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Dear Rick

CYCLEWAY & WALKWAY ACROSS AUCKLAND HARBOUR BRIDGE

In recent months there has been much discussion regarding the need for and ability to provide a cycleway and walkway across the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Walking and cycling are increasingly being seen as important methods of travel, providing travel choice and accessibility but also providing a range of benefits both at a local and national level.

Auckland City Council is fully supportive of the development of a regional cycle network enabling better accessibility to and within our city. This is reflected in the significant investment Auckland City Council is placing into the development of a cycle network, and facilities across the city. Additionally, important road safety initiatives and widespread pedestrian facility improvements are also aimed at increasing walking within Auckland city. A possible connection across the Auckland Harbour Bridge would be a very significant contributor to the completeness of the walking and cycling network and would join our city's pedestrian/cycling infrastructure with that of the North Shore.

Auckland City Council therefore supports investigations into the development of a cycleway and walkway across the Auckland Harbour Bridge and inclusion in any future additional Waitemata harbour crossing. The Council is willing to work with Transit NZ on such investigations, to ensure the success and maximise the contribution that such a link would make to our walking and cycling network. I am aware that important work had been undertaken into this issue in the past, and I urge Transit to continue these efforts, with the assistance of Auckland City Council.

Please feel free to contact either myself or Allen Bufton, Group Manager - Transport Strategy, to discuss the issue and how we can work together to take this forward.

Yours sincerely,



Ken Baguley
Chairman Transport Committee

Copy to Peter Spies, Transit NZ, Auckland Regional office