

From: [Councillor Tony Randle](#)
To: [.@..](#); [Chris Bishop](#); [.@..](#)
Subject: WCC Notice of motion - Golden Mile to be part of an Integrated Plan
Date: Wednesday, 8 May 2024 5:14:00 pm
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Hi Simeon, Chris, and Nicola

For your information.

Following last [Thursday's WCC Transport Briefing](#), a number of councillors expressed concern that:

- After seven years, LGWM never developed an integrated transport plan that the city can use. Council officers are now working on such a plan.
- The Council plans to proceed with constructing the Golden Mile without completing any work on who it will integrate with other plans for bus lanes and cycleways.

As a result, seven Councillors have now signed a Notice of Motion to ask the Council to progress the Golden Mile Project as part of an integrated plan. A copy of the signed Notice of Motion is attached.

Cheers

Tony Randle

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Kaikaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Councillor

Takapū/Northern Ward

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Wellington City Council - Notice of Motion

For consideration at the Council meeting on 6 June 2024.

To

Ms Barbara McKerrow
Chief Executive
Wellington City Council
113 The Terrace, Te Aro
Wellington 6011

Mover:- Councillor Tony Randle

Seconder:- Councillor Tim Brown

This Notice of Motion asks officers to ask to complete an integrated transport plan for the CBD Corridor before contractual commitments are made for construction of the Golden Mile.

Background

On Thursday 2nd May 2024, Officers gave a briefing on transport projects following the cancellation of the Lets Get Wellington Moving Programme by the Minister of Transport. This decision resulted in the Council taking over the in-flight LGWM roading work including the major CBD Golden Mile and City Streets Projects. Three major elements were highlighted in this briefing:

- That transport through Wellington needs to be planned in a integrated way with a Wellington City Transport Plan being the centre of this
- That a Bus Priority Corridor needs to be quickly designed and built to support construction along the Golden Mile and the ongoing increase in the number of peak time bus services
- That the Golden Mile Project is to shortly to proceed into construction on its current design


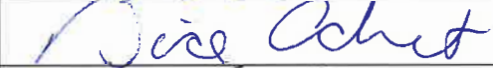

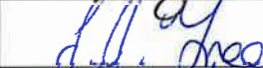


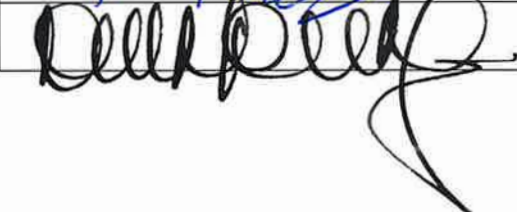
We are concerned that the Golden Mile Project construction proceeds while bus priority lanes and cycleways on nearby roads are still to be designed. Councillors believe that the CBD Corridor roads, cycleways and pedestrian space must work together in an integrated way and so wish to direct officers to support this approach.

Motion

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. **Complete** an integrated transport plan (vehicles, buses, bicycles and pedestrians) for the central city before further design and signing of further contracts for construction under the Golden Mile Project.
2. **Direct** officers to work with the Greater Wellington Regional Council to report on an option to add more bus capacity including bus stops to the Golden Mile corridor while retaining pedestrian improvements.

Signed

Name	Signature
Cllr Tim Brown	
Cllr Diane Calvert	
Cllr Ray Chung	
Cllr Sarah Free	
Cllr Iona Pannett	
Cllr Tony Randle	
Cllr Nicola Young	

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From: Councillor Ben McNulty <@>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 8:21 PM
Subject: Thank you

Kia ora Simeon,

I just wanted to send a quick thank you for your strong media comments regarding access to information in local government, particularly in the WCC context.

I've asked our officials tonight whether their decision to decline releasing legal advice around the sale of Wellington Airport still stands given your comments.

I'm certainly more than happy to discuss or meet with your officials to provide any input as they review the issue of transparency in local government.

Ngā mihi,

Cr Ben McNulty
Takapū/Northern Ward
Wellington City Council
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From: [Councillor Tony Randle](#)
To: [.@..](#)
Subject: Pedestrian Raised Platforms and NZTA Safety & Audit Standards
Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 9:31:00 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Simeon

Thank you for changing the direction of road design away from just focussing on slowing traffic towards a more balanced approach. You are aware this positively impacted the installation of raised platforms on five signalised pedestrian crossings on Thorndon Quay, Wellington.

I can see that the NZTA funding of raised pedestrian crossings change was connected to your 2024 GPS-Transport. Your follow-up comments supporting Fire & Emergency is also appreciated.

The problem is that WCC Officers still claim they must keep on proposing speed bumps and raised pedestrian crossings because slowing traffic to 30kmph is still required under NZTA road design standards. Of particular concern is the NZTA "[Safe System audit guidelines for transport projects](#)" against which all major road changes are assessed. Under these audit standards, a pedestrian crossing, even a signalised pedestrian crossing, on a road where the traffic is travelling faster than 30kmph **must be assessed as "a high severity risk"**. THIS is why Thorndon Quay and other crossings all have raised platforms ... to slow all vehicles down to 30kmph. [I have written about this in a LinkedIn article.](#)

WCC officers tell me that **NZTA have told them there are currently no plans to change these road design and audit guidelines** and, for this reason, they must continue to propose speed bumps and raised platforms on crossings across Wellington City.

The 2024 GPS-Transport does specify that road safety is to become more balanced. Can you please confirm that the changed NZTA policy on funding raised platforms will be followed by equivalent changes to NZTA road design and audit guidelines?

Cheers

Tony Randle

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Kaikāunihira o Pōneke | Wellington City Councillor

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Hon Simeon Brown

Minister for Energy
Minister of Local Government
Minister of Transport
Minister for Auckland
Deputy Leader of the House



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Tony Randle
Wellington City Councillor
tony.randle@wcc.govt.nz

Dear Tony

Thank you for your email of 20 August 2024 regarding raised safety crossings, and NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) safety and audit standards.

As you are aware, I have indicated in the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 (GPS), that funding will not be used to invest in new traffic calming measures such as raised crossings. However, these can be funded where required as a condition of an already in place consent. In these cases, my expectation is that NZTA minimises the cost of delivery. Overall, my expectation is that because of the clear direction GPS, there will be no raised crossings installed in Wellington with support from NZTA outside of these limited cases – regardless of standards which may need to be re-examined considering the GPS.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'S' and 'B' connected by a horizontal line, followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport

From: [Nicola Willis](#)
To: [Councillor Diane Calvert](#)
Subject: FW: Treasury Advice on sale of Wellington Airport Shares re WCC
Date: Monday, 21 October 2024 11:25:37 am
Attachments: [Diane Calvert.pdf](#)

Letter from Hon Nicola Willis, Minister of Finance, attached.

Private Secretary | Office of Hon Nicola Willis

Minister of Finance | Minister for the Public Service | Minister for Social Investment
Associate Minister of Climate Change

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From: Councillor Diane Calvert <[x@xx](#)>

Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 12:29 PM

To: Paula Oliver <[x@xx](#)>; Grant Johnston <[x@xx](#)>; Rachael Bowie <[x@xx](#)>

Subject: Treasury Advice on sale of Wellington Airport Shares re WCC

Hi

Sorry for mass emailing all three but I don't know who best to contact. I see from a recent news article that the Mayor met with the Minister of Finance on May 8 2024

[Nicola Willis' candid advice to Wellington Mayor Tory Whanau ahead of airport share sale meeting - NZ Herald](#)

I would like to get a copy of the treasury briefing and or other notes which I understand was used to brief the Minister on the matter. Are you able to provide this information to me?

Regards

Diane

Councillor Diane Calvert

Wellington City Council | Wharangi/Onslow-Western Ward

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Hon Nicola Willis

Minister of Finance
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Minister for Social Investment
Associate Minister of Climate Change



20 October 2024

Diane Calvert
Wellington City Council | Wharangi/Onslow-Western Ward
Diane.Calvert@wcc.govt.nz

Dear Diane

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 27 September 2024. You requested:

I see from a recent news article that the Mayor met with the Minister of Finance on May 8 2024 Nicola Willis' candid advice to Wellington Mayor Tory Whanau ahead of airport share sale meeting - NZ Herald

I would like to get a copy of the treasury briefing and or other notes which I understand was used to brief the Minister on the matter. Are you able to provide this information to me?

Information publicly available

The following document is covered by your request and will soon be publicly available on the Treasury website:

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1.	7 May 2024	Aide Memoire T2024/1282: Meeting with the Mayor of Wellington on 8 May 2024	Soon to be publicly available in OIA request 20240628 https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/search?f%5B0%5D=resource_type%3A2616

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act, as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

In addition, some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the Official Information Act, on the grounds described in the documents.

Please note that above report (T2024/1282), referenced in the article, did not provide advice on the sale itself, but the risk position of the council and Crown balance sheet.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nicola Willis
Minister of Finance

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From: Councillor Tim Brown <x@xx>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 11:15 PM
To: Nicola Willis <x@xx>
Subject: Wellington City Insurance Fund

Nicola

Outstanding performance last night. I bet no one disputed the key message about the need for step-change.

That certainly extends to Wellington. Amongst other things Council faces crucial decisions about housing and water.

We simply must find ways to improve the availability of affordable and social housing.

It's critical that we make wise decisions with our water infrastructure and operations to minimise the cost to Wellingtonians.

But, before they become centre stage, Council's finances!

With a particular focus on the establishment of an Insurance Fund capitalised with the sale of Wellington based assets (land and airport company shares).

It would be incredibly helpful if you were willing to announce the following in your capacity as a Wellingtonian and MoF.

- Wellington ratepayers need Council to make prudent sensible financial decisions. This isn't just about wasteful spending, it extends to good management of Council's assets.
- For Wellington, the choice between owning land and airport shares or a professionally managed diversified investment fund should be obvious. The latter will involve far less risk and almost certainly higher returns.
- Treasury has estimated that the cost to the Christchurch Council of rebuilding after the 2011 earthquakes is in the vicinity of \$14 billion (in 2024 dollars) While Wellington City Council is investing in earthquake strengthening its properties, it needs to also prepare for rebuilding. Council's finances are stretched and crucially it only has about \$800 million of insurance cover. Its ability to fund reconstruction is severely inadequate. Central Government would of course play a part in rebuilding the Capital after a natural disaster, but much of the cost will be borne by Council and the people of Wellington. Wellington City

Council has an unarguable need to establish an insurance fund. It really has no alternative if it is to have any chance of restoring the City after a natural disaster and giving private investors confidence to also invest.

- Recognising the concerns of Wellingtonians that the money put aside in an insurance funds could be either invested poorly or spent on vanity projects
Government will help by:
 - Assisting with locking the fund up so that the principal can only be used for disaster recovery. This includes passing legislation if that is desirable to provide certainty.
 - Requesting that the NZ Superannuation Fund investigate undertaking the management of council investment funds (not just for Wellington). So that residents can have confidence that their capital is being managed by a world class fund manager.
 - Requesting that Treasury undertake further work on a framework to help councils better understand their disaster risks and who would have to pay for restoration.

A statement from you with some or all of the above points would be very helpful. To support and encourage councillors to make sensible decisions, and to remind the public of what is in their best interest.

I'm available to sit down with your officials to explain the details of what is now planned.

Councillors are to redebate and vote on this matter on 10th October and it would be very desirable for your position to be made public before then.

Thanks

Tim