

Kaipara KickStart Programme Update

Meeting: Council Briefing
Date of meeting: 01 July 2020
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Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To provide an update on progress and performance of the Kaipara KickStart Programme as of 17 June 2020.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

The Kaipara KickStart programme remains on track to meet all contractual obligations and is being delivered largely to plan. Recovering some minor schedule slippage, as a result of shutting sites for COVID19 lockdown, continues to be a focus of the team on physical work within the roading and wharves projects.

The Kaipara Kai funding agreement will expire on 30 June 2020, and the last significant deliverable being the final Kai Activation Plan, is currently being revised and will be provided to elected members prior to submission to MBIE.

With a renewed focus on accelerating the completion of the programme, and the majority of incomplete deliverables representing physical works projects, the delivery approaches have been re-tested to confirm these approaches remain the most appropriate to KDC and to MBIE and Provincial Development Unit (PDU). Plans for transitioning these remaining deliverables to an operational delivery mode has been developed. After approval by the Programme Steering Group, the team will commence the transition activities over the next few weeks to ensure a smooth handover. The Kaipara Kickstart Programme Steering Group will continue to provide support and direction for the completion of programme deliverables.

The significant risk relating to the unsealed network funding of \$8.06m, as advised at the previous Council Briefing on 3 June 2020, remains unresolved. Several meetings have confirmed the NZTA position that KDC are required to complete a 'Point of Entry' paper, which will then be reviewed by an NZTA Committee to determine whether KDC should proceed with a detailed business case. NZTA having additional funds is also an uncertainty due to the impact of COVID19 on NZTA income streams.

An updated communications and engagement plan has been completed and this is attached (**Attachment A**).

Key Deliverables – Progress Update

Kaipara Wharves

- Final Feasibility Study and Programme Business Case – submitted to MBIE and subsequently approved. This enables KDC to utilise up to \$4.0m on physical work on Dargaville Pontoon, Pahi Upgrade, new infrastructure at Pouto and complete investigations for tipuna marae beach landings. Ruawai was confirmed as the next project to be initiated, should funding allow.
- Three implementation projects being established.
- Jody Kelly appointed and induction underway for all Wharves physical projects.
- Dargaville Pontoon – Appointment of Head Contractor awaiting final signatures.
- Wharves physical works schedule and latest estimate to be completed in next month.

Kaipara Kai

- Draft Activation Plan submitted to MBIE

- Final Activation Plan presented to PSG, feedback received, document will be revised and resubmitted prior to Kaipara Kai Funding Agreement expiring 30 June. Submission to MBIE to utilise unspent funding to extend the Northland Inc. operational management contract of the Kai Hub, awaiting MBIE decision.

Kaipara Kai Water

- Progressing with evaluation process to determine two demonstration sites.
- Working closely with Kai Hub to align demonstration sites with ongoing support for landowners

Roading Package

- Pavement testing for Waipoua River Road has been completed, enabling detailed design to commence.
- Detailed design has restarted post COVID19, Pouto Road Phase 1.
- Procurement management plans have been completed for construction phases for Waipoua River Road and Pouto Road Phase 1.
- Pouto Stage 2 – Strategic business case has been drafted, post completion of engagement process. Submitted to MBIE, awaiting decision.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

1. Kaipara KickStart programme will continue to work on the programme deliverables as scheduled, focusing on reducing the schedule performance gap.
2. Ongoing focus on a satisfactory resolution to securing the funding for Unsealed network programme.
3. Transition actions will be completed to ensure quality handover is completed and the implementation projects are well supported.

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Communications and Engagement Plan – Quarter 4 Revised