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Dear Ben

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

CAS-888954-P7B0C7

Thank you for your email dated 16 October 2018 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding the Airport to Botany Rapid Transit project.

The Airport to Botany Rapid Transit (A2B RTN) project forms part of the Southwest Gateway Programme and is still in the early stages of the business case.

- 1. Can the briefing of the wide list of options please as seen in (6) - including the options themselves - be list into the public realm and if possible the short range options under consideration.**

We note that (6) in your email refers to the Auckland Transport (AT) briefing of the Southern Local board Cluster meeting on 17 September 2018). Please find enclosed a copy of this briefing.

- 2. When will public consultation due to start for A2B?**

AT and our Southwest Gateway Project Partners (the NZ Transport Agency and Auckland Airport) will be initiating public engagement on the programme and its projects (which includes A2B RTN) in mid to late November 2018.

- 3. What are the qualifications for A2B to be Light Rail rather than a bus way?**

There is some overlap between the roles of Light Rail Transit (LRT) and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in transit system as they both provide a medium to relatively high capacity mode that is relatively flexible in terms of corridor choice.

Qualifications for LRT over BRT may lie in demands as LRT can carry higher volumes than BRT at lower frequencies, enabling in some cases better reliability of journey time.

A need for passenger experience quality can be a differentiator, as LRT is typically perceived as higher quality; however, this gap is narrowing significantly with current emerging BRT technology.

Budget is a significant qualification as LRT normally results in higher costs. This can be exacerbated by BRT's ability to be staged and operate on roads for sections whereas LRT typically requires a major up-front investment.

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





review in regard to this matter. If you have any further queries, please contact Auckland Transport on 09 355 3553 quoting Official Information request number CAS-888954-P7B0C7.

Yours sincerely

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