



# **MINUTES**

**Tauranga Public Transport Joint  
Committee meeting**

**Thursday, 7 November 2024**

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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 THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 1PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Rick Curach (Chair), Cr Paula Thompson, Cr Andrew von Dadelszen,  
Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rod Taylor (Alternate)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** **Tauranga City Council**

Cr Marten Rozeboom, Shawn Geard (City Centre Infrastructure Lead),  
Colm Hartigan (Principal Planner: Transport), Coral Hair (Manager:  
Democracy & Governance Services), Aimee Aranas (Governance Advisor)

**Bay of Plenty Regional Council**

Andrew Williams (Manager: Transport Planner), Matthew Kilpatrick (Senior  
Transport Planner)

**EXTERNAL:** Susan Collins (NZTA – Regional Manager System Design (Acting)  
Waikato Bay of Plenty Transport Services), Ben McPherson (NZTA -  
Project Lead: Connecting Mount Maunganui), Shaun Jones (TSP:  
Programme Manager)

**1 OPENING 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 ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Chairperson advised that item 9.3 would be addressed before item 9.2.

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 7.1 Minutes of the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee meeting held on 11 September 2024

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT4/24/1

Moved: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the Minutes of the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee meeting held on 11 September 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 9 BUSINESS

### 9.1 TCC and BOPRC Project Updates Report

**Staff**    **TCC**    Shawn Geard (City Centre Infrastructure Lead)  
              **BOPRC** Andrew Williams (Manager: Transport Planner)

#### Key Points

- The report was taken as read.
- Staff were thanked for a comprehensive report that also identified the key risk areas.
- It was noted that a number of the projects needed to go back to Tauranga City Council for approval. It was questioned if Tauranga City Council's (TCC) Annual Plan would have a significant impact on the development of these projects.
- The financial future of transport projects was deemed to be too uncertain. It was questioned if there were other financial routes, other than New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) funding, that could be pursued such as Smartgrowth funding or an external financing plan.
- It was believed the decision to pursue future projects that did not have government funding were too risky, especially when public interest in the projects was considered low.
- It was felt the farebox recovery was too low for the On Demand Bus trial and that the low fares were not sustainable long term. It was requested that the fare prices be reviewed. Staff could increase the fares of the On Demand Bus trial if it was needed to create sustainability to the trial.
- Staff confirmed that the current cross-council relationship was stronger and better when compared to the past. The staff believed that there was strong sense of collaboration amongst them.

#### Requests from Councillors

- That staff review the On Demand Bus Trial fares. It was noted that the Public Transport Committee would be reporting back on this issue at their 19 November 2024 meeting.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT4/24/2**

Moved: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "TCC and BOPRC Project Updates Report"

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Tauriko West Public Transport Hub**

**Staff TCC** Shawn Geard (City Centre Infrastructure Lead)

**Key Points**

- The report was taken as read. It was noted that there was still significant portions of the paper that would need to be reported back on after the NZTA board meeting.
- The Tauriko West Public Transport Hub (Tauriko PT Hub) was part of a larger business case that would be presented to the NZTA Board in early December 2024.
- It was questioned if it was necessary for both on-street and off-street options to be studied at the same time. It was believed that the project should either be expedited for the on-street option or have the off-street option delayed until there was a better funding environment.

Requests from Councillors

- In relation to recommendation (d) of the report: that staff provide a cost break down summary from the continuation of exploring the Off-Street or On-Street option.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT4/24/3**

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Cr Paula Thompson

That the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tauriko West Public Transport Hub".
- (b) Notes that the planned Tauriko West Public Transport Hub (PT Hub) did not receive funding sought through the National Land Transport Plan 2024-2027 (NLTP) for construction.
- (c) Notes that NZTA intends to submit macro scope options for the Tauriko West Road of National Significance project to the NZTA board on 12th December 24. This Board decision will confirm the PT aspects of the RONS project and what elements are included or excluded. The decision of the NZTA Board will help to clarify the overall investment direction for public transport in this area.
- (d) The Committee agrees and endorses proceeding with the Taurikura Drive Upgrade providing for either an Off-Street or On-Street option until a decision is reached by TCC and NZTA on which option is taken forward for implementation, noting this will include obtaining endorsement from this committee.

**CARRIED**

## 9.2 Connecting Mount Maunganui - Presentation

**External** Ben McPherson (NZTA Project Manager: Connecting Mount Maunganui)  
Shaun Jones (TSP)

PowerPoint Presentation

### Key Points

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- The NZTA Project Manager provided the Committee with an update of the Connecting Mount Maunganui Project and its future direction.
- There had been no discussion around how the revenue from the T3 enforcement would be distributed.
- From a management perspective, it was felt TCC was entitled to some of the revenue because of the operational costs of running the Tauranga Transport Operations Centre.
- T3 managed lanes were the preferred option, and were endorsed by TCC staff because they had less of a domino effect when cars merge back into the main lanes.
- Statistics showed that a T2 managed lane would target 22% of cars whereas a T3 managed lane would target 5% of cars. A T2 managed lane option would also be competing with bus travel times which was not considered optimal to the public transport network.
- Managed lanes could be enforced through high resolution cameras that took front and side photos. These cameras also had thermal imaging capabilities.
- It was not considered cost effective or future-proofing to install bus lanes along Maunganui Road due to patronage and the number of buses that traveled along Maunganui Road.

### Requests from Councillors

- That Benefit Cost ratios for the bus lanes along Maunganui Road be provided to the Committee Members

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT4/24/4**

Moved: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Connecting Mount Maunganui – Presentation"

**CARRIED**

### Attachments

- 1 Updated Connecting Mount Maunganui Presentation - NZTA

## 9.4 Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty Transport Committee Structure and Function

**Staff** Shawn Geard (City Centre Infrastructure Lead)

**External** Shaun Jones (TSP Programme Manager)

### Key Points

- It was requested that a member from the Western Bay of Plenty Transport System Plan (TSP) was added to the Committee as a non-voting member.
- It was confirmed that a report would be taken back to Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Tauranga City Council, and Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) to adopt the proposed Terms of Reference. This report would be taken back to the respective councils in 2024 so that in 2025, the Committee could start with the new members from Western Bay of

Plenty District Council and TSP.

- All communication with WBOPDC staff had been through staff at TSP. The latest update from Mr Shaun Jones was that staff were discussing the prospect of joining the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee.

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TPT4/24/5**

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Cr Paula Thompson

That the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty Transport Committee Structure and Function".
- (b) Recommends to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Tauranga City Council that the revised terms of reference set out in attachment 1 be adopted with the addition of a representative from the Western Bay of Plenty Transport System Plan as an external non-voting member.
- (c) That Western Bay of Plenty District Council be invited to join the new committee and asked to adopt these terms of reference.

**CARRIED**

#### **10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

#### **11 CLOSING KARAKIA**

**The meeting closed at 2:41pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Tauranga Public Transport Joint Committee meeting held on 17 December 2024.**

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**Cr Rick Curach**  
**CHAIRPERSON**