
ACCORD BETWEEN WCC AND NZTA

1. Purpose of report

This report summarises the Accord developed between Wellington City Council and the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA). The Accord sets out the processes and behaviours both parties will exhibit as they seek to deliver integrated transport outcomes for Wellington City. A copy of the Accord is attached as Appendix 1.

2. Executive summary

The Accord sets out the general principles that the Council and NZTA will apply with regard to the projects they are jointly working on. Key principles include:

- Applying a 'one network' approach
- Supporting economic growth
- Strengthening Wellington's strategic location as a freight hub
- Ensuring that transport and land use decisions are integrated
- Progressing actions to strengthen key transport elements in the Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor Plan
- Improving the resilience, efficiency and reliability of the transport network

The Council have also identified some key strategic actions both would like to achieve under this Accord, including:

- Investigating options for a link road between Petone to Grenada
- Improving access to Centreport and the ferry terminals
- Implementing agreed key actions from the Passenger Transport Spine Study
- Progressing delivery of the Northern Corridor Roads of National Significance projects
- Improving opportunities for active mode travel

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

5. Discussion

5.1 Objective

The Council will be considering a number of significant transport projects during the current triennium. In acknowledgement of this, the Council and NZTA agreed there would be value in formalising the approach each would take in relation to current and new areas of work.

5.1 Consultation and Engagement

Council officers worked with NZTA officials to develop the Accord.

5.2 Financial considerations

There are no specific financial considerations included in the Accord. The projects discussed in the Accord have their own separate project budgets.

5.3 Climate change impacts and considerations

There are no specific climate change impacts and considerations included in the Accord. The projects discussed in the Accord include their own assessment of climate change impacts and considerations.

5.4 Long-term plan considerations

The projects discussed in the Accord are included in the LTP considerations where relevant.

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Appendix 1

AN ACCORD

Between

The Chief Executive and Regional Director - Central of the New Zealand
Transport Agency

And

The Mayor and Chief Executive of the Wellington City Council



Date: 17 December 2013

PARTIES

The Chief Executive and Regional Director-Central of the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), the Mayor and Chief Executive of Wellington City Council (WCC).

1. Scope

This Accord is a non statutory agreement. It does not override any of the statutory duties or responsibilities imposed by legislation on either party. Rather it is an agreement as to processes and behaviours both parties will exhibit as they jointly seek to deliver integrated transport outcomes for users of transport network in Wellington City.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. This Accord, the process for developing it, and its ongoing operation, are intended to strengthen and build the relationship between the NZTA and WCC.
- 2.2. As parties to this Accord, both the NZTA and WCC commit to acting co-operatively and collaboratively to identify opportunities to optimise outcomes and benefits for users of the transport system.

3. Protocols

These protocols will apply to behaviours and process as the NZTA and WCC engage with each other on transport and transport related issues:

- 3.1. We acknowledge that the NZTA and WCC are established under different legislation, with different (but sometimes overlapping) roles, responsibilities and accountabilities. We respect our differences and the right of each party to hold different views and/or positions on specific issues. However, each party agrees to work with each other in a collaborative, open and transparent manner, to ensure that:
 - a) There is early notification and opportunities for discussion of each other's major programme, plans, project or policy discussions which may have implications on each other;
 - b) We will give each other early notice over disagreements concerning programmes, plans, projects or policies before critical public announcements are made. In the event of a significant disagreement, we will make every effort to accommodate, acknowledge or fairly represent that divergent view.

4. Outcomes

In giving effect to the Accord, the NZTA and WCC will apply the general principles set out below to all of the projects we work on together. In addition, NZTA and WCC have identified key strategic actions both parties would like to achieve under this Accord.

General Principles	Strategic Actions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply a “one network” approach to provide those who use the transport system with an experience that is fully integrated across modes, connections and locations 2. Support economic growth and development in Wellington City through the way we plan for, and invest in the development of a multi modal transport network and the way we operate and maintain that network. 3. Strengthen Wellington’s strategic location as a freight hub by improving the efficiency of freight movements to, through and beyond Wellington 4. Ensure that transport and land use decisions are integrated so that the relationship between urban form and the transport network contributes positively to the current and future “liveability” of Wellington. 5. Strengthen the Ngauranga to Wellington Airport Corridor Plan through the implementation of key transport improvements. 6. Improve the resilience, efficiency and reliability of the transport network that links Wellington to the rest of the region and country. 7. Optimise Wellington’s urban network by making more effective use of existing transport capacity across all modes. 8. Use a safe system approach to create a transport system that accommodates human error and vulnerability. 9. Use a robust evidence base approach to maximise the value for money of our mutual investments in the transport network and system 10. Achieve efficiencies for road users and ratepayers through the effective maintenance and operation of local roads and state highways. 11. Look for innovative solutions and share the risk of trialling new ideas to address and resolve issues and problems. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigate options to develop a link road between Petone to Grenada to improve the resilience, efficiency of the future transport network. 2. Enhance Wellington’s strategic location for the movement of freight and people on the north south sea link by improving access to Centreport and Ferry terminals 3. Develop a high quality and frequency passenger transport spine by implementing any key actions agreed to as part of the Passenger Transport Spine Study. 4. Continue to work together on the Wellington Northern Corridor Roads of National Significance projects in the "Ngauranga to Airport Corridor Plan". 5. Improve opportunities for active mode travel including safe cycle routes for access to and from the CBD and between Wellington and the Hutt Valley Wellington and Porirua. 6. Investigate and implement options to optimise the transport network for all transport modes through integrated network operational management e.g. Joint Traffic Operating Centre. 7. Continue to progress the agreed work programme, and work together to develop the 2015-2018 Regional Land Transport Programme

5. Keeping this Accord up to date

This agreement should be reviewed after each triennium, but either party may request a review of this Accord e.g. in event of changes to the Government Policy Statement.

APPENDIX 1

Executed as an Accord

Signed on behalf of *Wellington City Council*
by:

Signed on behalf of *New Zealand Transport Agency*
by:

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name: Celia Wade Brown

Name: Jenny Chetwynd

Position: Mayor Wellington City Council

Position: Regional Director

Witnessed by:

Witnessed by:

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name: Andy Foster

Name: _____

Position: Chair of Transport & Urban
Development Committee

Position: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Signed on behalf of *Wellington City Council*
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Signed on behalf of *New Zealand Transport Agency*
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Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name: Kevin Lavery

Name: Geoff Dangerfield

Position: Chief Executive

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