urban and Landscaping Design Framework' established as part of the Western Ring Route.
- Opportunity for the incorporation of artworks, with potential for cultural influences

**Q:** *When will the noise walls be constructed and what will their height be?*

**A:** The heights of the noise walls vary depending on their location, and have not changed from what has previously been presented. They are currently proposed to be constructed before the end of 2014.

**Q:** *Requests were made last time regarding more information around the noise walls – have those residents been informed?*

**A:** Unfortunately, some residents failed to leave their contact details and therefore could not be responded to directly.

**Q:** *Where will the handrail at MOTAT be positioned?*

**A:** The proposed handrail is positioned at the back of the footpath to protect users from the adjacent downward slope towards the tram line. There will be no handrail separating the traffic and pedestrians.

**Q:** *Where is artificial basalt being used?*

**A:** In order to maintain the 'look' of continuous basalt at the northern abutment of St Lukes Bridge 'artificial basalt' is being utilised.

**Q:** *What will the urban design of the noise wall be?*

**A:** There are two concrete noise wall designs – One design for the majority of the project (same design on front and back – exposed basalt, with recessed stripe) and another within 'Sector 1A' (east of Carrington Road Bridge on the southern side) which matches the WCA design currently being constructed to the west of Carrington Road Bridge.

**Q:** *Is the treatment for the non-motorway face of the Sector 1A Noise Walls the same 'plain grey' as constructed to the west of Carrington Road Bridge?*

**A:** Yes. The current proposal is to replicate the design of these Noise Walls identically to those already constructed by WCA. However, NZTA will consider the possibility of providing a pattern on the non-motorway side.

**Q:** *How does the eastbound ramp from the Waterview Tunnel connect to the SH16?*

**A:** It will merge with the SH16 under Carrington Road Bridge.

**Q:** *What is the opportunity for Artworks?*

**A:** A budget is available to provide artwork as part of the project. Ideas for the location and type are welcomed. Iwi are also being consulted. Other WRR projects are delivering similar art work; with NZTA looking to progress these opportunities for the St Lukes project.

**Q:** *Does it have to be located within the designation line?*

**A:** Not necessarily. Suggested locations can be assessed.

**Public Comment:**

*Seven years ago in Victoria Park there was art work introduced with input by a Maori artist. A similar approach could be taken with St Lukes.*

**Q:** *Will the treatment pond at 1074/1084 Great North Road be accessible to the public?*

**A:** No, it will be accessible for maintenance purposes only. This is partly due to landowner agreements – two areas have been purchased, with the central area being handed back to the owner following completion of works.

**Q:** *Trees – will there be any removed?*

**A:** Areas of vegetation identified under the original Board of Inquiry will be removed, as well as additional vegetation, as consented since, to enable the widening of St Lukes Road Bridge. A mitigation planting plan has been approved by Council as presented at the CLG.

The approved consent is for a single left turn lane at Great North Road, turning onto St Lukes Road Bridge. A further application was submitted to Council on 22 May 2014 to introduce an additional lane turning left from Great North Road over the bridge. If consented this will result in six mature pohutukawa trees on the corner of 820 Great North Road being removed. This application has been publicly notified with submissions required by 04 July 2014. The application can be accessed here:

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/ratesbuildingproperty/consents/getinvolved/Pages/currentpubliclynotifiedconsents.aspx>

**Q:** *Will there be any more work on cycle/vehicle separation on St Lukes Road?*

**A:** A trial in the area was planned, however this has been postponed due to the disturbance the construction works will bring to the area. Auckland Transport will consider a future trial in discussions with the Local Board at an appropriate time towards the end of the current project.

**Q:** *Can you give us any more information on the cycleway?*

**A:** There will be cycle improvements at St Lukes Interchange with additional on-road and shared use paths being provided. The north-western cycleway will be tweaked to improve levels, with the facility within the project extents being reconstructed to provide a consistent surface finish.

**Q:** *Will there be closures to the cycleway during the works?*

**A:** There is no intention to close the north-western cycleway during works, although it must be accepted there will be some disruptions to users during construction.

## 5 Discussion

**Q:** *In regards to information to the public and contact numbers what is out there?*

**A:** The numbers that are out for the public are NZTA 0800 444 449 and Elise Millers number of 09 362 1917, which is also forwarded to her cellphone.

**Q:** *Will the public be informed regarding works to the cycleway?*

**A:** Yes, there will be notices on site to notify general public, with all relevant stakeholders also informed.

**Q:** *When will the next CLG Meeting be and will there be more notification to the public regarding this?*

**A:** Monday 25 August 2014, Western Springs Community Garden Hall. This will be mail dropped prior to the wider community and on the relevant websites.

## 6 Future Meetings and contact Details

The next CLG Meeting is Monday 25 August, 6-8pm at the Western Springs Community Hall. For further information please contact [elise.miller@leicon.co.nz](mailto:elise.miller@leicon.co.nz)