



**AGENDA**

**KiwiRail & Minister of Transport**

**Wednesday, 27 July 2022**

**4:30pm – 5:30pm**

**Zoom**

**KiwiRail Attendees:**

David McLean, KiwiRail Chair  
David Gordon, Acting KiwiRail Chief Executive  
Helen Rogers, Acting Deputy Chief Executive  
Angus Hodgson, Manager Policy and Shareholder

Agenda Items		Lead
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C.	Rail Network Growth Impact Management	David Gordon
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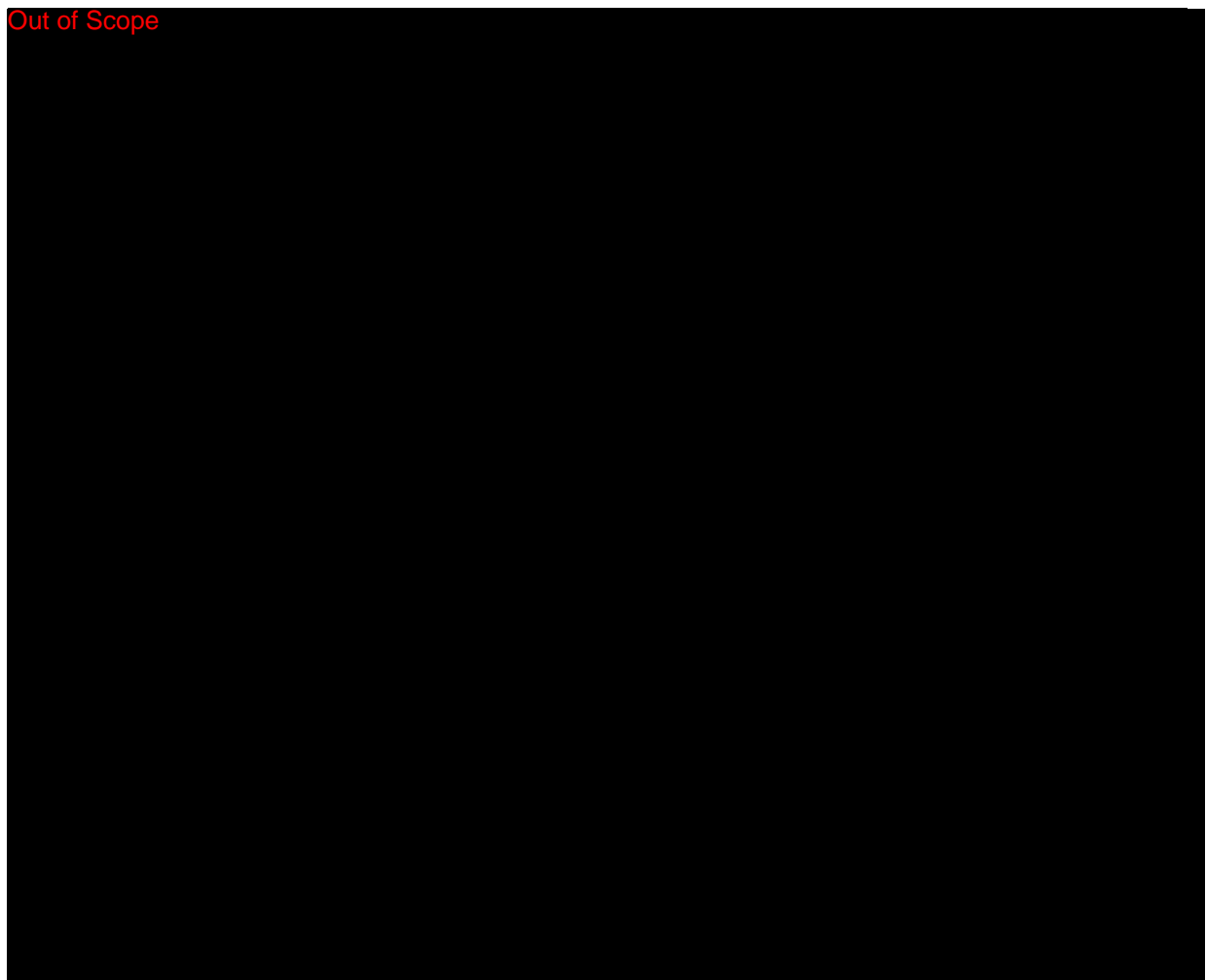
**Ministerial Briefing**

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To	Hon Michael Wood, Minister of Transport	22 July 2022
Cc	Hon Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance Hon Dr David Clark, Minister for State Owned Enterprises David McLean, KiwiRail Chair	
From	David Gordon, KiwiRail Acting Chief Executive Helen Rogers, Acting Deputy Chief Executive	

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### **C. RAIL NETWORK GROWTH IMPACT MANAGEMENT**

19. KiwiRail and AT are making solid progress developing the plan for sequential shutdowns across the Auckland Metro Network to undertake the Rail Network Growth Impact Management (RNGIM) project.
20. As noted in previous briefings, RNGIM is necessary to raise the standard of the existing network to enable the increased commuter train frequency that will come with the City Rail Link (CRL). The focus of the project is on replacing ballast, formation and improving drainage at the worst condition sites across the network.
21. The aim is to complete as much of RNGIM as possible before CRL begins operating in late-2024/2025. Major works will begin in late December 2022 and run over at least the following two years.
22. KiwiRail and AT have provisionally agreed the first affected line will be the main line between Newmarket and Westfield and the Onehunga Branch Line. These lines will need to be fully closed for 12 weeks (from 26 December 2022 to 27 March 2023), with the intention to implement a bus replacement strategy that may include both scheduled and replacement bus services, wherever possible.
23. This, and the following stages, are currently being finalised for the KiwiRail/AT Governance Group's consideration in August. It will also go to AT and KiwiRail's Boards.
24. The aim is to announce the schedule of RNGIM works in September. A detailed joint communications plan is being developed alongside the approval process to ensure affected commuters and wider stakeholders are kept informed of the need for the RNGIM works, the benefits that it enables (more frequent and more convenient trains to come with CRL) and are kept updated as the work progresses.
25. Once the approach is approved, we will provide you and Auckland's Mayor a detailed briefing on the schedule of RNGIM work over the years ahead, mitigations to manage commuter disruption and public/stakeholder communications. This will occur prior to any public communication.
26. Along with the briefing, KiwiRail and AT senior managers are available to meet with you as needed.