



# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council meeting  
Tuesday, 27 June 2023**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, REGIONAL HOUSE,  
1 ELIZABETH STREET, TAURANGA  
ON TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 2023 AT 2.49 PM**

**PRESENT:** Commission Chair Anne Tolley, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston,  
Commissioner Stephen Selwood, Commissioner Bill Wasley

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Paul Davidson (Chief Financial Officer),  
Barbara Dempsey (General Manager: Community Services), Nic Johansson  
(General Manager: Infrastructure), Christine Jones (General Manager:  
Strategy, Growth & Governance), Alastair McNeill (General Manager:  
Corporate Services), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory and  
Compliance), Alistair Talbot, (Team Leader: Structure Planning & Strategic  
Transport), Andrew Mead (Manager: City Planning and Growth), (Coral Hair  
(Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Sarah Drummond  
(Governance Advisor), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Janie  
Storey (Governance Advisor)

## **1 OPENING KARAKIA**

Bay of Plenty Regional Councillor Te Tara White opened the session which commenced at 2pm with a karakia.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Nil

## **3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil

## **4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

## **5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN**

Nil

## **6 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Nil

## **7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Nil

## 8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Nil

## 10 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Nil

## 11 BUSINESS

### Presentation by Waka Kotahi – Tauriko SH29 Business Case

A presentation was given by three Waka Kotahi representatives, David Speirs, Director Regional Relationships (Waikato / Bay of Plenty); Jessica Andrews, Regional Manager System Design (Waikato Bay of Plenty) and Kaylene Meyer, Principal Project Manager, to the three councils (Tauranga City Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council) prior to the meeting commencing and answered questions of Members from all three councils.

Commissioner Tolley thanked the Waka Kotahi Representatives for their presentation and information.

A copy of the presentation for this item can be viewed on Tauranga City Council's website in the Minutes Attachments document for this committee meeting.

### Attachments

1 Tauriko SH29 Business Case

### 11.1 Tauriko SH29 Network Connections Detailed Business Case

**Staff** Marty Grenfell, Chief Executive  
Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance  
Andrew Mead, Manager: City Planning and Growth  
Alistair Talbot, Team Leader: Structure Planning & Strategic Transport

### Key points

- The Western corridor was a key growth corridor identified through SmartGrowth and Urban Form and Transport Initiative (UFTI) as agreed across the partnership and with Central Government.
- The Western Corridor has had significant growth over the last two decades and had significant planned growth into the future, which could not happen without a long term transport solution.
- The Tauriko West and Tauranga Business Estate extensions were currently going through plan changes, with both about to be notified.
- Stage 3 around Barkes Corner would unlock a large amount of growth, particularly in Tauriko West and all the Business Estate extension, in a timeframe aligned with the land use development.
- Issues being faced around these developments were the range of plan changes and funding agreements. Also the developers were working through their commercial feasibility and getting ready to develop the land.
- Until there was a certainty of commitment and funding for the delivery of the infrastructure, those processes faced significant risk.
- The recommendations in the report included Council endorsing the business case to the Waka Kotahi Board for approval and to seek secured delivery sooner and within 10 years.

- There was a need to future proof the solution sooner and to seek improved solutions for the pinch points at Barkes Corner and the Toll Road roundabout and for Waka Kotahi to focus their next stage of work to continue to look at improved solutions for these pinch points.
- There was a requirement for a four-lane bridge across the Omanawa Stream rather than the two-lane bridge proposed as the roading network was four lanes. This would remove an immediate pinch point in that design.
- The cost share for Tauranga City Council were the Redwood Lane roundabout of between \$27.2M - \$32.3M in stage 4 with the more immediate cost share of between \$4.1M and \$5.1M for the stage 3 walking and cycling connections on Marshall Avenue to connect to the Barkes Corner improvement.

### Discussion points raised

- Commissioner Tolley noted that it was appropriate for the three councils to look at the next stages together and important to endorse the works sub-regionally.
- Even with strong subregional support there was no guarantee of priority being given for this road, as it needed to be endorsed by the Waka Kotahi Board, before going into the Regional Land Transport Programme.
- It was important not to create more pinch points and future proof it to ensure that a four-lane highway did not include a two-lane bridge.
- Timing was important as one example would see up to 87 trucks per day taking product from the new Winstone's factory to distribute around the country. This had been pointed out to the Minister as only central government could change what was being asked for and to provide the funding and certainty for unlocking the city.
- Commissioners were heartened by the work of mana whenua towards the project and to see the support of all parties involved.

### RESOLUTION CO10/23/1

Moved: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Tauriko SH29 Network Connections Detailed Business Case" (Business case).
- (b) Endorses the Business case being submitted to Waka Kotahi Board for approval.
- (c) Re-confirms to Waka Kotahi the Tauranga City Council position that there is a strong preference and need for the project to be delivered in a single stage within a decade (or by 2034) as opposed to the proposed staged delivery over many years potentially extending until 2050 given the significance of the corridor locally and nationally.
- (d) Recommends to Waka Kotahi that:
  - (i) The next stage of the Business case delivery, including Detailed Design development, identify solutions to improve the performance of identified future 'pinch points' at Cameron Road / Barkes corner, and Takitimu Drive/SH29/SH29a/SH36 to ensure satisfactory Levels of Service and futureproofing; and
  - (ii) A 4-lane bridge over the Omanawa stream is constructed in Stage 2, rather than the proposed 2-lane replacement bridge, to integrate with 4-lane sections of state highway to be constructed either side of the bridge and to support the function of this inter-regional freight route.
- (e) Notes that based on the principles established to confirm the cost share for delivering the Business case, the Tauranga City Council cost share is associated with delivery of:

- (i) the roundabout at the southern Redwood Lane inter-change (in Stage 4), and
  - (ii) a walking & cycling path on Marshall Avenue (in Stage 3),
- with both components having a 49% Local Council share / 51% Funding Assistance Rate funding split for their total cost.

**CARRIED**

**12 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

**13 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

Nil

**The meeting closed at 3.05 pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 14 August 2023.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**