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### **New North Road, Symonds Street to Anzac Ave Upgrade Feb 2021**

Kia Ora Auckland Transport,

Thanks for your email, we will address the project as it relates to the City Centre portion where we live.

So for the city centre, CCRG have some comments.

While we will of course spread this out to City Centre residents to make their own choices on how to respond, CCRG will not be submitting on this early stage as our expectation is that whatever is proposed will implement the CCMP for the city centre.

Clearly this is an important project - one which we seem to have been talking about for a few years now, so it is disappointing and frustrating that it feels like we are back to a stage one reset with even further consultation seemingly required.

Luckily for the City centre portion we already have the bigger picture that requires no further consultation - just implementation of the widely consulted, agreed and Council-endorsed City Centre Masterplan/CCMP and its new elements, Access for Everyone - and newer work that will support and enable the Zero Emissions Area, and Māori Outcomes.

The style of the consultation proposes a new blank slate for consultation.

For the city centre, this approach relitigates, ignores, and undermines the CCMP that has been very widely consulted on, agreed upon and endorsed, from the Governing Body, City Centre Advisory Board, CCRG, Heart of the City, the Waitematā Local Board to name a few - we really do expect AT to fully commit to & implement this in the city centre without embarking on what appears to be further delay under the guise of even further consultation.

Handily, your feedback form succinctly identifies the key issues, and benefits, and so why not just implement those and provide us with concepts? They are all elements of the refreshed agreed CCMP so for the City centre portion do not require further delay with further consultation. We now have additional climate emergency statements and intents - and now we have another 2-year delay proposed.

Of course, 'reallocation of street space' is required - please stop asking this question - a better approach would be to explain how some concrete designs fit into plans that have already been agreed upon.

The challenge for all of us is to commit to, and make meaningful change, as soon as we can (now) - commitment, not courage, is required - the aims, vision and intent is all there already.

Let's stick to the (agreed) plans.

We expected some concepts to inspire and bring people along.

CCRG expect to be involved when AT presents some concrete proposals based on agreed Council (and therefore CCO) plans.

Thanks & Regards,

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