

PT NETWORK RE-REVIEW NORTH 2017

Submission by Business North Harbour

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Business North Harbour Business Improvement District

The North Harbour Business Association represents approximately 4,500 property and business owners in the North Harbour Business Improvement District. The area encompasses an estimated 28,000 employees and is a substantial contributor the Upper Harbour area of the Auckland Region. The Upper Harbour area generates approximately \$4 billion p.a. in GDP for the Auckland Economy, based on Auckland Council statistics from 2013. The area has grown significantly from a green field location over the last 15-20 years to now encompassing a wide range of local and international business operations. It has become

popular for small through to large scaled operations who wish to secure access to an established pool of personnel from primarily North and West who are well skilled, educated and experienced for the roles on offer. The area's major attraction is the convenience of location for owners/managers and staff seeking to work locally rather than commuting to, or through, the CBD on a regular basis.

The area has transport challenges associated with the number of employee cars at peak times and multiple schools/education, training and sporting facilities located primarily on its boundaries (Albany Junior, Albany Senior High Schools, Kristin and Pinehurst Secondary schools and Rangitoto College). It also has tertiary and private/trade educators (North Harbour Hockey, AUT Millennium for high performance sports, Unitec's Northern Campus, IETLS providers, plus one New Zealand's first Charter School - Vanguard Military). Massey University, Albany Campus and its residential facilities are on the south-western boundaries of NHBID area.

Although the existence of educational/training facilities located within the NHBID area creates pressure on roading access and car parking, **they also support a growing need for public transport for the wider business and residential users.** This will assist with reducing commuter traffic as the Auckland transport network continues to mature and integrate more effectively.



Fig: Business North Harbour Improvement District as of 1 July, 2016

Recommended Changes:

Facilities:

- Increased parking and storage for both bicycles and motorbikes at the stations.
- Real-time information at the bus stops
- Tap and Go EFTPOS facilities on all services

Bus Services:

The following services to run in both directions.

Services: N82, N78, N63, N46, W5 & W5c

also

N65 - Currently scheduled for a 20 mins' service at peak times ideally reduced to 15min frequency

N45 - Currently scheduled for a 20 mins' service at peak times ideally reduced to 15min frequency

N44 - Currently scheduled for a 30 mins' service at peak times ideally reduced to 15min frequency

N41 - Currently scheduled for a 30 mins' service at peak times ideally reduced to 15min frequency

Further information required:

N45 and N49 - both routes are 20-30 mins' frequency at peak, to ensure that they are 15 mins apart to provide a 15 mins' service.

Enough coverage for Rothesay and Murrays Bay residents to be able to reach a station with one bus.

Services provided from Kumeu/Riverhead and surrounding area to Constellation or Albany stations.

Frequency of services from Constellation to the Auckland Airport.

Business North Harbour are aware Auckland Transport are finalising the routes for the North Shore, therefore would appreciate your immediate acknowledgement and review.

If we can be of assistance or if there are any questions or comments, please contact us.