

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. JRS10 of Joint Road Safety Committee
held on 21 May 2019 in the Council Chambers, Barks Corner, Tauranga
commencing at 10.00am**

Present

Councillor Margaret Murray-Benge (Chairperson) and Stuart Harvey (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Phil Consedine and Karen Smith (Tauranga City Council), Councillor Andrew von Dadelszen (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Senior Sergeant Mark Pakes (New Zealand Police), Marcell Davison (New Zealand Transport Agency), Jessica Davis (Accident Compensation Corporation) and Peter Bedford (Automobile Association)

In Attendance

Gary Allis (Deputy Chief Executive), Alex Jeffcoat and Alister McCaw (Beca), Rachel Pinn (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Alistair McCaw (Westlink) and Michelle Parnell (Governance Advisor)

Others

Three members of the public.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bill Grainger and Member Jenny Mack.

Resolved: Councillors Murray-Benge / von Dadelszen

THAT the apologies for absence from Councillor Bill Grainger and Member Jenny Mack be accepted.

Public Forum

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Davies

THAT the meeting adjourn for the purpose of holding a public forum.

Mr Alistair McCaw, Principle Asset Management at Beca, spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation regarding the safety improvement works on the Waihi Beach to Tauranga corridor on State Highway 2. The following was proposed:

- A roundabout at approximately every 4.5 kilometres along the corridor.
- A 1.5 metre high median barrier.
- 2 metre wide shoulders with side barriers, where practicable, to prevent vehicles from running off the road.
- No specific cycle lane would be incorporated.
- The 6 metre width from side to middle barriers would enable works to be done on the road while still allowing for two lanes of traffic movement at all times.
- The work would not include a cosmetic change to the road.
- WestLink were working with the Accident Compensation Corporation regarding motorcycle safety and rubber barriers would be provided at certain points on the corridor.

Senior Sergeant Mark Pakes expressed support for the proposed changes and confirmed that most accidents along the corridor were vehicles running off the side of the road, but more fatalities were associated with vehicles crossing the centre line.

In response to questions, Mr McCaw advised that WestLink were looking to complete the project in 2024 and were investigating options for the intersection to Omokoroa.

The Chairperson thanked Mr McCaw for his presentation.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Harvey

THAT the meeting reconvened in formal session at 10.10am.

JRS10.1 **Minutes of Meeting No. JRS9 of the Joint Road Safety Committee Held on Tuesday 26 February 2019**

The Committee considered the minutes of JRS9 of the Joint Road Safety Committee meeting held on 26 February 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

The Chairperson asked that members report back regarding issues raised in previous meetings. Mr Phil Consedine advised he would do so at the next meeting but had nothing to report to this meeting.

Ms Marcell Davison advised that the New Zealand Transport Agency board meeting mentioned in meeting no. JRS9 of the Joint Road Safety Committee had taken place, and stakeholder meetings were being hosted at the end of May 2019 to advise the outcomes of the board meeting.

Resolved: Councillor von Dadelszen / Member Bedford

THAT the minutes of meeting no. JRS9 of the Joint Road Safety Committee held on 26 February 2019 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and correct record.

JRS10.2 Western Bay Joint Road Safety Operations Meeting Minutes

The Committee considered the minutes from the Western Bay Joint Road Safety Operations Meeting dated 12 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Smith / Harvey

THAT the minutes of Western Bay Joint Road Safety Operations Meeting dated 12 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda be received.

JRS10.3 Chairperson's Report

The Committee considered a report from the Chairperson dated 6 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda. The following was noted:

- The New Zealand Transport Agency had responded to previous letters sent out by this Committee and copies were attached to the Chairperson's report for reference.
- The Chairperson had made a submission to Tauranga City Council's Annual Plan about road safety.

In response to questions, representatives from the New Zealand Transport Agency and Beca explained that the application for resource consent at Belk Road had been withdrawn from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council consenting process as the process had taken so long that the project was no longer considered viable in light of the planned improvements for Tauriko.

In response to questions, Ms Karen Smith explained that she had met with Kaimai School to explore road safety options. The school was not suitable to walk or cycle to, so the safety plan would focus more on behaviours around cars and buses.

Resolved: Councillor von Dadelszen / Member Smith

1. *THAT the Chairperson's Report to the Joint Road Safety Committee for 6 May 2019 be received.*
2. *THAT New Zealand Transport Agency be invited to make a presentation on their scoping plan for the Tauriko roading development, which includes Belk Road and Poripori intersections, to the next Joint Road Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday, 20 August 2019, including their proposed timetable and their proposed plan for the road safety work outside Kaimai school.*
3. *THAT the Western Bay of Plenty District Council's Mayor's Office be requested to invite the Associate Minister of Transport, Julie Anne Genter MP to the next Joint Road Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday, 20 August 2019.*

4. *THAT the letter from Tauranga City Council attached to Chairperson's Report be received and it be noted that the Tauranga City Council interim staff representative is Phil Consedine until further notice.*

JRS10.4

New Zealand Police Report

The Committee considered a report from the New Zealand Police dated May 2019 as circulated with the agenda. The following was noted:

- The New Zealand Police had been working Kiddiclick and Plunket around to teach parents about how to correctly install car seats, and provide car seats to those who could not afford them.
- Inappropriate driving behaviour by car enthusiasts had been noted and was being monitored by the New Zealand Police.

In response to questions, Senior Sergeant Pakes advised as follows:

- The negative car enthusiast behaviour had been noted in certain areas and the New Zealand Police were investigating options for cameras and enforcement, as well as proactively speaking to known groups involved.
- The CCTV camera located at the State Highway 2 intersection to Omokoroa had been useful in capturing some negative driving behaviours.
- The New Zealand Police had received complaints from motorists concerned that speed reduction signs were being left out once works had been completed, making motorists less likely to comply with them. The New Zealand Police were working with groups like WestLink to reduce instances of this.

A discussion about the benefits and issues with providing events for car enthusiasts took place. Ms Karen Smith noted that research tended to favour driver mentorship programmes rather than drifting and racing events.

Resolved: Members Pakes / Bedford

THAT the New Zealand Police's report dated May 2019 be received.

JRS10.5

Accident Compensation Corporation Update

The Committee received a verbal presentation from the Accident Compensation Corporation. The following was noted:

- The Ride Forever Shiny Side Up Event at Classic Flyers had been very successful. Dealers in Tauranga were present as well as members of several motorcycle clubs. Approximately 57% of those who attended had sign up for the Ride Forever programme.
- The Ride Forever programmes had reached 53% of their target for the number of people to go through the course but expected that to improve when those who signed up at the Shiny Side Up event completed their courses. The course was funded by partners represented on the Joint Road Safety Committee and did not cost the

participant.

- There had been a restructure at the Accident Compensation Corporation's national office. The operating model would focus more on contributing factors to unsafe behaviours and not just the behaviours themselves.
- Motorcycle month would take place in September 2019. The bright yellow helmets would be promoted again as well as raising awareness of motorcyclists with all road users. It also coincided with the Auckland Ride Forever event.

In response to a question, Senior Sergeant Mark Pakes advised that there were advantages and disadvantages for Police on motorcycles but that the Ride Forever Programme may be helpful to those who were. He would report back to the Committee after making some inquiries.

Resolved: Members Davis / Smith

THAT the Accident Compensation Corporation's presentation dated 21 May 2019 be received.

JRS10.6

Travel Safe Road Safety Action Plan Report

The Committee considered a report from the Travel Safe Programme Leader of the Tauranga City Council dated March 2019 - May 2019 as circulated with the agenda. The following was noted:

- More than 20 workshops had been run in the last three months.
- 20 new people had become cycle skills trainers and had received their NZQA bike ready qualification.
- Ngati Kahu had had their resources updated and had been linked to the New Zealand Police's Awhi Programme.
- The TravelSafe team had been working with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council on their "Fear of Missing Out" distractions advertising campaign.
- The importance of community partners was reiterated.
- Travel Safe had received positive feedback from the New Zealand Transport Agency regarding the classification of mobility scooters, and some of the larger models that were being marketed as scooters were small cars.

Resolved: Members Smith / Davison

THAT the Tauranga City Council Travel Safe Programme Leader's report dated March 2019 - May 2019 be received.

JRS10.7

Transport Agency Update

The Committee considered a report from the Regional Road Safety Advisor of the New Zealand Transport Agency dated May 2019 as circulated with the agenda. The following was noted:

- Information could be provided regarding the Waikato Region if

- required.
- Mr Adam Francis was working on the speed management project identifying the top 10% most dangerous roads in New Zealand. The Speed Management Guide was available to help Local Government bodies assess if the speeds on their roads were appropriate.
 - Speed Management Reviews were taking place in Waikato, Auckland and Christchurch with a view to addressing deaths and serious injury on New Zealand roads.
 - The traffic queues at Cambridge Road had been identified as an issue and solutions were being investigated.

In response to questions, Ms Davison advised that programmes and video resources on the New Zealand Transport Agency website were available to teach people about installing children's car seats correctly.

Resolved: Member Davison / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Road Safety Advisor's report dated May 2019 be received.

JRS10.8

Road Safety Action Plan

The Committee considered a report from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Sustainable Transport Officer dated 30 April 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

In response to questions, Ms Mack advised that drug testing was something that Central Government was investigating further. Current tests were not flawless and could tell that a driver had taken drugs, but not how impaired they were.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Smith

That the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Sustainable Transport Officer's report dated 30 April 2019 be received.

The meeting concluded at 11.34am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

Councillor Margaret Murray-Benge
Chairperson

Date

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