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Hon Phil Twyford
Minister of Transport
Wellington

Dear Minister Twyford

Skypath

The New Zealand Transport Agency Board considered the Skypath cycling and walking project as part of its deliberations on the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) at its meeting yesterday.

The Skypath walking and cycling connection over Auckland Harbour Bridge will provide pedestrian and cyclist access to and from the city from the North Shore. It has long been considered a fundamental missing link in the Auckland transport network.

As you are aware the NZTA recently took over the project and has been developing a detailed business case to determine the preferred design option and implementation timeline, and develop project costings and benefits to confirm the economic case for the project.

Yesterday the NZTA Board approved an NLTP that included funding for this critical project. This is an important step forward. Assuming the detailed business case confirms the economic case, the Skypath project will be able to proceed to implementation. Once the necessary designs are complete and consents in place construction can begin.

We understand the urgency surrounding completing this critical link of the Auckland network and our team is working assiduously to enable the earliest construction start possible.

I understand our team is working with your office to enable an early announcement of this project by you later this week.

Yours sincerely

Michael Stiassny
Board Chairman

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