

Summary of Transportation Evidence – Russell Brandon

1. I have been asked to provide a summary of my evidence on transport matters relating to the proposed Waikato Regional Theatre.
2. In terms of the transport related design elements of the proposal, there are some minor aspects of non-compliance with the design standards of the District Plan relating to the basement vehicle access. I consider this to be acceptable and it will not result in any adverse traffic effects.
3. No public parking is proposed within the site. This is compliant with the District Plan which does not require any parking, and I consider that there is sufficient existing public parking in the city centre to cater for the additional demand.
4. There will likely be some traffic congestion on Victoria Street around the start and end of shows at the theatre, but this will generally be outside of weekday commuter peak hours. Other than this, I anticipate that the traffic effects of the proposal will be minimal, and that the proposal will not generate any noticeable traffic effects during weekday commuter peak hours.
5. Changes are proposed to Sapper Moore-Jones Place to allow for better access to the proposed loading dock, and to improve amenity for pedestrians. I have reviewed the plans and assessed vehicle tracking, and I believe that Sapper Moore-Jones Place will continue to operate safely after the changes have been implemented. The final design will also be subject to Council approval.
6. An Operational Traffic Management Plan is proposed to manage the effects of large truck access to the loading dock, temporary drop off and pick up parking, and pedestrian management. I consider that it is important the any requirements relating to temporary drop off and pick up parking, and pedestrian management, are able to be reviewed so they can be amended or removed in future.
7. I consider that any effects on the surrounding road network resulting from the construction of the proposal can be managed by a Construction Traffic Management Plan.
8. In regard to transport matters, the Council Section 42A report generally agrees with my assessment and concludes that with the suggested consent conditions, the effects of the proposal can be managed and will be no more than minor.