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## **LGWM releases summary of public feedback on Wellington transport scenarios**

*Let's Get Wellington Moving* (LGWM), a joint initiative between Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, and the NZ Transport Agency, today released a summary of the public's feedback on four scenarios for Wellington's transport future.

"The scenarios we took to public engagement in November and December 2017 are complex. We're pleased more than 2000 people and 50 stakeholder groups took the time to work through our scenarios and give us feedback," says *Let's Get Wellington Moving* programme director Barry Mein.

LGWM commissioned an independent consultant, Global Research, to analyse and report on the responses. Global Research's summary report and more information about the public engagement is available [here](#).

Global Research has identified nine key themes from the feedback:

1. Support for better public transport – now and long-term
2. Universal support for less congestion
3. Widespread support for walking and cycling improvements and priority
4. Opposition to new infrastructure that encourages car use
5. A regional, integrated approach is required
6. It is time to act, while being mindful of cost
7. Future-proofed solutions are required
8. Basin traffic flow issues need to be solved, but diverse views are held
9. Wellington-specific solutions required

In the public engagement, LGWM invited people to express a preference for one of the four scenarios, which build on each other (see a description of the scenarios in our [Engagement Document](#)). Of the responses expressing a preference:

- 560 were for Scenario A
- 216 were for Scenario B
- 193 were for scenario C
- 635 were for scenario D

"It's important to note that the preferences are not votes – this isn't a referendum. Many people who selected a preference told us what they would change about their preferred scenario," says Mr Mein.

The public engagement included a series of community information sessions around the city and region, stakeholder meetings, and a public awareness programme titled *Your Voice Counts*.

“The public and stakeholders have given us a wealth of feedback about the scenarios, their preferences, and what they’d like to see changed or improved,” says Mr Mein.

“We’ll use their feedback to help guide our work as we develop a recommended programme of investment. This programme will lay out LGWM’s approach to Wellington’s transport in future, outlining recommended improvements for an integrated transport solution that helps people get around whether they’re walking, cycling, using public transport, or driving,” says Mr Mein.

“The recommended programme is unlikely to be one of the four scenarios as presented. It will include parts of the scenarios, as well as other elements supported by the public feedback and our ongoing work.”

The recommended programme will also include information about timing, costs, a pathway for design and construction, and next steps. LGWM plans to deliver a recommended programme to WCC, GWRC, and the Transport Agency in the middle of the year.

“The public will have an opportunity to provide feedback on our recommended programme,” says Mr Mein.

“I want to thank the people of Wellington and the stakeholder groups who contributed to the public engagement. We look forward to continuing our work with you and keeping you informed.”

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