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Via email

Dear Karen

Auckland Harbour Bridge (AHB) walking and cycling

Thank you for your letter on 6 October 2023 regarding walking and cycling across the Waitemata Harbour, and the confirmation of your commitment to working with us in a constructive and forward-thinking way.

I would like to clarify that the Waka Kotahi Board did not consider and reject the Bike Auckland proposal for walking and cycling across the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Waka Kotahi had previously investigated options to allocate a single lane to active modes across the Auckland Harbour Bridge. This option, which is similar to the Bike Auckland/Smart Sense proposal, was not considered to be viable and more specifically not to be safe. This view was supported by the Board, which under legislation, needs to contribute to an effective, efficient, and safe land transport system.

As discussed at our meeting on 17 August, having completed an assessment and peer review of the Smart Sense report, we did not believe there was any new information that would lead us to reconsider this position with the Waka Kotahi Board.

Waka Kotahi shares your aspiration to enable active mode connections across the Waitemata Harbour in advance of the Waitemata Harbour Connections projects. We remain committed to working with Auckland Transport, and other relevant parties, to identify opportunities to achieve this.

Nga Mihi



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