

OPEN Briefing on Riverlink

Date of Briefing: 27/1/2021 – 4.30pm

Attendees

Elected Members: Mayor Barry, Deputy Mayor Lewis, Cr Briggs, Cr Brown, Cr Dyer, Cr Edwards, Cr Hislop, Cr Mitchell, Cr Rasheed and Cr Shaw, Ms P Hanna, Ms V Horrocks, Ms K Yung and Mr G Tupou.

Staff: Ms A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities, Mr K Puketapu-Dentice, Director Economy and Development, Mr M Boggs, Director Strategy and Engagement, Mr B Cato, Chief Legal Officer, Ms J Livschitz, Chief Financial Officer, Ms H Oram, Director Environment and Ms K Stannard, Head of Democratic Services.

Apologies / Absences

Elected Member Apologies: Cr Bassett, Cr Milne and Cr Sutton

Non Attendance: None

Key Objectives of the Briefing

The purpose of the briefing is for Council's Director Economy and Development to update members on Riverlink.

Discussion

Slide 1: Photo.

Slide 2: Riverlink (renewal and reigniting - a thriving heart for Hutt City).

Slide 3: Reignite the heart of Hutt City by creating a smart, sustainable and thriving city.

Slide 4: Riverlink is one of Council's key priorities.

Slides 5-19: What Council is doing with Riverlink: Pedestrian Bridge (key feature connecting to a relocated train station), Streetscape and Laneways (connecting streets with and from the river edge), Improved Eastern Access Route (better connection between Ewen and Melling), Melling Bridge (City side interchange), Enabling Redevelopment of North Daly Street, Redeveloped North Daly Street Concept Design, Massing and Imagery (size and scale), Geotechnical Profile (issue), North Street Daly Street Underground Sections (what the buildings could look like), Enabling Redevelopment South Daly Street, Redeveloped South Daly Street Concept Design, Massing Imagery (x 2) (size and scale) and South Daly Street Sections (what the buildings could look like).

Slide 20: Photo.

Slide 21: Riverlink Construction Period (key issue).

Slide 22: Riverlink cost estimates to be reviewed by a Quantity Surveyor (key issue).

Slide 23: Timeline for Council decisions on Riverlink budgets (June 2018-January 2020).

Slide 24: Riverlink Budget breakdown.

Slide 25: Riverlink Budget Offset.

Slide 26: Make up of Riverlink Budget.

Slide 27: The Positive Economic Impact on Hutt City.

Next Steps

Slide 28:

- Finalise designs and lodge consents (first half of 2021).
- Resource consent lodgement and hearing.
- Finalise alliance and procure construction team.
- Construction to start in late 2022.

In response to questions from members, the Director Economy and Development advised the following:

- Flood protection was the most important component of the project.
- Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council and Waka Kotahi would work in partnership on the carparking element of the project.
- The major component of construction must be completed by Waka Kotahi by 2026.
- The review of costs by the Quantity Surveyor will be completed by the end of February 2021 and would be reported to Council.
- The programme for the project was still to be confirmed.
- There was an opportunity to partner with the Ministry of Housing and Kāinga Ora to explore a mixed model for housing.

The briefing closed at 5.15pm.

Attachment:

Riverlink Presentation