



MINUTES

**Tauranga Public Transport Joint
Committee meeting**

Wednesday, 1 May 2024

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
TAURANGA PUBLIC TRANSPORT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE BOP REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
1 ELIZABETH STREET, TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY 2024 AT 10.30AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: **Tauranga City Council**

Nic Johansson (Head of Transport), Tom McIntyre (Team Leader: Transport Development), Craig Dunlop (Principal Investment Advisor: Transport), Derek McFadden (Senior Project Manager), Shawn Geard (City Centre Infrastructure Lead), Jason Spencer (Transport Programme Manager - Dual Funded), Hank Han (Transport Planner), Colm Hartigan (Principal Planner: Transport), Anahera Dinsdale (Acting Team Leader: Governance Services), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor), Aimee Aranas (Governance Advisor).

Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Fiona McTavish (Chief Executive), Cr Kat MacMillan, Cr Stuart Crosby Stuart Nightingale (Manager: Transport Operations), Oliver Haycock (Manager: Transport Planning), Mike Seabourne (Director Public Transport), Matthew Kilpatrick (Senior Transport Planner).

EXTERNAL: Ms Jessica Andrew (Waka Kotahi).

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Kat MacMillan opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

The following late open item was withdrawn from the agenda:

- Te Tumu Urban Growth Area and Wairakei Town Centre Transport Business Case.

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee held on 5 December 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT1/24/1

Moved: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the minutes of the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee meeting held on 5 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 RECEIPT OF MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Minutes of the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee Workshop meeting held on 28 February 2024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT1/24/2

Moved: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the minutes of the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee Workshop meeting held on 28 February 2024 be received.

CARRIED

9 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

10 BUSINESS

10.1 15th Avenue to Welcome Bay SSBC Update

Staff Derek McFadden, Senior Project Manager
Jason Spencer, Transport Programme Manager - Dual Funded
Colm Hartigan (Principal Planner: Transport)

PowerPoint presentation.

Key points

- Council was in a difficult situation with regards to the Government Policy Statement (GPS), which changed the direction of the project. There was a shift in ideology in what the GPS did and did not support.
- If Council had continued with the original business case, it would not have received any funding. Therefore, it was trying to adjust the business case into stages which would mean it

would get some funding in the early stages to enable as many improvements to the network as possible.

In response to questions

- It was felt that the pedestrian and cyclists' space would not be cut off during the stages of the project. The walking and cycling path had to be removed from the project itself to reduce the risk of not obtaining funding, but Council was still committed to achieving this at some stage.

Discussion points raised

- The GPS had clearly changed the landscape for funding and would continue to do so. It was important to the Commissioners to get the main elements of the project across the line and get work started in July 2025, as this was one of the key congestion points in the city.
- The proposed three kilometres of walking and cycling paths posed a risk to the project given the new GPS, however it may be possible to obtain funding for this in different ways.
- Council was driven by funding mechanisms in terms of what it could do. However, this did not mean a disconnect from the Urban Form and Transport Initiative (UFTI), spatial planning and the desire to have the best city.
- All projects that had to change their scope due to the updated GPS had to individually go through a project governance process and were not legitimate until the organisation decided they were comfortable with, and had confirmed, the new scope of the project.
- Council was having to make changes which put pressure on the LTP, but the aim was still to relieve traffic congestion.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT1/24/3

Moved: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee:

- (a) Receives the report '15th Avenue to Welcome Bay SSBC Update .
- (b) Supports and / or endorses the Project.
- (c) Notes that Council is scheduled to consider the Project at its meeting of 20 May and to approve the completion of Pre-implementation and subsequent commencement of Implementation (which would be subject to NZTA approval of the SSBC and funding). The SSBC will not be finalised by 20 May, but Council will have the Executive Summary to consider. Consequently, Council will be asked to delegate authority to the CE to approve submission of the final SSBC to NZTA.
- (d) Notes that at its meeting of 20 May Council will also be asked to decide on strengthening of the abutments of the Hairini Bridge to improve seismic resilience of this structure and the harbour crossing.

CARRIED

ACTION

That Cr Paula Thompson be provided with all investment programs and projects impacted by the Government Policy Statement's change in direction.

10.2 Tauranga City Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council Update Report - May 2024

Staff Matthew Kilpatrick (Senior Transport Planner, BOPRC)

The report was taken as read.

In response to questions

- Social issues were created when Central Business District (CBD) bus interchanges were put in place. However, within eight years there would be a different public transport model, the CBD would be completed, and the patronage of the public transport would have changed.
- The Hairini Street bus lane item had been on the business case but no decisions had been made. BOPRC had been working together with TCC's safety engineers on this. A consultant had been tasked with writing up issues and options around this in the business case to enable a good decision in terms of whether this could be opened up or not.

Discussion points raised

- Phase two of the bus network services refresh was partially paused, however was still planned for December this year.
- The ability of a bus interchange to be moved was a benefit in terms of changing conditions, needs and patronage. Time would provide evidence as to what the right solution would be.
- The feedback from the community using the CBD bus interchange had been very positive.
- There was an offer on the table from TCC for a two-year trial for a ferry between Mount Maunganui and the Tauranga CBD which was worth doing. All the city partner groups felt that if a sensible trial was available and did not cost too much, it should be done. When road works started on Hewletts Road, Totara Street and Hull Road, it would be important to have this as an option in place, and not on a trial, to get people from Mount Maunganui to the city.
- It would be very helpful to boost the public's perception of public transport to have an interim solution for the Hairini Street bus lane to be used during off peak hours.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT1/24/4

Moved: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tauranga City Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council Update Report - May 2024".

CARRIED

ACTION

That the two-year trial for a ferry service between Tauranga Central Business District and Mount Maunganui be actioned and the Committee be provided with some options at the next meeting to be held on 4 June 2024.

ACTION

That staff look into options for opening the Hairini Street bus lane for interim use during off peak hours and report back to the Committee at the meeting to be held on 4 June 2024.

10.3 Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee - Projects Update - May 2024

Staff Matthew Kilpatrick (Senior Transport Planner, BOPRC)

The report was taken as read.

In response to questions

- The Cameron Road stage two bus shelter would be used on Cameron Road stage one as well.
- The Arataki bus facility project was moving into the design phase. Staff were working on safety aspects and looking to have it contracted in June of this year.

Discussion points raised

- It was acknowledged that TCC staff had worked hard on 'accessible streets' over the last six years. The Commission had not abandoned this and it was still a priority to establish safe cycling and pedestrian ways as much as possible.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT1/24/5

Moved: Cr Paula Thompson

Seconded: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

That the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee - Projects Update - May 2024".

CARRIED

ACTION

That Cr Paula Thompson be provided with the report 'Arterial Route Review – Recommended Congestion Easing Improvements' addressed at the Tauranga City Council meeting on 29 April 2024.

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

The late item was withdrawn.

12 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Commission Chair Tolley confirmed there was no discussion of the two public excluded items:

- Public excluded minutes of the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee meeting held on 5 December 2023; and
- Public excluded minutes of the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee workshop held on 28 February 2024;

and confirmed these items could be addressed in the open section of the meeting.

12.1 Public Excluded Minutes of the Tauranga Public Transport Committee Meeting held on 5 December 2023.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT1/24/6

Moved: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen
Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the public excluded minutes of the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee meeting held on 5 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

12.2 Public Excluded Minutes of the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee Workshop held on 28 February 2024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT1/24/7

Moved: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen
Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the public excluded minutes of the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee workshop held on 28 February 2024 be received.

CARRIED

13 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Kat MacMillan closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 11.30am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee meeting held on 4 June 2024.

Commission Chair Anne Tolley

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CHAIRPERSON