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Kia ora Nicholas

The information you requested - CAS-140829-Z4Y4Q1

Thank you for your request for information dated 12 May 2020 on the Airport to Botany Rapid Transit Project.

The preferred mode for the Airport to Botany Rapid Transit corridor is bus rapid transit (BRT). BRT has been selected for this corridor as it provides the best match of capacity to forecast demand on the corridor and is conducive to staged delivery of the rapid transit facility.

While the preferred mode is BRT, Airport to Botany will offer a light-rail-like service in line with its status as part of the Rapid Transit Network. Stations and vehicles will be designed to offer level boarding via all doors, off-vehicle ticketing and fare collection and high-quality station environments providing interchange to other public transport services. The design of the corridor will be future-proofed to allow for upgrade to Light Rail if future demand exceeds current forecasts.

The ultimate Airport to Botany Rapid Transit concept includes separated walking and cycling facilities along the full length of the route. Additional walking and cycling improvements around stations are being investigated to enable people to access the rapid transit corridor safely.

The Airport to Botany Rapid Transit project is currently in the business case phase. It is expected that the rapid transit corridor will impact some private properties along the length of the corridor due to the width required to provide the rapid transit corridor and separated walking and cycling facilities. This will be further investigated, and route protection progressed, in the next phase of the project.

More information on Airport to Botany Rapid Transit can be found in the attached information boards, or on the Airport to Botany Rapid Transit project webpage <https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/airport-to-botany-rapid-transit/>.

We trust this has answered your query. However, should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you are able to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA Act, and seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

Yours sincerely



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1. Southwest Gateway Programme – Information Boards