



ATTACHMENTS MINUTES

**Tauranga Public Transport Joint
Committee meeting**

Thursday, 7 November 2024

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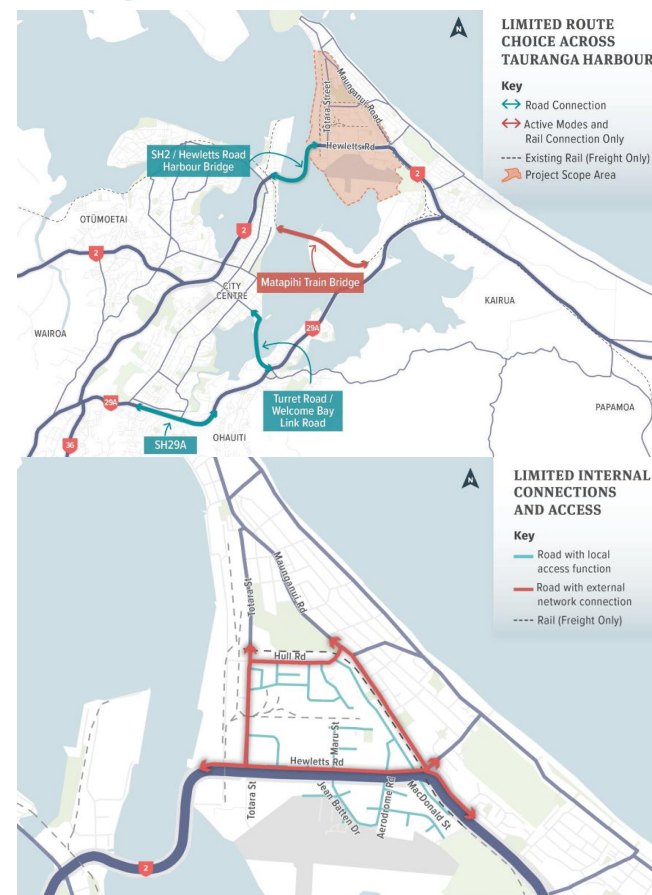
Agenda

1. Connecting Mount Maunganui Project
2. Managed T3 lanes on SH2/Hewletts Rd
3. Funding
4. Next steps

High volumes, limited route choice & road space, & poor internal connections are causing problems

- Increasing freight demand to the Port of Tauranga and associated businesses and population growth are consistently forecast in Western Bay of Plenty and Tauranga.
- SH2/Hewletts Road and the surrounding road network are the crucial 'last mile' connection between the Upper North Island (UPI) freight network and the Port of Tauranga and supporting logistics businesses.
- SH2/Hewletts Rd and surrounding local roads provides access to many of the sub-region and city's key destinations.
- The Connecting Mount Maunganui project scope is one of three routes available across/ around the Tauranga Harbour and is a well-known choke point with high traffic volumes, congestion, limited transport choice, and little network resilience.

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Community engagement has shaped the Connecting Mount Maunganui project

- Mana whenua has been involved as a project partner for the start.
- Businesses and representative organisations have been involved.
- Representative community surveys have been undertaken and used to influence the design of the options.
- TCC’s Mount Maunganui Spatial Plan project has provided further engagement opportunities.
- Project website and newsletters are available, and further engagement will take place to support the next project phases.

The infographic details the following challenges for each transport mode:

- Cyclist:** Long distance for **commuters** who live far away; Difficult for people with bags/luggage; Lack of safe paths and intersection; Weather dependent.
- Bus:** Limited priority outside Hewletts means bus journey time is long and unreliable; Limited direct services mean some Tauranga South **commuters** will have to transfer; Service span doesn't meet the needs of **shift workers**; Infrequent services; Limited access to timely and reliable travel time information.
- Car / Van:** Unreliable travel time due to congestion; Parking at a cost for **commuters** and **sport event attendees**; Fuel cost is high.
- Truck:** Long journey is unreliable and unpredictable; Difficult to see cyclists.
- Walk:** Feels unsafe at night; Air pollution / sound of unpleasant truck; Lack of safe crossings; Weather dependant.
- Taxi:** Expensive for **leisure groups**.

