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Dear N Oehley,

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

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Thank you for contacting Auckland Transport requesting opening information for Parnell Train Station.

Parnell Station is currently under construction, completion of the platform structure is planned for the end of 2015. Subsequent to this the station building, which was formally at Newmarket and has been in storage for a number of years, is to be refurbished and relocated to Parnell. At this point, work can begin on the shelters, passenger information displays and other station amenities. At each step works will need to be managed within budget restrictions.

Separate to the station facility, KiwiRail has requested that the Sarawia Street crossing be removed before Parnell Station becomes operational. This is because the location of the station in relation to Newmarket and the crossing will require significant reconfiguration of signalling, which is both time consuming and costly. More importantly however, reconfiguration of signalling will increase risks to both road and rail users at the site. The removal of the crossing is the most effective way to eliminate the risk.

The bridge to replace the crossing at Sarawia Street is awaiting planning consent, a process which may take up to two years should it be referred to the Environment Court. Until planning consent is issued, the construction cannot be tendered and a building date cannot be provided.

Based on all of the above, the earliest speculative date for the opening of Parnell is mid to late 2017. Please note however that this will further be dependent on the construction and development works surrounding the station facility. As a result, the opening date could be even later if construction restricts safe access to the site for rail passengers.

The Auckland Transport Long Term Plan does not include the commencement of Stage 2, and as such confirmation of funding will need to be sought.

We trust the above information has addressed the matters raised however, should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on (09) 355 3553 during business hours, quoting Local Government Official Information request number CAS-144978-T9Q7J1.

Yours sincerely



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