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**Tauranga Public Transport Joint
Committee Meeting
Monday, 21 March 2022**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
TAURANGA PUBLIC TRANSPORT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE BOP REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, REGIONAL HOUSE, 1 ELIZABETH
STREET, TAURANGA
ON MONDAY, 21 MARCH 2022 AT 12.30PM**

PRESENT: Commission Chair Anne Tolley (Chairperson), Cr Andrew von Dadelszen, Commissioner Stephen Selwood, Cr Paula Thompson

IN ATTENDANCE: Tauranga City Council (TCC)

Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Brendan Bisley (Director of Transport), Alistair Talbot (Team Leader: Transport Strategy & Planning), Mark Burgess (Manager: Transport Infrastructure Outcomes), Robyn Garrett (Team Leader: Committee Support), Sarah Drummond (Committee Advisor), Anahera Dinsdale (Committee Advisor)

Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC)

Fiona McTavish (Chief Executive), Namouta Poutasi (General Manager: Strategy and Science), James Llewellyn (Transport & Urban Planning Manager), Fiona McTavish (Chief Executive), Oliver Haycock (Team Leader - Service Planning and Project Delivery - Transport & Urban Planning)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Ms Namouta Poutasi opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Mr Mark Wassung - relocatable bus shelters

Key points

- Mr Wassung provided a presentation which was an overview of the public transport journey in Tauranga to date.
- Mr Wassung asked the Committee to look to other cities such as Durban, Auckland and the Brisbane G link.
- There was currently a lack of bus shelters across the city.
- Mr Wassung and his group were working to develop 3D printed bus shelters but had met delays due to the pandemic.
- It was envisaged that the shelters would be illuminated and self-sustainable, bringing light and colour to the city.

Discussion points raised

- There was a current overlap of development with the 3D printing design that could be utilised for learning in schools' science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects. Mr Wassung had produced a paper on how the concept could be enlarged and further utilised.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

8.1 Presentation - Public Transport 101 - Stantec

External Mr Darren Davis, Stantec

Key points

- The Tauranga City Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) were not starting at a base zero point, there were existing routes and various models that had been trialled and used in the past.
- There needed to be 'Connected Concepts' for routes that required transfer; these did not work well if there was not central large connection hubs in place.
- Important to not be over-complicated in routes and planning. Context always mattered; there were hybrid models that may include car use that would fit current conditions.
- A variety of low cost measures should be used to get buses moving and increase use.
- Costs of public transport provision tied to peak vehicle movement.
- Adding services to weekends was a marginal cost that increased use over time.
- Best way to improve accessibility was to improve walkability to services.

Discussion points raised

- There was a lack of good data and material on the full effect of walkability access. People were prepared to walk to the bus but not walk a longer distance to or from their destination.
- Research was needed to see what the challenges were and how to resolve them; some may be easier to resolve than others.

9 BUSINESS

9.1 Tauranga City Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council Project Update

Staff Alistair Talbot, Team Leader: Transport Strategy & Planning
Brendan Bisley, Director of Transport
Mark Burgess (Manager: Transport Infrastructure Outcomes)
James Llewellyn (Transport & Urban Planning Manager)

Key points

- The report was taken as read.
- Councillor Thompson suggested that the Committee should see the presentation from student

Alice Smith to inform their work.

- The move from the Willow Street super stops was almost complete and changes in patron behaviour on street were starting to be seen.
- There was a strong focus to deliver the new hub on time. It was noted that there might be less space for the stop than originally anticipated and that five stops would be required to future proof against population growth.
- There needed to be a balance between viewing the proposed plan from the technical lens and a user experience lens.

In response to questions

- Work was ongoing to ensure that the communication and plans across both the City and Regional Council were consistent.
- Further reports would focus on progress and other matters as directed by the Committee and in the format recommended.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT1/22/1

Moved: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee:

- (a) Receives the Tauranga City Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council Project Update Report – March 2022.

CARRIED

9.2 Papamoa Ratepayers and Residents Association Petition regarding Links Avenue

Staff Brendan Bisley, Director of Transport

Key points

- Mr Bisley provided a brief update on the trial and the reasoning for removal of the bus stops and lane, the formation of the Links Ave cul-de-sac and surface remediation.
- The Papamoa Ratepayers and Residents Association had been invited to the meeting but staff had not received a formal response from them. Further updates on the trial would be reported to Council.

In response to questions

- Ticketing/infringement action had not yet started but would commence at the start of the trial following an education campaign.
- The roading network of Links Ave was not designed for the current volume of traffic.

Discussion points raised

- Actual increase in wait times from cars not using Links Ave was generally less than five minutes at peak.
- The bus lane would not likely be reinstated on the road.
- All road markings had now been removed and/or the surface resealed.
- Of the education letters sent currently, a percentage were for people who had already received at least two notifications of the trial and changes to layout.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT1/22/2

Moved: Commission Chair Anne Tolley
Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee:

- (i) Receives the report, Papamoa Ratepayers and Residents Association Petition regarding Links Avenue.

CARRIED

9.3 Electric Buses

Staff Brendan Bisley, Director of Transport

Key points

- Staff provided a brief update on the purchase and use of electric public transport.

Discussion points raised

- Staff would look at current plans by Auckland Transport to have electric ferry boats for the current harbour services.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT1/22/3

Moved: Cr Paula Thompson
Seconded: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

That the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee:

Receives the report and the attached letter.

CARRIED

9.4 Bus Data request

Staff Brendan Bisley, Director of Transport

Key points

- BOPRC committed to provide the information as requested and in the format that would be required.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT1/22/4

Moved: Commission Chair Anne Tolley
Seconded: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

That the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee:

- (a) Receives the report;
- (b) Requests that Regional Council staff supply the information requested by Commissioner Selwood on 26 October 2021 after an earlier request in March 2021.

CARRIED

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

11 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT1/22/5**

Moved: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

Seconded: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

| General subject of each matter to be considered | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter | Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution |
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| 11.1 - Wednesday Challenge Update | s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) | s48(1)(a) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7 |

CARRIED**12 CLOSING KARAKIA**

Ms Namouta Poutasi closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 2pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee meeting held on 22 August 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON