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Celia Wade-Brown
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Dear Celia

Following your Council's decision late last year to further explore alternative transport solutions around the Basin Reserve, we extended an invitation to you to meet with the Board of NZTA on 1st March 2013 to discuss your conclusions. We are looking forward to seeing you next Friday at 11.00am, at the NZTA offices in Chews Lane.

The Board is anticipating a discussion on the outcome of your analysis. Particularly, it is interested in whether your analysis has identified an option that could deliver better network connectivity and efficiency improvements than the proposed bridge solution currently offers, and at an affordable and realistic cost. We would expect the discussion will cover how any alternative option will deliver all the benefits we are seeking, including the effective separation of traffic flows, traffic flow efficiencies, improvements to the effectiveness of walking, cycling, and public transport, improvements to the local road network, and effective integration into built environment.

We have extended an invitation to Fran Wilde to attend this meeting, in her capacity as chairperson of Wellington's Regional Transport Committee, and of the Greater Wellington Regional Council. This will provide the Board with an opportunity to ensure it understands the regional strategic context and the regional transport committee's perspective on this matter as well, before making its decision on how to proceed.

Following the discussion on March 1st, the Board will re-convene in a couple of weeks to decide on the best way to proceed.

The Basin plays a pivotal role in the Wellington regional transport network and there is a need to address the real transport congestion problems at this location for today and for the future. NZTA has a duty to act promptly, and in the interests of the transport system as a whole. We look forward to our discussion next week, and to moving ahead with this issue.

Yours sincerely

Patsy Reddy
Deputy Chair NZ Transport Agency Board

CC: Garry Poole, Chief Executive Wellington City Council
Fran Wilde, Chair, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Dave Benham, Chief Executive, Greater Wellington Regional Council