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Building the gateway NZ needs: Auckland Airport appoints new Chief Infrastructure Officer

Auckland Airport is pleased to announce the appointment of Susana Fueyo Suarez as Chief Infrastructure Officer as it ramps up its most significant upgrade in history, with major projects underway across transport, terminals and airfield.

An engineer by training, Ms Fueyo Suarez brings 25 years' experience in leadership and a track record of disciplined delivery in complex infrastructure projects, leading large-scale developments in aviation, transport infrastructure and defence in Australia and around the world.

Auckland Airport Chief Executive Carrie Hurihanganui said: "Auckland Airport is getting on with building the resilient, fit for purpose gateway that meets the needs of travellers and our country's economy. Susana's expertise in infrastructure programme delivery, strong stakeholder management, critical thinking and experience in executing in live operating environments made her a stand-out during the recruitment process, and I'm delighted to welcome her to the team."

Ms Fueyo Suarez has held a number of key leadership roles in transport infrastructure, including the \$10b North South Corridor in Adelaide, the \$2.2b M80 Upgrade and the \$1.28bn City Tullia Widening projects in Melbourne.

Her experience also extends across defence and aviation. For example, she led the early works to develop and deliver the world's first joint Civil and Military Air Traffic Management System controlling Australia's air space. She also developed and delivered bespoke infrastructure, information and communication technology and telco operational solutions for airports in over 180 locations globally, including defence bases and major civil airports in Australia.

“I’m excited to be joining Auckland Airport as it gets underway with such a transformative infrastructure programme that’s going to deliver a real step change for customers,” said Ms Fueyo Suarez.

Ms Fueyo Suarez has a Master of Engineering from the University of Nottingham and a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Oviedo, Spain. She was appointed as part of an international recruitment search, following the resignation of André Lovatt who left for KiwiRail after five years at the airport.

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