

Auckland Council
Have Your Say
135 Albert Street, CBD
Auckland

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Re. Auckland's future transport projects

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the joint consultation between Auckland Council and the Government to develop an updated transport plan for Auckland. Property Council firmly believes in the importance of having robust decision-making principles for regional transport investments, that meet Auckland's future transport, housing and climate needs.

As you may know, Property Council is the leading not-for-profit advocate for New Zealand's most significant industry, property. Property is Auckland's largest industry. Property provides a direct contribution to Auckland's GDP of \$12 billion (12 per cent) and employment for 71,940 Auckland residents.

Together, with our Auckland Regional Committee we have developed high-level 'Public Transport Project Principles for Auckland'. Property Council's Auckland Committee is elected from our wider Auckland membership, and consists of passionate, industry leading developers, engineers, architects, public sector professionals, and professional services.

Property Council's 'Public Transport Project Principles for Auckland' are outlined below. In short, Property Council will support projects that will achieve a combination of the below:

1. *Unlock mass housing opportunities to reduce carbon.*
2. *Encourage people towards mass rapid transport, reducing future commute times, and increasing productivity across the region.*
3. *Free up existing routes for freight movement and interregional travel.*
4. *Any approach to funding and financing of transport projects should be the result of meaningful and early engagement with the development community and be value for money.*
5. *Has network alignment with other key regional transport projects (i.e. Harbour Crossing with CRL and ALR, Mill Road with ALR, proposed Northwest with ALR, CRL and ALR).*

Property Council's principles are designed to be applicable across a wide range of potential transport projects and to provide a robust metric to aid in decision-making. We would be happy to meet with you if desired to discuss our 'Public Transport Project Principles for Auckland' in greater detail.

Property Council further recommends that Auckland Council and the Government take a 'whole of network' approach to transport in Auckland. For us, this means enabling investment in mass rapid transport along with acknowledgement and support for the continued role for private vehicles in our transport network.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide early input into Auckland's future transport projects, as this gives our members a chance to have their say in the future of our city. For any further enquires do not hesitate to contact Logan Rainey, Advocacy Advisor, via email: Logan@propertynz.co.nz or cell: 021410787.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Cooper - Auckland Regional Chair