

22 February 2024

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To the Submitters

Tēnā koe

**NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT APPLICATION – NOTICE OF HEARING**

Address	Two Notices of Requirement for the Takaanini Level Crossing project and four Notices of Requirement for the South Frequent Transit Network project
Requiring Authority	Te Tupu Ngatahi - Supporting Growth Alliance
Proposed activity	See attached appendix A

The above application will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **Dave Serjeant (Chairperson), Nigel Mark-Brown and Basil Morrison** at a hearing to be held as follows:

**Date:** **Monday 27 to Thursday 30 May 2024**  
**and Tuesday 4 to Friday 7 June 2024**  
 (Note: not all days may be required)

**Time:** **9.30am**

**Venue:** **Council Chamber**  
**Level 1, West Annex**  
**31-33 Manukau Station Road, Manukau**

NOTE: some venues have restricted access at the main entrance such as stairs. If you require assistance with alternate access, please inform the Hearings Advisor prior to the hearing day.

The chair has directed that evidence is to be pre-circulated for this hearing. See the attached Direction #1. In accordance with the Direction, evidence is due to be received by the Hearings Advisor as follows:

Key Dates for this hearing (for more information, see below)	
Council S42a report available	Friday, 15 March 2024, 5pm
Requiring Authority's evidence due	Tuesday, 2 April 2024, midday
Topics subject to expert conferencing	Tuesday, 9 April 2024
Submitters expert evidence due	Tuesday, 16 April 2024, midday
Requiring Authority's rebuttal evidence	Wednesday, 1 May 2024, by 12 noon
Submitter's non-expert evidence requested	Wednesday, 1 May 2024, by 12 noon
Expert Conferencing, if required	Monday 6 to Friday 10 May 2024
Requiring Authority's legal submissions	Wednesday, 22 May 2024 by 12 noon
Appearance forms returned	Wednesday, 1 May 2024, by 12 noon

You are invited to attend the hearing where the Hearing Commissioners will consider submissions in support of/or opposing the application. Attendance via MS-Teams is available on request, by contacting the hearings advisor.

Please note the commissioners may carry out a site visit, individually or together, either before, during or after the hearing which may involve them going on to the application site and, if necessary, submitters' sites. During the site visit, the commissioners will not speak to any of the parties directly about the application's merits.

The officer's report and accompanying information will be made available within 24 hours of receipt or as soon as is practicable and this can be found:

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/hearings/find-hearing/Pages/find-auckland-unitary-plan-hearing.aspx>

The following apply:

- (a) **The council** report will be available on the council website no later than 5pm on **Friday, 15 March 2024**.
- (b) **The Requiring Authority** is required to provide all its briefs of evidence by **Tuesday, 2 April 2024**. You will be advised once the evidence is available.
- (c) If you have expert witnesses, and you want them to participate in any expert conferencing, you are asked to inform the Hearings Advisor who your experts are and their contact details no later than **Tuesday, 9 April 2024**. You may also suggest topics for the conferencing if you wish.
- (d) **Any submitter** proposing to call expert witnesses is required to provide briefs of evidence from those experts by midday, **Tuesday, 16 April 2024**. An expert is a professional such as a planner, traffic engineer or similar.

The expert witness is required to provide:

- 1 hard copy of the evidence at the hearing
  - 1 soft copy - briefs of evidence to be provided via email or on a data stick, each file should be less than 10Mb.
- (e) Following the receipt of submitters expert evidence, **the Requiring Authority** is required to provide any rebuttal statements of evidence electronically to the Hearings Advisor by **midday, Wednesday, 1 May 2024**. You will be advised once the evidence is available.
  - (f) **Submitters** are requested to provide their non-expert evidence/statements by **midday, Wednesday, 1 May 2024**.
  - (g) **The Requiring Authority** is required to provide their opening legal submissions by **midday, Wednesday 22 May 2024**.
  - (h) A short-written summary for briefs of evidence in excess of 10 pages is helpful. It is likely the commissioners will request that this at least is read at the hearing.
  - (i) Email will be the address for service for the requiring authority and submitters, unless advised otherwise.

If the hearing is held virtually, or you plan to attend virtually, please ensure your evidence is provided to the Hearings Advisor electronically before the hearing commences. The panel members will have already read your original submission and they will have that in front of them at the hearing.

Electronic copies of evidence can be sent to the Hearings Advisor at DS-Hearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, Attn: Bevan Donovan

Please fill in the attached appearance form and return it to me by Wednesday, 1 May 2024 if you would like to appear at the hearing, so that we can schedule your appearance and inform you of your approximate speaking time.

The safety and wellbeing of our customers, team members and communities in Auckland is important to us. If you are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend the hearing in-person.

For those participants who cannot attend in person or who wish to attend virtually, please let the Hearings Advisor know by Wednesday, 1 May 2024 (or as soon as possible before the hearing) and they will send you a MS-Teams link prior to the hearing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 09 890 8056 if you have any questions in relation to this hearing.

Ngā mihi



Bevan Donovan  
Kaitohutohu Whakawātanga  
Hearings Advisor

## APPENDIX A

The Takaanini Level Crossings project involves two new notices of requirement for designations given by Auckland Transport for the construction, operation, maintenance and upgrade of the following grade-separated crossings of the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) railway in Takaanini. The existing NIMT level crossings at Spartan Road, Manuroa Road, Taka Street and Walters Road will be closed and replaced by these crossings once constructed and operational.

The South Frequent Transit Network (South FTN) project comprises of a range of proposed road upgrades along existing arterial road corridors in South Auckland including bus priority measures, new and upgraded active mode facilities (i.e. walking and cycling facilities), and intersection improvements. The South FTN network will include two FTN routes – the Great South Road FTN between Manukau and Drury; and the Takaanini FTN between Manurewa, Takaanini, and Papakura. The network also includes upgrades to adjoining key connections at Popes Road in Takaanini; and Great South Road in Drury.

The six NoR's are:

### **Takaanini Level Crossing**

#### **NOR1 - DRURY WEST ARTERIAL**

Spartan Road, Manuia Road, Manuroa Road and Taka Street (NoR 1) Auckland Transport. Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for new multi-modal bridge crossings of the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) at Manuia Road and Taka Street; and new active mode bridge crossings of the NIMT at Spartan Road and Manuroa Road with two consequential road closures.

#### **NOR2 – WALTERS ROAD LEVEL CROSSING CLOSURE AND NEW MULTI-MODAL BRIDGE**

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for a new multi-modal bridge crossing of the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) railway at Walters Road.

### **South Frequent Transit Network (FTN)**

#### **NOR1 – GREAT SOUTH ROAD FTN UPGRADE**

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for upgrades to parts of Great South Road between Manukau and Drury to provide a multi-modal transport corridor that will accommodate bus priority measures, active mode facilities (i.e. walking and cycling facilities), intersection upgrades, replacement of the existing Otūwairoa / Slippery Creek bridge, and stormwater management.

#### **NOR2 – GREAT SOUTH ROAD UPGRADE (DRURY SECTION)**

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for upgrades to Great South Road between Waihoehoe Road and the State Highway 1 Drury Interchange to provide a multi-modal transport corridor that will accommodate general traffic lanes, active mode facilities (i.e. walking and cycling facilities) intersection upgrades, replacement of the existing Hingaia Stream bridge, and stormwater management.

**NOR3 – TAKAANINI FTN – WEYMOUTH, ALFRISTON, AND GREAT SOUTH ROAD UPGRADES**

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for Upgrades to Weymouth and Alfriston Roads between Selwyn Road / Rogers Road and Saralee Drive; and Great South Road between Halver Road and Myers Road to accommodate bus priority measures, general traffic lanes, active mode facilities (i.e. walking and cycling facilities), intersection upgrades, proposed closure of the Beaumonts Way intersection with Weymouth Road, replacement of existing bridges along Weymouth Road over the North Island Main Trunk and Alfriston Road over State Highway 1, and stormwater management.

**NOR4 – TAKAANINI FTN – PORCHESTER AND POPES ROAD UPGRADES**

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for upgrades to Porchester Road between Alfriston Road and Walters Road; and to Popes Road between Takanini School Road and Porchester Road to accommodate general traffic lanes, active mode facilities (i.e. walking and cycling facilities), and intersection upgrades.