



Media release

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Public feedback will help get Wellington moving

Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) has today released highlights from its public opinion survey, a response to key public feedback themes, and details of what's next for this critical regional project.

"As we complete work on our recommended programme to help the city and the region's development and transport future, we want people to know just how important their engagement is and how it is helping to shape the project," Barry Mein, LGWM programme director says.

This information release includes:

- LGWM's response to the public's feedback on nine key feedback themes
- Results from a public opinion survey of Wellington City and region residents
- What people can expect to see when the recommended LGWM programme is released

"The public engagement has been very encouraging and helpful to the work of the LGWM team" Mr Mein says.

"Over 2000 people and more than 50 stakeholders provided feedback on LGWM's public engagement in November and December 2017. This update explains how LGWM will reflect key themes of that feedback in its recommended programme."

The update also reports the results from a Research New Zealand public opinion survey commissioned by LGWM.

"To supplement the feedback from the public engagement, LGWM commissioned an independent public opinion survey of Wellington City and region residents. This survey allowed us to hear from a wide cross-section of the public who may not have engaged with LGWM so far," says Mr Mein.

In the public opinion survey 1334 residents were asked how much they supported or opposed a range of possible transport solutions.

Highlights from the survey revealed strong public support for a number of possible transport solutions including:

- Light rail from the railway station to the airport via Newtown (63% support, 13% oppose)
- Bus rapid transit on major routes to and from the central city (62% support, 7% oppose)
- An extra Mt Victoria tunnel with vehicle lanes, cycling and walking facilities (62% support, 9% oppose)
- Dedicated public-transport only lanes on the Golden Mile (57% support, 11% oppose)
- A tunnel under Te Aro for State Highway 1 traffic (56% support, 11% oppose)
- An extra Terrace Tunnel and fewer lanes on the waterfront (49% support, 15% oppose)

“LGWM is developing a whole-of-network-solution to unlock the Wellington region’s potential and ensure the city’s development and transport investments reinforce each other. Any solutions, such as those listed in the survey, won’t be built in isolation. They will be part of a package that will require a mix of changes to work as an integrated whole,” Mr Mein says.

LGWM is using the feedback it has received and its ongoing technical work to develop a recommended programme for Wellington’s urban development and transport future.

“This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for the Wellington region and it’s important we get things right. We are taking some time to define and agree the recommended programme with our partner organisations, and we are doing further work on a number of the programme’s elements,” Mr Mein says.

“We also need to engage with central government to ensure our partners, and the government, can support our recommended programme and move forward together.”

The LGWM Governance Group is targeting to engage with central government and approve the recommended programme for release by the end of August.

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Attachments

- [LGWM June 2018 update](#)
- [Research New Zealand report – Online Public Opinion Transport Survey](#)

Note to editors:

About Let’s Get Wellington Moving

Let’s Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) is a joint initiative between Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, and the NZ Transport Agency. Its focus is the area from Ngauranga Gorge to the airport, encompassing the Wellington Urban Motorway and connections to the central city, Wellington Hospital and the eastern and southern suburbs. LGWM is working with the people of Wellington to develop a transport system that supports the public’s aspirations for how the city looks, feels and functions. The programme partners want to support Wellington’s growth while making it safer and easier for people to get around.