

Thursday 22 February, 10 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APH paper lodged with Cabinet Office</li> </ul>
Monday 26 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry consultation to conclude by lunchtime/early afternoon. Feedback to be collated and a summary included in the talking points for the APH meeting. A more detailed summary will be also emailed to the Minister's office, along with a summary of results to date on the background check.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 27 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APH Meeting.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 28 February – Friday 1 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes to confirm the meeting published.</li> <li>• Ministry to develop draft press release for announcement of appointment.</li> <li>• Ministry to inform a select group of individuals within the agency of the upcoming Chair announcement. This is so that they can prepare internal announcements and be in a position to onboard Hon Bridges. Last time, communication was limited to the Chief Executive, Chief of Staff and the General Counsel – Governance and Funding. The Acting Chair will also inform the Board at this time.</li> </ul>
Monday 4 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet to confirm appointment. We will provide an update on the background checks prior to Cabinet.</li> <li>• Minister to send appointment letter to Hon Bridges and provide the Ministry with a copy of the signed Gazette notice for publication.</li> </ul>
TBC – Expected in the week following Cabinet's decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister to announce appointment.</li> </ul>
11 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointment Commences (or earlier if requested – we will need a specific date for Gazetting purposes)</li> </ul>

Happy to discuss any of the detail above.

Ngā mihi,  
David

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**Jono Reid**

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**From:** Simon Bridges s 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 February 2024 12:58 pm  
**To:** Jono Reid  
**Subject:** Re: New Zealand Transport Agency Board

I confirm that  
Thanks Jono

On Wed, Feb 21, 2024 at 12:41 PM Jono Reid <[J.Reid@transport.govt.nz](mailto:J.Reid@transport.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi Simon,

The form has been received but section 3 hasn't been completed. For the purposes of filling that out, can you confirm the following statement in italics below is accurate in terms of your disclosures. Please edit any changes.

***Disclosure of Interest for Question 3:***

*I am not aware of any actual, potential or perceived interests of relevance to my reappointment as member and Chair of the NZTA Board.*

***Agree / Disagree***

OR

*I am aware of the following actual, potential or perceived interests of relevance to my reappointment as member and Chair of the NZTA Board.*

***Agree / Disagree***

***Disclosure:***

*I am the Chief Executive of the Auckland Business Chamber, Chair of the Northern Road Carriers' Chief Executive Advisory Board, and the Chair of the Northern Infrastructure Forum. All present conflicts of interest to various degrees.*

*I will resign from my roles on the National Road Carriers' Chief Executive Advisory Board and the Northern Infrastructure Forum upon appointment.*

*I will refrain from making any public statements on transport in my capacity as Chamber Chief Executive. I have discussed my candidacy and proposed mitigations with the Chamber's board, who are supportive.*

Cheers,

**Jono Reid**

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**From:** Simon Bridges s 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2024 12:14 PM  
**To:** Jono Reid <[J.Reid@transport.govt.nz](mailto:J.Reid@transport.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: New Zealand Transport Agency Board

Have just sent to you. Let me know if not received.

On Wed, Feb 21, 2024 at 9:44 AM Jono Reid <[J.Reid@transport.govt.nz](mailto:J.Reid@transport.govt.nz)> wrote:

Thanks Simon, much appreciated.

There was also a disclosure and consent letter within my original email, which contained information for you to complete. Would you be able to complete that too please?

Cheers,

Jono Reid

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**From:** Simon Bridges § 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2024 8:16 PM  
**To:** Jono Reid <[J.Reid@transport.govt.nz](mailto:J.Reid@transport.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: New Zealand Transport Agency Board

Dear Jono,

Thank you for the email.

I confirm my Chamber board has approved my proceeding for the role of NZTA Chair. I will accept the role if offered it.

The CV attached is accurate as is your description of me for consideration for appointment.

My two referees are:

§ 9(2)(a), § 9(2)(ba)(i)

§ 9(2)(a), § 9(2)(ba)(i)

§ 9(2)(a), § 9(2)(ba)(i)

§ 9(2)(a), § 9(2)(ba)(i)

§ 9(2)(a), § 9(2)(ba)(i)

§ 9(2)(a), § 9(2)(ba)(i)



s 9(2)(a), s 9(2)  
(ba)(i)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

I will send you my driver's licence by further email now.

Please let me know if I have missed anything or you require anything else from me.

Regards,

Simon Bridges

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On Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 6:18 PM Jono Reid <[J.Reid@transport.govt.nz](mailto:J.Reid@transport.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi Simon,

Thanks for your time on the phone before.

As discussed, the Minister of Transport has advised that he intends to put you forward for consideration for appointment as member and Chair of the NZ Transport Agency Board. There are still a few steps that need to be undertaken before this appointment is approved and confirmed. These include consulting with a number of industry parties (as required under section 98(2) of the Land Transport Management Act), referee and background checks and also the Cabinet processes.

The Minister's office has asked that we complete the process as soon as practicable to ideally allow for consideration by Cabinet's Appointment and Honours Committee next week. Per our discussion, I have pencilled in commencing the industry consultation process on Wednesday morning so that you can speak with your board and obtain their support for you taking on this role, and your proposed mitigation strategies. Please let me know if any issues arise from this process (including whether they need more time), as well as the outcome of your discussion.

Could you please confirm in writing that you consent to the appointment and whether there are any changes to your CV that you provided us during the interview (**attached** – a reply to this email is fine in terms of providing consent). Could you also please include two governance referees, as well as a copy of your driver's licence or passport.

Would you also be able to please review the below description of yourself to confirm that it is accurate? This is taken from both your CV and what you demonstrated during the interview and will be provided for the industry consultation process.

***Proposed candidate for appointment – Hon Simon Bridges***

*Hon Simon Bridges is a former Cabinet Minister whose current roles include Chief Executive of Auckland Business Chamber, Chair of National Road Carriers' Chief Executive Advisory Board, and the Chair of the Northern Infrastructure Forum.*

*The Minister considers that Hon Bridges will bring a collaborative style of leadership to the Board, as well as a strong public service ethos and work ethic. As a former transport Minister, he is familiar with the issues faced by the Agency as well as the work required to lead the Agency in its delivery of Government priorities. He is also adept in networking and building professional relationships, and is excited about the economic development opportunities that can be created through the Agency.*

*Hon Bridges advises that he intends to resign from his roles on National Road Carriers and Northern Infrastructure Forum if appointed. He has also committed to refraining from making any public statements on transport in his capacity as Chamber Chief Executive, [placeholder pending confirmation from the Auckland Business Chamber Board] and has agreed strategies with the Chamber's board to manage perceptions of conflict of interest.*

Once your confirmation has been received, I will commission the background check – this is conducted by a third party (CV Check) so you can expect to receive an email and text message once it has been lodged. We will also contact your referees.

Happy to discuss if you have any questions. Please let me know if you require anything further.

Kind Regards,

**Jono Reid**

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## Jono Reid

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**From:** Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 February 2024 3:25 pm  
**To:** Jono Reid  
**Cc:** David Wood; Harriet Shelton  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Chair - Draft Industry Consultation Email

Excellent! Thanks for the update Jono.

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**From:** Jono Reid <J.Reid@transport.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2024 3:06 PM  
**To:** Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** David Wood <D.Wood@transport.govt.nz>; Harriet Shelton <H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Chair - Draft Industry Consultation Email

Its going through the review process right now. There was a bit of follow up work with Simon that was only finalised around lunchtime.

Cheers,

### Jono Reid

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**From:** Helen FionaWhite <[Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2024 2:30 PM  
**To:** Jono Reid <[J.Reid@transport.govt.nz](mailto:J.Reid@transport.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** David Wood <[D.Wood@transport.govt.nz](mailto:D.Wood@transport.govt.nz)>; Harriet Shelton <[H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz](mailto:H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Chair - Draft Industry Consultation Email

Thanks for the update.

Can you confirm ETA for the APH paper this afternoon?

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**From:** Jono Reid <[J.Reid@transport.govt.nz](mailto:J.Reid@transport.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2024 9:45 AM  
**To:** Helen FionaWhite <[Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** David Wood <[D.Wood@transport.govt.nz](mailto:D.Wood@transport.govt.nz)>; Harriet Shelton <[H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz](mailto:H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Chair - Draft Industry Consultation Email

Thanks Helen, will do.

Simon has confirmed he is comfortable with the text from his end.

Cheers,

**Jono Reid**

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**From:** Helen FionaWhite <[Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2024 8:26 AM

**To:** Jono Reid <[J.Reid@transport.govt.nz](mailto:J.Reid@transport.govt.nz)>

**Cc:** David Wood <[D.Wood@transport.govt.nz](mailto:D.Wood@transport.govt.nz)>; Harriet Shelton <[H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz](mailto:H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Re: NZTA Chair - Draft Industry Consultation Email

Thanks Jono, appreciate you sending this through. I'll come back with any comments but can I reiterate that the Ministry not contact stakeholders until you hear from me as I'm just working through preferred times with the office.

Cheers

Helen

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**From:** Jono Reid <[J.Reid@transport.govt.nz](mailto:J.Reid@transport.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2024 4:56:18 PM

**To:** Helen FionaWhite <[Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Cc:** David Wood <[D.Wood@transport.govt.nz](mailto:D.Wood@transport.govt.nz)>; Harriet Shelton <[H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz](mailto:H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** NZTA Chair - Draft Industry Consultation Email

Hi Helen,

Following your conversation with David, you have asked for a copy of the draft email we would send as part of the industry consultation process.

Below is the proposed text – please note that I have also sent a copy of the bio to Simon for his feedback and am awaiting his response

Please let me know if you have any comments or questions.

Dear XX,

On behalf of the Minister of Transport, and in accordance with section 98(2) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, we are seeking your feedback on the Minister's intention to appoint Hon Simon Bridges as Chair of the New Zealand Transport Agency Board.

Hon Bridges is a former Cabinet Minister whose current roles include Chief Executive of Auckland Business Chamber, Chair of National Road Carriers' Chief Executive Advisory Board, and the Chair of the Northern Infrastructure Forum.

The Minister considers that Hon Bridges will bring a collaborative style of leadership to the Board, as well as a strong public service ethos and work ethic. As a former transport Minister, he is familiar with the issues faced by the Agency as well as the work required to lead the Agency in its delivery of Government priorities. He is also adept in networking and building professional relationships, and is excited about the economic development opportunities that can be created through NZTA.

Hon Bridges advises that he intends to resign from his roles on National Road Carriers and Northern Infrastructure Forum if appointed. He has also committed to refraining from making any public statements on transport in his

capacity as Chamber Chief Executive, [placeholder pending confirmation from the Auckland Business Chamber Board] and has agreed strategies with the Chamber’s board to manage perceptions of conflict of interest.

As a valued stakeholder of NZTA, we would welcome your feedback on this proposed appointment by [time and date]. If there are any comments you would like us to pass on directly to the Minister, please also let us know.

As with all appointments, please treat this information as confidential.

Kind Regards,

**Jono Reid**

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## Jono Reid

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**From:** Jono Reid  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 February 2024 5:29 pm  
**To:** Ministers Office  
**Cc:** Harriet Shelton; David Wood  
**Subject:** ATTN Helen/Dom: OC240153 - NZ Transport Agency - Cabinet Paper for Chair Appointment  
**Attachments:** OC240153 Appendix Two - NZ Transport Agency - Organisation and Candidate CV forms.docx; OC240153 Appendix One - NZ Transport Agency Chair Appointment - Cabinet paper.docx; OC240153 - New Zealand Transport Agency - Cabinet paper to progress Chair appointment - Briefing - Policy.pdf

Hi Helen and/or Dom,

**Attached** for the Minister's approval is the draft Cabinet paperwork to progress the NZTA Chair's appointment.

Talking points and appointment letters will be provided at a later date.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers,

**Jono Reid**

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## Jono Reid

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**From:** David Wood  
**Sent:** Monday, 26 February 2024 2:35 pm  
**To:** Helen FionaWhite; Jono Reid  
**Cc:** Harriet Shelton  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Chair Appointment - Process Q  
**Attachments:** OC240153 - Talking Points for APH NZTA Chair Appointment.docx

Kia ora Helen

With my apologies. Here are the talking points.  
We lead the industry consultation on the Minister's behalf.

Ngā mhi, David

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**From:** Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 2:27 PM  
**To:** Jono Reid <J.Reid@transport.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** David Wood <D.Wood@transport.govt.nz>; Harriet Shelton <H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** NZTA Chair Appointment - Process Q  
**Importance:** High

Hi Jono

A couple of questions from me on the NZTA Chair appointment, David may have already followed up on the second below:

1. We were expecting speaking points for APH today at midday. Can you please provide an ETA for these ASAP.
2. For seeking stakeholder engagement, can you advise the process followed for Patrick Reynolds appointment. Did the Minister write to stakeholders or was this an email process led by MOT?

Cheers  
Helen



### Helen White

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Minister of Local Government  
Minister of Transport  
Minister for Auckland  
Deputy Leader of the House

**Cabinet Committee Background Information and Talking Points**

Cabinet Committee: Appointments and Honours Committee (APH) on 27 February 2024

Paper Title: New Zealand Transport Agency: Chair Appointment

Portfolio: Transport

Officials Attending: TBC

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- I intend to appoint **The Honourable Simon Bridges** as Chair of the New Zealand Transport Agency Board for a term beginning on 11 March 2024 and ending on 28 February 2027.
  - Mr Bridges will replace Dr Paul Reynolds, who resigned on 6 December 2023.
  - His appointment is subject to the completion of a satisfactory background check, which is underway.

**Candidate for appointment**

*The Honourable Simon Bridges*

- Former Senior Cabinet Minister and National Party Leader. Current Chief Executive of Auckland Business Chamber, Chair of the National Road Carriers' Chief Executive Advisory Board, and the Chair of the Northern Infrastructure Forum.
- Offers a collaborative style of leadership, as well as a strong public service ethos and work ethic. Very experienced in the inner workings of Government.
- Adept at networking and building professional relationships.
- Will be familiar with the issues faced by NZTA from his time as Minister of Transport, as well as the work required to lead the Agency in its delivery of Government priorities.

**New Zealand Transport Agency**

- NZTA is a Crown agent established by the Land Transport Management Act (the Act). Its core functions are:

- planning land transport networks
  - investing in land transport
  - managing the State highway network
  - regulating access to, and use of, the land transport system.
- The Board currently has seven members, the minimum number under the Act, appointed by the Minister of Transport.

### **Appointments Process and consultation**

- The Chair role was advertised, and nominations sought from nominating agencies and caucus. Candidates were interviewed and due diligence undertaken for Hon Bridges.
- I have also consulted with coalition partners on the proposed appointments.
- In line with section 98 (2) of the Act, the Ministry will consult with a wide range of representative groups within the land transport sector on my behalf following this meeting. This included the NZ Automobile Association, Local Government New Zealand, Transporting New Zealand, and the Motor Trade Association. A verbal update on feedback will be provided at Cabinet.

### **Conflicts of interest**

- Mr Bridges is currently Chief Executive of the Auckland Business Chamber, Chair of the National Road Carriers' Chief Executive Advisory Board, and the Chair of the Northern Infrastructure Forum. All present conflicts of interest to various degrees.
- Mr Bridges has advised that he will resign from his roles on the National Road Carriers Advisory Board and Northern Infrastructure Forum if appointed.
- Mr Bridges has also committed to refrain from making any public statements on transport in his capacity as the Auckland Business Chamber Chief Executive. He has discussed his candidacy and proposed mitigations with his board, who are supportive.
- The Board has strategies in place to manage any potential conflicts of interest if they arise. Members declare any potential conflicts and withdraw themselves from discussions where appropriate.

### **Diversity**

- If Mr Bridges's appointment is confirmed, the Board will have four female and four male members, two Māori members, and geographic diversity from Auckland to Tasman as well as offering perspectives from regional New Zealand.

### **Remuneration**

- The Board is classified as a Group 3a Level 1 Governance Board under the Cabinet Fees Framework. The current fee for the Chair is \$78,540 per annum, which is consistent with the Fees Framework.

## Jono Reid

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**From:** Jono Reid  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 February 2024 12:02 pm  
**To:** Helen FionaWhite  
**Cc:** David Wood; Harriet Shelton  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Board Chair - Stakeholder email  
**Attachments:** Background Check Summary - Hon Simon Bridges.docx

Hi Helen,

Updated email below.

I've attached the summary of the background checking information received. We are only waiting on one component of the check, otherwise everything has come back. Happy to discuss if you need.

Dear XX,

On behalf of the Minister of Transport, and in accordance with section 98(2) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, we are seeking your feedback on the Minister's intention to appoint the Honourable Simon Bridges as Chair of the New Zealand Transport Agency Board.

Mr Bridges is a former Cabinet Minister whose current roles include Chief Executive of Auckland Business Chamber, Chair of National Road Carriers' Chief Executive Advisory Board, and the Chair of the Northern Infrastructure Forum.

The Minister considers that Mr Bridges will bring a collaborative style of leadership to the Board, as well as a strong public service ethos and work ethic. As a former transport Minister, he is familiar with the issues faced by the Agency as well as the work required to lead the Agency in its delivery of Government priorities. He is also adept in networking and building professional relationships, and is excited about the economic development opportunities that can be created through NZTA.

Mr Bridges advises that he intends to resign from his roles on National Road Carriers and Northern Infrastructure Forum if appointed. He has also committed to refraining from making any public statements on transport in his capacity as Chamber Chief Executive, and has agreed strategies with the Chamber's board to manage perceptions of conflict of interest.

As a valued stakeholder of NZTA, we would welcome your feedback on this proposed appointment by 5pm, Friday 1 March 2024. If there are any comments you would like us to pass on directly to the Minister, please also let us know.

As with all appointments, please treat this information as confidential.

Kind Regards,

### Jono Reid

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**From:** Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 11:47 AM

**To:** Jono Reid <J.Reid@transport.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** David Wood <D.Wood@transport.govt.nz>; Harriet Shelton <H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Board Chair - Stakeholder email

Yes please, make any edits required to bring it up to date and fire it through.

Is background checking now complete? Or you've just had an initial signal from one of the checks?

Helen

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**From:** Jono Reid <J.Reid@transport.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 11:44 AM  
**To:** Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** David Wood <D.Wood@transport.govt.nz>; Harriet Shelton <H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Board Chair - Stakeholder email

Hi Helen,

I sent a draft email through last week for feedback (attached). The only change that could be made is removing the red placeholder marker around confirmation from the Auckland Business Chamber that they are supportive of the appointment, as they are comfortable. I'll also make tweaks to the language around the use of the Honourable to reflect office preferences. Happy to make those if you want an updated version?

I can also confirm that no issues have arisen to date through background checking.

Cheers,

**Jono Reid**

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**From:** Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 11:21 AM  
**To:** Jono Reid <J.Reid@transport.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** David Wood <D.Wood@transport.govt.nz>; Harriet Shelton <H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** NZTA Board Chair - Stakeholder email

Hi Jono

Can you please send through the final proposed email to transport stakeholders on the Board Chair appointment?

I'll get that approved and back to you ASAP so you can commence engagement.

Cheers  
Helen

**Helen White**

Lead Private Secretary Transport | Office of Hon Simeon Brown  
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**BACKGROUND CHECK SUMMARY - APPOINTMENT**

**Date Prepared:** 26 February 2024

**Candidate:** The Honourable Simon Bridges

**Position being considered for:** Chair, New Zealand Transport Agency

**Candidate contact details for questions:** s 9(2)(a)

**Ministry of Transport contact for questions:** Harriet Shelton, Manager – Crown Entity Monitoring, s 9(2)(a) and [h.shelton@transport.govt.nz](mailto:h.shelton@transport.govt.nz)

Below is a summary of the information currently received as part of the appointee background checks. These checks are carried out in addition to candidate interviews and referee checks, and are completed by a CVCheck – a third party provider.

**Check Status:** Partial result received.

Type of Check	Information Received	Issues Identified
Confirmation of Qualifications	Yes	No
Bankruptcy Check	Yes	No
Ministry of Justice Check	Yes	No
Credit Rating Check	Yes	No
Anti-Money Laundering Check	Yes	No
Disqualified Directors Check	Yes	No
Financial Service Providers Register Check	Yes	No
Property Securities Register Check (new appointments only)	Not yet.	Not yet.
Court Search	Yes	No
Gazette Online Check	Yes	No
Disqualified Driver Check (only requested if candidate is being considered for NZTA Board)	Yes	No – one offence dating back to February 2018.
Global Media Search (if no issues identified)	Yes	Over 2,000 articles were identified. Not all were provided to the Ministry. Mr Bridges history is well publicised.



## Jono Reid

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**From:** Jono Reid  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 February 2024 9:41 am  
**To:** Helen FionaWhite  
**Cc:** Harriet Shelton; David Wood  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Chair - Process post APH

Good morning Helen,

Hope things are well.

Have you received confirmation from the outcome of APH and the process steps proposed yesterday?

Cheers,

### Jono Reid

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**From:** Jono Reid

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 1:13 PM

**To:** Helen FionaWhite <[helen.fionawhite@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:helen.fionawhite@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Cc:** Harriet Shelton <[H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz](mailto:H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz)>; David Wood <[d.wood@transport.govt.nz](mailto:d.wood@transport.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** NZTA Chair - Process post APH

Hi Helen,

Hope things are well.

Following a conversation with David, I just wanted to confirm the office's comfort to the next steps of the process around next steps of the process for the NZTA Chair. Could you confirm you are comfortable with us undertaking the following actions tomorrow morning (pending confirmation on the outcome of APH shortly after the meeting)?

- Advising the Acting Chair of who will be appointed and planned timings for appointment.
- Advising those interviewed that they were unsuccessful.
- Advising our media team of the planned announcement so they can begin preparing a media statement for the Minister (I presume the Minister will want to announce the appointment).

Assuming the office is comfortable with all of these actions, I would also look to message Simon today to confirm that his appointment is on the APH calendar for today and will be confirmed by Cabinet on Monday. I'll also double check if there are issues from him around a planned start date of 11 March, which is currently in the Cabinet paper – we will need a date for the Gazette notice, but that is relatively flexible depending on preferences. He will need to be across the timings and will likely want to review any media release before it is sent.

Happy to discuss if you need.

Cheers,

**Jono Reid**

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**From:** Simon Bridges s 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 29 February 2024 8:19 am  
**To:** Jono Reid  
**Cc:** David Wood; Harriet Shelton  
**Subject:** Re: NZTA - Update

Many thanks for this information Jono. Much appreciated. Will keep in touch,  
Simon

On 28/02/2024, at 5:36 PM, Jono Reid <J.Reid@transport.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Simon,

Hope things are well with you.

A quick update – your appointment went to APH yesterday. The office has just confirmed that the appointment will be considered by Cabinet on 11 March rather than the 4<sup>th</sup>. I am on leave until Monday (at the cricket), but expect I will be in touch further next week for nailing down a few of the remaining pre-appointment administrative matters (timing of announcement, preferred start date etc).

The next board meeting is on 20 March (I've attached the schedule I provided before your interview). I understand that this is now likely to be an in person meeting. NZTA will also likely want to first begin with a mihi whakataua

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will have my phone on me (mornings before the match will be best time for contact) but if you did need to call – Harriet's number is s 9(2)(a) and David's number is s 9(2)(a).

Cheers,

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**From:** Jono Reid  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 February 2024 4:25 pm  
**To:** Helen FionaWhite  
**Cc:** Harriet Shelton; David Wood  
**Subject:** Further details on background check  
**Attachments:** S Bridges - Traffic Demerit Point and Suspensions Report.pdf

Hi Helen,

You asked for more details on the driving offence that was identified in the background check for the Honourable Simon Bridges.

A copy of the report is attached. Mr Bridges was convicted of one speed related offence in February 2018 for exceeding the 100 km/h posted speed limit. That particular demerit level is received for exceeding the speed limit by more than 20 km/h but not more than 30 km/h.

Demerit points remain active on an individual's licence record for a period of two years from the date of the offence, and an individual needs to accumulate 100 or more active demerit points for their license to be suspended. Further details are available on NZTA's website here: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/driver-licences/driving-offences-and-penalties/demerit-points/>

Not progressing an individual for appointment on the basis of their driving record is ultimately a judgement call for a Minister. Ministry advice on this matter would balance the following considerations – the repeated nature of offences, and how the offences appear against the Minister's role in stewarding a safe land transport system.

The offence identified in the check is not active on Mr Bridges record, and there hasn't been any record of offences since that time. Mr Bridges did disclose in the interview that he had received one speeding ticket several years ago but that was on the only offence for a long time. We can seek further details from Mr Bridges if required.

Cheers,

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# New Zealand: Traffic Demerit Point and Suspensions Report

## Individual's Details

Family/Surname

Bridges

Given Name(s)

Simon Joseph

Date of Birth

12 Oct 1976

## Result

The result for Simon Joseph Bridges is attached.

## Certificate Verification

s 9(2)(a)

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# Demerit points and suspension history report

Extracted from the Driver Licence Registry on 22 Feb 2024

## Driver details

Surname BRIDGES  
First names SIMON JOSEPH  
Date of birth 12 Oct 1976  
License number s 9(2)(a)

## Offence details between 22 Feb 2017 to 22 Feb 2024

Demerit Points	Offence Date	Conviction Date	Court record number	Offence or Demerit	Point suspension
35	03/02/2018	21/02/2018	s 9(2)(a)	s 9(2)(a) Exceeded 100 Km/H Posted Speed Limit	



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This report uses some data from third parties.

This report only includes demerit point related offences and suspensions. It doesn't include:

- other suspensions (like police issued 28-day suspensions)
- court-imposed convictions (like disqualifications for dangerous driving).

Contact the Ministry of Justice for information about court-imposed convictions.  
[www.justice.govt.nz/criminal-records](http://www.justice.govt.nz/criminal-records)

The conviction date in your offence details means your hearing date or the infringement paid date.

## Jono Reid

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**From:** Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 4 March 2024 11:11 am  
**To:** Jono Reid  
**Cc:** David Wood; Harriet Shelton  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Chair - Final Background Check result received

Thanks Jono. Appreciate the email and voice message. By way of update, Cabinet is scheduled to consider this appointment on Monday 11 March 2024. I will confirm timeframes for stakeholder engagement with you ASAP. Please hold fire on any next steps until you hear from me.

Cheers  
Helen



### Helen White

Lead Private Secretary Transport | Office of Hon Simeon Brown  
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**Sent:** Monday, March 4, 2024 9:59 AM  
**To:** Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** David Wood <D.Wood@transport.govt.nz>; Harriet Shelton <H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** NZTA Chair - Final Background Check result received

Good morning Helen,

Just letting you know that the final piece of the background check was returned for Simon on Friday with a nil result. All of the checking is now complete.

I've left a voicemail to confirm the office's comfort to the Ministry completing the remaining steps of the process.

Cheers,

### Jono Reid

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**From:** Jono Reid  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 March 2024 8:02 am  
**To:** Audrey Sonerson; David Wood; Sharyn Forty  
**Cc:** Harriet Shelton; Brent Johnston  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Board Chair Appointment - Stakeholder Engagement  
**Attachments:** NZTA - Industry Consultation Collation List - February 2024.docx

Hi Audrey,

Please find the list **attached**. I have also updated the timeframe in the email below to reflect the time requested by the office.

If you could send me the feedback when received so I can file it, that would be much appreciated.

Cheers,

### Jono Reid

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 2:11 PM  
**To:** Helen FionaWhite <[helen.fionawhite@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:helen.fionawhite@parliament.govt.nz)>; David Wood <[D.Wood@transport.govt.nz](mailto:D.Wood@transport.govt.nz)>  
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**Subject:** RE: NZTA Board Chair Appointment - Stakeholder Engagement

Thanks Helen,

Harriet/Jono – can you get me the relevant names and email addresses please?

Audrey

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**To:** David Wood <[D.Wood@transport.govt.nz](mailto:D.Wood@transport.govt.nz)>; Audrey Sonerson <[A.Sonerson@transport.govt.nz](mailto:A.Sonerson@transport.govt.nz)>  
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**Subject:** NZTA Board Chair Appointment - Stakeholder Engagement  
**Importance:** High

Afternoon David



You've been in touch around timeframes for commencing stakeholder consultation with representative groups on the NZTA Board Chair appointment. The Ministry can now commence this process, with the following 8 stakeholder groups (as listed in the Cabinet paper). The below email has been approved and seeks feedback by COP Thursday, to provide the Ministry with time on Friday morning to provide updated speaking points for the Minister on any matters raised during consultation that he should in advance of Cabinet (we will need these ideally by Midday Friday, but let me know if you need longer).

The Minister has asked that this email be sent by Audrey.

Any questions please let me know.

Cheers  
Helen

**Stakeholders:**

New Zealand Automobile Association,

- Bus and Coach Association New Zealand,
- Civil Contractors New Zealand,
- Local Government New Zealand,
- Motor Industry Association of New Zealand,
- Motor Trade Association,
- New Zealand Heavy Haulage Association,
- Iā Ara Aotearoa Transporting New Zealand (formerly the Road Transport Forum),

**Stakeholder email:**

Dear XX,

On behalf of the Minister of Transport, and in accordance with section 98(2) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, we are seeking your feedback on the Minister's intention to appoint the Honourable Simon Bridges as Chair of the New Zealand Transport Agency Board.

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As a valued stakeholder of NZTA, we would welcome your feedback on this proposed appointment by 5pm, Thursday 7 March 2024. If there are any comments you would like us to pass on directly to the Minister, please also let us know.

As with all appointments, please treat this information as confidential.

Kind Regards,



**Helen White**

Lead Private Secretary Transport | Office of Hon Simeon Brown  
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Industry Participant	Contact person	Contact details	Sent	Feedback
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Bus and Coach Association				
Civil Contractors New Zealand				
Local Government New Zealand				
Motor Industry Association				
Motor Trade Association				
New Zealand Heavy Haulage Association				
Ia Ara Transporting New Zealand (Road Transport Forum)				

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## Jono Reid

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**From:** Audrey Sonerson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 March 2024 12:30 pm  
**To:** David Wood; Jono Reid  
**Subject:** Fwd: IN CONFIDENCE - Intention to appoint NZTA Board Chair

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**To:** David Wood; Jono Reid  
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## Jono Reid

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**From:** Audrey Sonerson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 March 2024 7:57 pm  
**To:** David Wood; Jono Reid  
**Subject:** Fwd: IN CONFIDENCE - Intention to appoint NZTA Board Chair

See below. FYI

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**From:** Audrey Sonerson <A.Sonerson@transport.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 11:10 AM  
**To:** s 9(2)(ba)(i)  
**Subject:** IN CONFIDENCE - Intention to appoint NZTA Board Chair

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On behalf of the Minister of Transport, and in accordance with section 98(2) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, we are seeking your feedback on the Minister's intention to appoint the Honourable Simon Bridges as Chair of the New Zealand Transport Agency Board.

Mr Simon Bridges is a former Cabinet Minister, with his Ministerial portfolios including Minister of Transport (2014-17), Energy, Communications, Economic Development and Leader of the House. During his tenure as a Minister, Simon helped roll-out nation-building infrastructure like Ultra-Fast Broadband, saw construction start on the Peka Peka to Ōtaki, Puhoi to Warkworth and Waikato Expressway projects, and opened major new roads like the Waterview Tunnel. Simon also implemented policies during this period to grow the electric vehicle market, as well as investments to improve public transport options in New Zealand.

Mr Bridges has remained involved in the transport sector including governance roles as the Chair of the National Road Carriers' Chief Executive Advisory Board, and Chair of the Northern Infrastructure Forum. He is the current Chief Executive of Auckland Business Chamber

The Minister considers that Mr Bridges will bring a collaborative style of leadership to the Board, as well as a strong public service ethos and work ethic. As a former transport Minister, he is familiar with the issues faced by the Agency as well as the work required to lead the Agency in its delivery of Government priorities. He is also adept in networking and building professional relationships and is excited about the economic development opportunities that can be created through NZTA.

Mr Bridges advises that he intends to resign from his roles on National Road Carriers and Northern Infrastructure Forum if appointed. He has also committed to refraining from making any public statements on transport in his capacity as Chamber Chief Executive and has agreed strategies with the Chamber's board to manage perceptions of conflict of interest.

As a valued stakeholder of NZTA, we would welcome your feedback on this proposed appointment by 5pm, Thursday 7 March 2024. If there are any comments you would like us to pass on directly to the Minister, please also let us know.

As with all appointments, please treat this information as confidential.

Kind regards  
Audrey

**Audrey Sonerson** (she / her / Ms)  
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**From:** Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 March 2024 1:24 pm  
**To:** Jono Reid  
**Cc:** David Wood; Harriet Shelton  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Chair - Industry Consultation feedback to date

Thanks Jono – appreciate the update

Cheers  
Helen

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**From:** Jono Reid <J.Reid@transport.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2024 12:15 PM  
**To:** Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** David Wood <D.Wood@transport.govt.nz>; Harriet Shelton <H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** NZTA Chair - Industry Consultation feedback to date

Hi Helen,

As requested, please find the industry consultation feedback received at present.

Industry Participant	Contact	Feedback
Automobile Association	s 9(2)(ba)(i)	
Bus and Coach Association		
Civil Contractors New Zealand		
Local Government New Zealand		

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Motor Industry Association
Motor Trade Association
New Zealand Heavy Haulage Association
Ia Ara Transporting New Zealand (Road Transport Forum)

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Cheers,

**Jono Reid**

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**From:** Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 8 March 2024 2:11 pm  
**To:** Jono Reid  
**Cc:** David Wood; Harriet Shelton  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Chair info to finalise appointment

Hi Jono

Thanks for sending this through – I'll be in touch with any questions

Helen

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**From:** Jono Reid <J.Reid@transport.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2024 1:56 PM  
**To:** Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** David Wood <D.Wood@transport.govt.nz>; Harriet Shelton <H.Shelton@transport.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** NZTA Chair info to finalise appointment

Hi Helen,

Hope you are well.

Please find **attached** the remaining documentation for finalising Simon Bridges's appointment to NZTA. This is as follows:

- Updated talking points – we have noted the parties that provided feedback and that it was broadly supportive. No further feedback was received beyond the email I sent you yesterday.
- Appointments letter with the Code of Conduct to be sent as an attachment.
- Gazette notice – if you return the signed version to me, I will arrange for its publication. A signed version of the Gazette notice is also included with the appointments letter when it is sent.
- Draft press release – note this has only been reviewed internally and a version has not been provided to Simon for review.

Happy to discuss.

Cheers,

**Jono Reid**

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**From:** Jono Reid  
**Sent:** Monday, 11 March 2024 2:03 pm  
**To:** Dominic Cowell-Smith  
**Cc:** David Wood; Helen FionaWhite; Brent Johnston; Audrey Sonerson; Peta Baily Gibson  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Board Chair appointment

Hi Dom,

Confirming our conversation – I will work on the gazette process once I am back from my appointment. I generally takes a day or so to publish, but it won't affect the timing of the announcement or prevent the appointment from taking effect today.

Appreciate the update to that the Minister has spoken with the CE on the upcoming announcement, and that the office has had conversations with Simon on the press release.

Cheers,

### Jono Reid

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**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 1:52 PM  
**To:** Jono Reid <[J.Reid@transport.govt.nz](mailto:J.Reid@transport.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** David Wood <[D.Wood@transport.govt.nz](mailto:D.Wood@transport.govt.nz)>; Helen FionaWhite <[helen.fionawhite@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:helen.fionawhite@parliament.govt.nz)>; Brent Johnston <[B.Johnston@transport.govt.nz](mailto:B.Johnston@transport.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** NZTA Board Chair appointment

Hi Jono

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Will send the letter and notice as attached to Mr Bridges now unless there are any concerns with that approach.

Cheers  
Dom

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### Dominic Cowell-Smith

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**Sent:** Monday, 11 March 2024 2:04 pm  
**To:** Jono Reid  
**Cc:** David Wood; Helen FionaWhite; Brent Johnston  
**Subject:** RE: NZTA Board Chair appointment

Also noting the code of conduct is in the same scan as the letter

Cheers  
Dom



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