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District Council

POLICY COMMITTEE

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INFORMATION PACK

Pikau Korero

PP11

Thursday, 12 April 2018



Te Kaunihera a rohe mai i nga Kuri-a-Whare ki Otamarakau ki te Uru

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Council has agreed that Information Packs will be supplied with the agendas for Council and its Committees as well as Community Boards as required. Members are to present questions in writing on contents, provided these are received 48 hours prior to the meeting (i.e. by 5.00 pm on a Monday for a Thursday meeting). A copy of the questions and written replies will be made available to all Members and will be tabled at the meeting.

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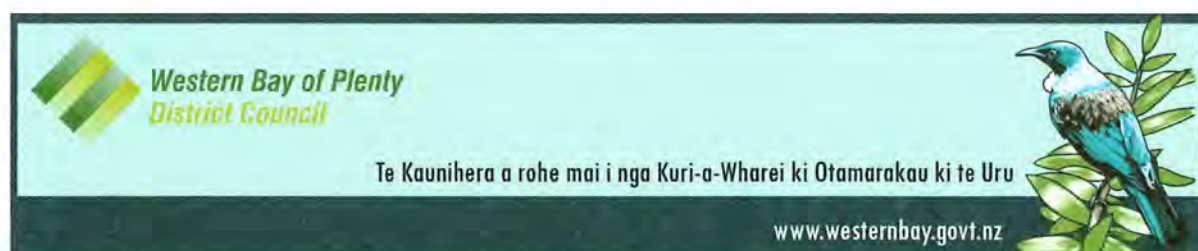
All questions to be **emailed** to the relevant Democracy Advisor.

In addition, should a more detailed report or presentation be required on any specific item, Councillors are invited to make an e-mail request to the Chief Executive Officer. Reports or presentations requested will be given at the first available opportunity.

Council	-	Fleur Sweeney
Community Committee	-	Michelle Parnell
Long Term and Annual Plan Committee	-	Fleur Sweeney
Operations and Monitoring Committee	-	Barbara Clarke
Policy Committee	-	Barbara Clarke
Rural Committee	-	Michelle Parnell
All Community Boards	-	Aileen Alty

Please include in any emailed questions and the following references from this Information Pack;

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Policy Committee No. PP11 12 April 2018

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Tauriko West Boundary Alteration

1. Executive Summary

The sequential planning process to progress the Tauriko West Urban Growth Area first requires the amendment of the urban limits line by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. This process is now underway and public notification under the RMA is immanent. This signals the commencement of work to progress the proposal to alter the Tauriko West Boundary. Councillors will be provided with relevant information and key dates etc. as the project progresses.

- The Better Local Services Bill (new legislation to streamline the process) is unlikely to be available and the application will be prepared under the existing Local Government legislation. Accordingly, we are looking at a Reorganisation Plan Proposal, to be lodged with the Local Government Commission for further consultation and ruling.
- Subject to meeting the preconditions outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the two Councils, the application is expected to be considered for approval by Council, in September of this year.
- The overall timetable is fluid and subject to influences beyond the control of this project. We will keep you informed of adjustments as they occur.

2. Background

The Western Bay of Plenty District Council has agreed with the Tauranga City Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, New Zealand Transport Agency and SmartGrowth to initiate planning for the new Tauriko West Urban Growth Area, which was identified through the SmartGrowth Settlement pattern Review 2013. One proposed element of this planning is a boundary alteration, which would transfer an area of the Western Bay of Plenty District into Tauranga City, enabling Tauranga City Council to implement and service the Urban Growth Area.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the two Councils agreed in November 2017 set out the agreements that underpin the preparation of the application and key principles that Council will consider before the application (Reorganisation Plan proposal) is lodged with the Local Government Commission.

Sue Laurence
**Project Manager -
Tauriko West Boundary
Alteration**



Policy Committee Corporate Reports February 2018

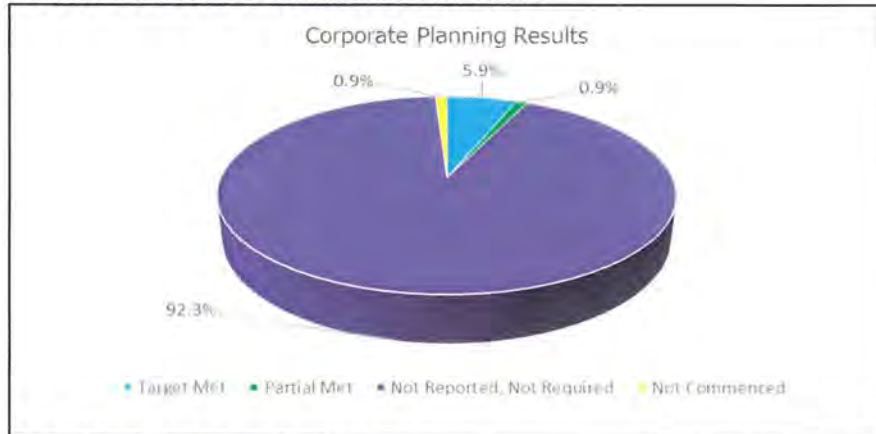
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By Exception for:

- **Corporate Planning System**
- **Minute Action Sheets**

WORK STATUS REPORT February 2018

CORPORATE PLANNING SYSTEM



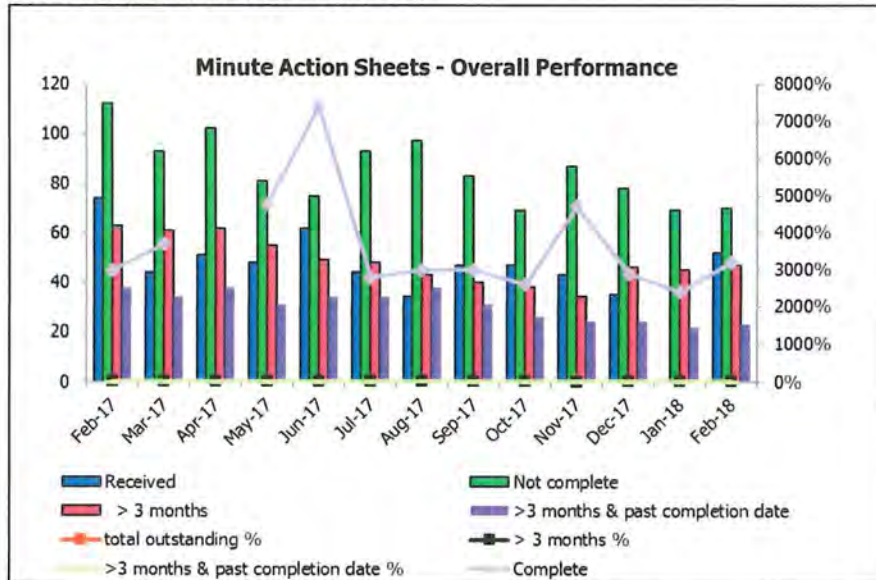
Key Comments 😊

Total Projects and Processes scheduled for the 2017/18 year is 325

The February results are as follows:

Target Met	19 (5.9%)
Partial Met	3 (0.9%)
Not Commenced	3(0.9%)
Not reported not required	300 (92.3%)

MINUTE ACTION SHEETS



KPI – Timely Update	Benchmark	Result	
Not updated for 30-60 days	NIL	0	😊
Not updated for > 60 days	NIL	0	😊
KPI – Timely Resolution	Benchmark	Result	
% outstanding rolling total			
Received Y/E 28/02/18	10%	14.2%	😞
% > 3 months rolling total and past completion date	5%	4.6%	😊
Background Information February 2018			
Received		52	
Complete		32	
Not Complete		70	
Not Complete > 3 months		47	
Not Complete > 3 months & past est. completion date		23	
Rolling total received Y/E 30/06/2018		491	

GROUP RESULTS – CORPORATE PLANNING February 2018

CPS SUMMARY	TOTAL	
Target Met	19	<i>Work is achieving all projected milestones. In the case of a process, if the work is progressing as predicted, even though the work is not complete, then it should be 'Target Met'. Target Met includes completed work also.</i>
Partial Met	3	<i>The project is very close to meeting its projected targets. It is not on target, but is recoverable.</i>
Not Commenced	3	<i>The work has not started and is not scheduled to commence until later, or the work has been delayed by factors outside of the Manager's control.</i>
Not Reported Not Required	300	<i>Progress report was not required.</i>
TOTAL	325	

EXCEPTION REPORT – NOT MET

There are no projects or processes reported to the Policy Committee with the status Not Met.

EXCEPTION REPORT – PARTIAL MET

There are no projects or processes reported to the Policy Committee with the status Partial Met.

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PRIORITY A PROJECTS
February 2018

Project ID	Project Name	Manager	Progress Report	Financial	Resources	Risk	Status/ % Complete
1756	Management of LTP	PSDM	Workstream meetings have continued and milestones are on track. Risk assessment continues at a workstream level, and reported up to the Working Party. All audit processes prior to adoption of the Consultation Document and Supporting Information have been completed, with positive feedback received from the auditors. The next milestone is adoption of the Consultation Document and Supporting Information on 15 March 2018, and the implementation of the special consultative procedure between 23 March and 4 May 2018. Councillors have endorsed the community engagement approach for this period.	NA	NA	NA	100%
2368	Representation Review	CSM	The project was scoped and approved by MT. A cross-organisational team has been formed and external expert advisor engaged. Two workshops for councillors and one for community boards have been held and a decision made regarding Electoral	Initial payment made external advisor, engagement will be incurred within current month.	No issues.	Not meeting legislative deadlines for resolutions to be made.	70% Target Met

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**PRIORITY A PROJECTS
February 2018**

Project ID	Project Name	Manager	Progress Report	Financial	Resources	Risk	Status/ % Complete
			System. Initial work done on community engagement planned for Work Stream 2: Maori Wards, and one council workshop held with Partnership Forum chairs present. Community Engagement Plan outline completed for representation arrangements. Work currently underway creating webpage to keep community up to date on the process; content will be utilised for staff.				
3425	Electronic District Plan	RMM	Project not commenced. Delayed pending review of GIS systems.	Nil	Nil	Nil	0% Not Commenced

MINUTE ACTION SHEETS February 2018

MINUTE ACTION SHEET REPORT – NOT COMPLETE AND > 3 MONTHS OLD AND PAST COMPLETION DATE

Minute Action Sheets Under Action or Not Commenced since February 2001 – Open and Closed > 3 months and Past Completion Date						
Minutes Number	Remit Title	Owner	Current Status	Owner Comments	Last Maintained Date	Complete by
PP817 5 30/11/2017	Recommendatory Report from Operations and Monitoring Committee - Policy to Support Provisions of Council Infrastructure to Marae	POLICY AND PLANNING MANAGER	UNDER ACTION	The matter will be considered by the Policy Committee for inclusion in the Policy and Planning work programme for the 2018 calendar year.	12/03/2018	28/02/2018

Policy Committee – Minute Action Sheets Under Action (Open) at 28 March 2018

Remit Number	Remit Title	Owner	Remit Description	Owner Comments	Current Status	Last Maintained Date
PP8.4 30 Nov 2017	Recommendatory Report from Operations and Monitoring Committee - Policy to Support Provisions of Council Infrastructure to Marae	POLICY AND PLANNING MANAGER	<p>1. THAT the Policy Committee approves the development of a policy on supporting the provisions of Council infrastructure to Marae in Council's district.</p> <p>2. THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of medium significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.</p> <p>3. THAT resolution PP8.4 be transferred into the open session of the meeting forthwith.</p>	The matter will be considered by the Policy Committee for inclusion in the Policy and Planning work programme for the 2018 calendar year.	UNDER ACTION	12/03/2018

Policy Committee Minute Action Sheets at 28 March 2018 – Complete (Open)

Minutes Number	Remit Title	Owner	Remit Description	Owner Comments	Current Status	Last Maintained Date
PP1018.1 08 Feb 2018	Proposed Plan Change 81 Omokoroa Industrial Zone Review	RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MANAGER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the Resource Management Manager's report dated 10 January 2018 and titled Proposed Plan Change 81 Omokoroa Industrial Zone Review be received. 2. THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. 3. THAT Proposed Plan Change 81 Omokoroa Industrial Zone Review be approved for notification in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991. 	Plan Changed being prepared for notification.	COMPLETE	14/02/2018
PP1018.2 08 Feb 2018	Review of Council's Fraud Prevention Policy	FINANCE MANAGER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the Finance Manager's report dated 16 January 2018 and titled 'Review of Council's Fraud Prevention Policy' be received. 2. THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. 3. THAT the Policy Committee approve the current Fraud Prevention Policy with the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the first paragraph under the title, 	Comments noted and amendments carried out. No further action required.	COMPLETE	14/02/2018

			<p>Reporting Suspected Fraud or Other Irregularities (shown on page 11 of the agenda report), that the words "to report" be deleted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Institute of Professional Engineers New Zealand be replaced with Engineering New Zealand to reflect a renaming. <p>4. THAT the Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to amend the policy in respect of changes to job titles as required.</p>			
PP1018.3 08 Feb 2018	Review of Council's Conflict of Interest Policy	FINANCE MANAGER	<p>1. THAT the Finance Manager's report dated 4 December 2017 and titled 'Review of Council's Conflict of Interest Policy' be received.</p> <p>2. THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.</p> <p>3. THAT the Policy Committee approve the current Conflict of Interest Policy.</p> <p>4. THAT the Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to amend the policy in respect of changes to job titles as required.</p>	Comments noted. No further action required.	COMPLETE	14/02/2018
PP1018.4 08 Feb 2018	Review of Appointment of Directors to Council Controlled	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	<p>1. THAT the Chief Financial Officer's report dated 16 January 2018 and titled 'Review of Appointment of Directors to Council Controlled Organisations Policy' be received.</p>	14.03.18 Policy Committee approved the report. There were no suggested changes made at the meeting for action.	COMPLETE	14/03/2018

	Organisations Policy		<p>2. THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.</p> <p>3. THAT the Elected Members approve the current Appointment of Directors to Council Controlled Organisations Policy.</p>		
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Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held in The Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council, Civic Administration Building, 1061 Haupapa Street, Rotorua on Friday, 15 September 2017 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Chairman: S Crosby

Deputy Chairman: J Nees

Appointees: Deputy Mayor D Donaldson (Alternate, Rotorua Lakes Council), Mayor A Bonne (Whakatane District Council), Councillor T Molloy (Alternate, Tauranga City Council), Councillor R Curach (Tauranga City Council), Councillor B Julian (Alternate, Kawerau District Council), Councillor K Young (Alternate, Opotiki District Council), Councillor D Thwaites (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), P McLean (Regional Director Waikato/BOP, New Zealand Transport Agency), Councillor J Palmer (Alternate, Western Bay of Plenty District Council)

In Attendance: F McTavish (General Manager Strategy & Science), G Maloney (Transport Policy Manager), B Healey (Senior Transport Planner), M McMullen (Director of Net Journeys Solution Group), M Hasley (Principal Transport Planner) A Talbot (Planning and Investment Manager BOP, NZ Transport Agency), J Lawson (Safe and Sustainable Journeys Manager, Infrastructure Group) R Nikora (Safer Journeys Coordinator, Infrastructure Group) M Stensness (Committee Advisor).

Apologies: Mayor J Forbes (Opotiki District Council), Mayor M Campbell (Kawerau District Council), Mayor S Chadwick (Rotorua Lakes Council), Councillor R Curach (Tauranga City Council), Councillor D Thwaites (Western Bay of Plenty District Council)

1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Mayor M Campbell, Mayor J Forbes, Mayor S Chadwick and Councillors R Curach and D Thwaites tendered at the meeting.

Crosby/Nees
CARRIED

2 General Business and Tabled Items

No general business or items tabled.

3 Declaration of conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4 Previous Minutes

4.1 Regional Transport Committee minutes - 30 June 2017

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Regional Transport Committee minutes of 30 June 2017 as a true and correct record.

Crosby/Nees
CARRIED

5 Reports

5.1 Update from Committee Members and Advisors

Committee members and external advisors gave a verbal update on transport initiatives and matters impacting their respective areas.

Councillor Molloy - Tauranga City Council

- The underpass at Welcome Bay was due to open next May 2018.
- Tauranga City was working on an underground inner-City transport hub to assist with the growth in traffic numbers.
- Investment for LTP progressing.
- Three temporary roundabouts were in place at Turret Rd Bridge to help ease congestion.

Councillor Julian - Kawerau District Council

- Two new pedestrian crossings that accommodate mobility scooters proved to be successful since instalment. The police were instrumental with monitoring speeding and parking around these areas.

Mayor Bonne – Whakatāne District Council

- The Pekatahi Bridge lights had experienced sequence issues that were being addressed;
- The teardrop solution at Landing Road was to remain in place to manage traffic congestion. WDC's Project and Services Committee were awaiting a report on future plans and surveys with the intention to retain the teardrop barrier.
- The road to Ruatāhuna had now been reopened.
- Working closely with NZTA regarding special purpose roads, working towards securing 100% funding support;
- Galatea still had some flooding damage but engineers had worked on a better design of Heramanga Bridge instead of a quick fix solution.

Councillor Crosby – Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Focus had been on Public Transport Blueprint to put out an indicative plan around school and Hopper services in Tauranga. Substantial changes had been made due to submissions. Acknowledged Cr Thurston considerable input into this project and changes had been made to accommodate present and future needs and requirements. Once completed the plan would feed into the LTP.

- Toi Moana-BOPRC provided specific bus services to accommodate for the AIMS games, at least 300 students used the service.

Councillor K Young - Opotiki District Council

- Resilience on the roads continued to be an issue as always; with continued blocks on our major roads.
- Driver instructor programme had been well utilised and successful in people securing their full license.
- The cycle track had been very well used and plans of expansion are being discussed.

Deputy Mayor Donaldson – Rotorua Lakes Council

- Improvements were underway at Paradise Valley Road since severely impacted by the cyclones.
- Due to technical issues the Hemo roundabout sculpture was delayed to 2018.
- A new bridge to the BMX site was completed and will be opened next week.
- Hemo Gorge section upgrade was underway.
- Draft spatial plan was recommended to be released for public consultation at Council's Spatial Planning Forum Committee on 14/09/17.
- Urban cycling experienced a 30% increase since counters had been in place.
- RLC had an approach from a company looking to establish a bikeshare scheme in the City.
- RLC had secured \$30k funding for cycle skills based programme.
- Political support was likely to be announced for Tarawera roundabout funding.

Councillor Palmer – Western Bay of Plenty District Council

- Encouraged by Minister of Transport's comment that SH 2 between Katikati and Ōmokoroa would be increased to four lanes.
- Te Puna SH2 roundabout was nearing completion and had eased congestion.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Update from Committee Members and Advisors.**

**Bonne/Molloy
CARRIED**

5.2 New Zealand Transport Agency Update

Regional Director Waikato/BOP, New Zealand Transport Agency Mrs P McLean responded to queries from members as follows:

- A draft Government Policy Statement had been circulated for comment and would be finalised after the election;
- The NZTA team had driven through the Ōpōtiki District to Waihou Bay. The team met with the Coastal Community Board to gather information on issues. NZTA had discussed future infrastructure and were proactively engaging to address the issues raised.

Enabling Technology Presentation

Director of Net Journeys Solution Group Mr M McMullen provided a presentation on the Network Transport systems embracing technology and vehicle automation. The presentation highlighted the following:

- The model was digitally focussed on a mobility marketplace that embraced technology and how to best utilise technology.
- The technology focussed on people-centred services where every mode of transport could be traded.
- Moving people with automation; focussed on a connected journey;
- Prototype had been trialled in Queenstown (called Choice) - allowed people to secure their mode of transport all in one single market place. Businesses that signed up to participate indicated interest to stay on the pilot programme.
- If the trial was successful the Agency was looking at making it available to Councils.

Draft 2018 State Highway Investment Proposal Presentation

Principal Transport Planner Mr M Hasley presented an update of the NZTA State Highway Investment Proposal ('SHIP') that highlighted the investment environment and the Government Polity Statement. M Hasley advised members of the following key points highlighted:

- Three strategic priorities of economic growth and productivity, road safety and value for money.
- The priorities were supported by six national transport objectives:
 1. Addresses current and future demand for access to economic and social opportunities;
 2. Resilience;
 3. Safe system, increasingly free of death and serious injury;
 4. Delivering the right infrastructure and services to the right level at the best cost;
 5. Providing appropriate transport choices;
 6. Increasingly mitigates the effects of land transport on the environment.
- There were three strategic responses: one connected transport system, people centred services and partnerships for prosperity.
- Long Term Strategic View challenges were population and social change, technological change, economic change and environmental change;
- Next steps:
 - RAG review draft SHIP and recommended feedback for RTC support;
 - Expected GPS to be finalised by government;
 - Expected to finalise investment assessment framework;
 - Upload proposals for RLTP's by approved organisations;
 - TRC's underway with review of RLTP's

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, New Zealand Transport Agency Update.

Crosby/Nees
CARRIED

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.03 am and reconvened at 11.15 am.

5.3 Road Safety in Rotorua**Road Safety in Rotorua Presentation:**

Safe and Sustainable Journeys Manager Ms J Lawson, and Mr R Nikora Safer Journeys Coordinator provided members with a presentation of road safety initiatives in Rotorua.

An overview of the presentation included the team working at a grass roots level and utilising the 'Bike Man' to get the safety message out into the community.

The team had delivered a wide range of programmes that included, creating a programme focussed on young drivers and cycling behaviour. These initiatives enabled people to have personal capabilities to help them in their everyday lives and gain lifelong skills.

Other programmes managed by the team were the Driver directions, Blue light navigator and an alcohol impairment education programme which was a Marae based course, structured with Tikanga and Māori protocols and focussed on the offenders and their effect on society. This programme had commenced in 2013 and has proven very successful with 367 offenders that participated on the course with only 12 reoffending.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Road Safety in Rotorua.

**Crosby/Nees
CARRIED**

5.4 Regional Land Transport Plan Strategic Direction

Senior Transport Planner Mr B Healey referred members to Chapters 1, 2 and 5 of the draft Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) as he had incorporated feedback provided by the RTC at the meeting held 30 June 2017. Mr Healey noted that members and key stakeholders participated in the second ILM workshop designed to re-test the problem and benefits statements in the existing RLTP. The following amendments had been made:

- a summary of evidence supporting problem statements added;
- structured objectives around the KPI headings added; and
- Objectives and KPI's largely reflected existing RLTP with the addition of public health.

The following had also been added:

- Chapter 1 – public health to the Vision;
- Chapter 2 – some new strategic drivers; and

- Chapter 5 – strengthened policy wording and added two policies to support Māori aspirations and funding for Māori roadways;

Members requested more clarity in specific wording, up to date figures and percentages to allow them to evaluate the RLTP more effectively. Members supported the request for information that addressed the effects of climate change (i.e. emissions, increased numbers of vehicle registrations) and how that could be integrated into the RLTP. It was agreed that climate change was very real and needed to be considered in just about all matters before councils.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Plan Strategic Direction; and**
- 2 **Approves the recommended Regional Land Transport Plan Investment Logic Map and Benefits Map in Appendix 2 of the report.**

**Donaldson/Nees
CARRIED**

5.5 Regional Land Transport Plan Prioritisation Framework

Senior Transport Planner Mr B Healey advised members that the statutory requirement for the RTC would be to determine the priority order of the RLTP significant activities. It was noted that the RLTP was subject to different statutory requirements as well as a regional view. Mr Healy explained that the proposed framework was the same as the RLTP 2015 and that minor adjustments were implemented that reflected the revised ILM. The following were highlighted:

- Identify significant activities – i.e.; SHIP and activity management plans;
- Regional Advisory Group (RAG) members from each local authority and NZTA score activities against RLTP objectives – scores collated to produce overall activity score and RAG members meet to moderate overall scores;
- scenarios are generated to test programme level options – different objective weightings area applied to the draft prioritised list; and
- an optimised programme option is identified – RAG meets for final moderation and make recommendation to the RTC and the recommendation will form part of draft RLTP considered by the RTC.

Mr Healy informed members that the next steps included:

- building the RLTP regional programme and forecasts from individual programmes proposed by approved organisations;
- applying prioritisation framework to significant improvement activities;
- updating the RLTP corridors and networks chapter with programme information; and
- preparing the full draft of the RLTP to enable decisions on 22 November 2017 to approve it for public consultation.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, **Regional Land Transport Plan Prioritisation Framework**;
- 2 Approves the **Regional Land Transport Plan 2018** prioritisation framework outlined in the report.

Crosby/Bonne
CARRIED

5.6 **Regional Land Transport Plan Variations - SH33 Safety Improvements and LED Street Lighting Conversions**

Mr Healy reported in brief that robust discussions were had in relation to a streamlined process related to SH 33 Te Ngae Junction to Paengaroa Safety Improvements and Accelerated LED Street Lighting Conversations. The members were informed that RAG reviewed and accepted the variation recommendations.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, **Regional Land Transport Plan Variations - SH33 Safety improvements and LED Street Lighting Conversions**;
- 2 Approves the scope change to the renamed 'SH33 Te Ngae Junction to Paengaroa Safety Improvements' activity in the Regional Land Transport Plan;
- 3 Removes the following activities from the Regional Land Transport Plan:
 - a. Forest Passing Lane (SH33) Ramp; Alignment; and
 - b. Banksia Place Northbound Passing Lane;
- 4 Adds the 'Accelerated Light Emitting Diode (LED) Street Lighting Conversions' activity to the Regional Land Transport Plan; and
- 5 Determines that the variations are not significant for the purposes of public consultation.

Donaldson/Julian
CARRIED

5.7 **Other Matters of Interest**

Senior Transport Planner Mr B Healey advised members that NZTA had provided a response to draft Investment Assessment framework for the 2018-21 National Land Transport Programme submissions. Members noted that the response broadly addressed some of the key issues raised by the RTC.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Other Matters of Interest.

Crosby/Nees
CARRIED

The meeting closed at 12.22 pm.

Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Wednesday, 22 November 2017 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Chairman: S Crosby

Deputy Chairman: J Nees

Appointees: Mayor J Forbes (Opotiki District Council), Mayor M Campbell (Kawerau District Council), Deputy Mayor D Donaldson (Alternate, Rotorua Lakes Council), Mayor A Bonne (Whakatane District Council), Councillor T Molloy (Alternate, Tauranga City Council), Councillor R Curach (Tauranga City Council), Councillor B Julian (Alternate, Kawerau District Council), Mayor S Chadwick (Rotorua Lakes Council), Councillor L Thurston (Alternate, Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Councillor A Iles (Alternate, Whakatane District Council), Councillor K Young (Alternate, Opotiki District Council), Councillor D Thwaites (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), P McLean (Regional Director Waikato/BOP, New Zealand Transport Agency), Councillor J Palmer (Alternate, Western Bay of Plenty District Council), A Talbot (Alternate, New Zealand Transport Agency), J Galbraith (Freight Advisor), Inspector B Crowe (Road Safety Advisor, BOP District Police)

In Attendance: F McTavish (General Manager Strategy & Science), G Maloney (Transport Policy Manager), B Healey (Senior Transport Planner), M Hasley (Principal Transport Planner), J Galbraith, D Kneebone (Property & Infrastructure Manager, Port of Tauranga) G Bunting (Network Manager, NZ Transport Agency), M Stensness (Committee Advisor).

Apologies: Mayor J Forbes

1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Mayor J Forbes and late arrival for Mayor Bonne and Mayor Campbell tendered at the meeting.

Malloy/Nees
CARRIED

2 General Business and Tabled Items

No general business or items tabled.

3 Declaration of conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4 Public Forum

5 Previous Minutes

Correction

Minute item 5.1 Regional Transport Committee minutes – 15 September 2017 incorrectly recorded as ‘Spatial Plan Forum Committee’ and ‘Tarawera Roundabout’ to be amended to “Strategy Policy and Finance Committee” and “Te Ngae Road from Tarawera Roundabout to the Airport...”.

5.1 Regional Transport Committee minutes – 15 September 2017

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Subject to the corrections above, confirms the Regional Transport Committee Minutes of 15 September 2017 as a true and correct record.

Crosby/Nees
CARRIED

6 Reports

6.1 Update from Committee Members and Advisors

Committee members and external advisors gave a verbal update on transport initiatives and matters impacting their respective areas.

Councillor Curach - Tauranga City Council

- In developing the TCC Long Term Plan \$192million had been budgeted for transport related projects comprising of: \$64million for better transport choices; \$32million assigned to cycling and \$6.6million allocated to regional support for public transport initiative. It was noted that the allocations still needed to go through the various stages for approval noting that variations to the draft funding allocations may trigger an increase in rates by up to 13.5%.
- Cycle action plan consultation process received 1570 feedback forms.
- Tauranga Transport Plan received 2,361 submissions with overwhelming support from community for better public transport and cycling initiatives.
- Joe Metcalfe from Regional Council assisted TCC in drafting a plan to help mitigate the impact of the Baypark - Bayfair congestion that included providing a specific bus service as a joint funding initiative.
- Trial of a connecting cycling bridge around Pilot Bay to the end of the Mount was underway.
- TCC was looking at incentivising ride sharing (2 or more in a car) with incentives such as free parking.

Councillor Crosby – Bay of Plenty Regional Council

As Vice-President of National Council, Councillor Crosby has completed a LGNZ Roadshow and some issues by councils raised during this roadshow were:

- Is the NZTA business plan process fit for purpose moving forward.
- Implications of Forestry activity on local roads For example, in Wairoa handled 50 cars a day was now accommodating 50 logging trucks.
- NZTA transformation process and concerns were raised.
- BOPRC update was that NZTA notified acceptance of The Western Bay Blueprint Business Case and Procurement Plan.

Councillor K Young - Opotiki District Council

- Concerns and resilience was a major issue regarding coast roads being blocked which resulted in a major cost to business and major inconvenience right around the east coast roads through the Waimana Gorge.
- Single bridge access over much of the Opotiki area was of concern where a single accident could result in roads being blocked.

Dan Kneebone – Port of Tauranga

- The Port was experiencing growth particularly in containerised product volumes rather than bulk product.
- From 2015 – 2017 there has been a 20% increase of containerised trans-shipment or rail increase which was not necessarily the result of more movements on the roads.

J Galbraith - Freight Advisor

- Review of the Land Transport Plan was timely, particularly regarding big rail movements from the east therefore it was timely to factor those in;
- Current focus was on driver training –a working group across industry operators had been formed to focus on initiatives to attract younger people to sign up with the logistics sector.

Councillor J Nees – Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Port of Auckland gave a comprehensive presentation on their port strategy focussed on sustainability as one of the key platforms. It was noted that they may need to move out of central Auckland in the future however, interim plans had been outlined;
- Minister Shane Jones had requested that the Ministry of Transport provide the terms of reference ('TOR') document relative to the Upper North Island Port strategy. The ministry were consulting to ensure that the TOR was robust. The ministry invited general discussion regarding what should be considered (i.e. logistics, protection around evidence base approach with a functioning of strategy for the future, independency).
- Needed to re-visit the UNISA shared statement on transport in light of the new government. It was noted that stakeholders would feed into UNISA to foster independency and transport infrastructure.
- Ministry of Transport advised that the GPS would be updated before Christmas, however the full policy would not be available at that time.

Chairman D Leeder – Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Some projects would not get traction as Minister Parker stated that the appropriations cease on March-April 2018;
- Trade flows established an increase by rail of up to 90% noting that Fonterra utilised the Port of Tauranga and other areas such as Whareroa and Taranaki were predominantly rail use.

Mayor Chadwick – Rotorua Lakes Council

- Te Puia Park space has been well received and RLC were hopeful that they had found a solution for the iconic sculpture.
- Te Manawa was now operational from 29 October with a good response from the community despite some reservations early on.
- There was a mode or shift in cycling with 30% increase in 12 months. Links with cycle ways into the city may see an increase in cycle use.
- Introduction of Uber bikes has slowed down due to the requirement of the code of practice safety stock report. RLC may launch in late 2018.
- Secured \$30K from ACC to increase cycle skills programme. Delivery of the programme was offered in te reo maori as RLC was now a reo rua (two language) council.
- RLC awaited Minister Jones announcement regarding forestry and foresight into the impact on freight. Real synergy between the Transport and the Housing Accord.. RLC were concerned with the impact of increased traffic to Te Ngae Road and how that may affect the working relationship forged with local iwi to free up land under their control.
- Concerned that the public free buses to Toi Ohomai would now be charging a fare from next year.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Transport Manager Mr G Maloney advised members that the decision to charge bus fare to Toi Ohomai campus was not a regional council decision. Mr Maloney confirmed that Toi Ohomai had implemented that change and a report would be tabled at the Public Transport meeting on 23 November 2017 to address the matter.

Councillor Thwaites – Western Bay of Plenty District Council

- Similar to TCC, WBPDC was focused on the Long Term Plan. In the past WBPDC was committed to sealing 3km of roading per year with a surplus of \$30,000 allocated funding.
- Cycling and walking accessibility was a large part of WBOPDC's consultation and was gaining traction.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Receives the report, update from Committee Members and Advisors.**

**Malloy/Crosby
CARRIED**

6.2 New Zealand Transport Agency Update

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A958507

Regional Director Waikato/BOP, New Zealand Transport Agency Mrs P McLean provided a brief verbal update noting that the new government was focussed on rapid transport options. Ms McLean highlighted the following key points from the report:

- Letter from Minister Twyford were sent out to Local Government organisations;
- NZTA CEO was working primarily with Minister Twyford, and also Ministers Jones and Genter to understand the new government's priorities moving forward.

- Focus was on future active modes of neutral approach transport availability and implementation of modes for public transport, rail, cycling and walking, coastal shipping.
- Major urban centres - Auckland and Wellington were focussed on rapid transit – light rail.
- BOP continued to be a commitment however while the Tauranga Northern Link and Katikati was discussed there were no reviews at this stage.
- Projects signed off by the NZTA Board would continue as Associate Ministers were yet to receive their formal delegated authorities.
- Indications that Minister Genter had a strong agenda regarding safety and her top priority was reducing the road toll.
- NZTA would receive a revised GPS before the end of 2017 and proposed engagement would happen early 2018 with further revision likely to be middle 2018 with strong focus on fundamental change to enable rail.
- No dates were available on public consultation with regard to tolling on the Northern Tauranga Link.

Members recognised the shift of focus of investment away from road use to give people more options such as light rail but were conscious of the flow on effects to future funding commitments required. Ms McLean confirmed that all the options were on the table at this point and that NZTA had no intention to back away from Bay of Plenty commitments. Members discussed the limited funds against the current commitments, commenting that NZTA may need to shift priorities to accommodate for the new government's rapid transport focus. Ms McLean stated that the Committee would need to have further discussions around other funding avenues or partnerships available to the Committee to accommodate for the shift in focus as NZTA confirmed that funds in the National Land Transport Fund were limited.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, New Zealand Transport Agency Update.**

**Crosby/Chadwick
CARRIED**

6.3 **Speed Management**

It was noted that Mr Glen Bunting (Network Manager, NZ Transport Agency) flight from Wellington was delayed and he would present his report later in the meeting.

6.4 **Draft Regional Land Transport Plan**

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A958507

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Transport Manager Mr G Maloney and Senior Transport Planner Mr B Healey explained that no decisions were required by members at this stage as they continued to work on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan ('RLTP') while waiting for the final GPS. Mr Healey advised members that the feedback received at the meeting held 15 September 2017 had been incorporated into the revised version of the RLTP including latest facts and figures, strengthened wording on

carbon emissions, climate change and updating public transport that reflected the current situation.

Mr Healy advised that the RLTP presentation sent to members was outlined in three parts;

1. An overview of what the RLTP plan;
2. Covering off on the draft RLTP as of 15 November 17 (awaiting final GPS) responding to new government direction; and
3. Next steps in the process.

Members were pleased that the revised RLTP reflected current statistics and facts, however it was noted that there was still scope for further tightening and strengthening of the language around future growth around the Bay of Plenty that would make the Committee's case stronger. Members enquired into the inter-regional feedback process and agreed that more work was required around planning taking into account the environmental impacts, and that the new government position of rapid transport (specifically rail) needed to be incorporated into the RLTP.

Members also underlined the possible implications of the new government's focus on ongoing projects for smaller rural and provincial areas and projects such as Smart growth. All members agreed that there was a need to protect these projects and not let them fade into the background. Members requested staff to look into the possibility of injecting smaller projects into the larger projects as a means to keep those projects in the fold. Members also commented that there may also be scope to highlight growth issues while the housing accord could also be strengthened to make the case stronger.

Mr Healey and staff from NZTA provided further context to members as follows:

- The final RLTP was due April 2018 however there may be some push back due to the new government;
- BOPRC was worked regularly with NZTA in drafting the RLTP;
- Chapter 7 – the spreadsheet provided a list of activities approved but not complete as the Regional Council was waiting on funding approval. The planning process was underway for the Tarkio network and still needed to be entered into the programme;
- Staff would identify smaller projects where feedback could be provided into the formal state highway proposals to give them formal status;
- "Committed" meant approved funding for that particular phase of the approved activity;
- Eastern corridor stage 2 naturally aligned with the state highway through to the Rotorua Airport – Ministers had promised a move from business case to action as there was a strong need for this project to be elevated;
- Draft priority list spreadsheet had 6 different scenarios highlighted to assist members;
- NZTA confirmed the Katikati bypass would be reported on in the near future,
- The Ōmokoroa project needed to be highlighted as a connection between growth and transport;
- Safety and resilience was noted as an issue for Rotorua and Kawerau that required further consideration by NZTA by the next committee meeting. In the interim staff would provide technical advice regarding Rotorua that may need a special meeting to discuss.

Meeting adjourned 10.42 am.

Meeting reconvened 11.05 am.

Mr Healy informed members that part three included responding to government direction and next steps, he surmised the RLTP as follows:

- Reflects previous draft GPS;
- Development had included engagement with Regional Advisory Group ('RAG') and had good alignment (generally); and
- RAG requested two activities be added to the 6 year programme and provided other feedback on scope, content and timing of activities;
- RAG recommended feedback via a formal letter from the Committee to NZTA; and
- Staff were waiting on the timing and content of new draft GPS;
- Possible implications from deadline – 30 April 2018; and
- The above information would enable a modified RLTP consultation and approval process to be mapped out;
- Recommended the Committee meet early February 2018 to progress the RLTP.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Draft Regional Land Transport Plan.

**Crosby/Nees
CARRIED**

6.5 Speed Management

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A958507

NZTA Network Manager Mr G Bunting delivered a comprehensive presentation to members focussed on 'A new process for setting speed limits'. The following information was noted:

- Objectives – nationally consistent approach, deliver safe system and network efficiency, assist councils to prioritise opportunities, support new conversation on road risk and speed;
- Key changes – apply new approach in the guide, enables 110km/h on selected routes, streamlines process for temporary and emergency speed limits, offers outcomes based approach to repeater signs;
- High benefit opportunities – provide speed management information, encourage high benefit opportunities first, have regard to this information when reviewing speed limits;
- Technical megamaps – effective engagement, increase community understanding, enables constructive conversations, creates suitable environment for consultation;
- Identifying safe and appropriate speeds;
- Infrastructure risk rating – eight features
- Engagement comes before consultation with formal consultation requirements;
- The bylaw process – rules and requirements;
- Streamline the process – develop with councils and key stakeholders, set out three year plan, consult with sector and community on plan, changes to limits made via council resolution.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Speed Management.

Crosby/Chadwick
CARRIED

6.6 Regional Land Transport Plan Variations - SH33 Safety Improvements and LED Street Lighting Conversions

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Plan Variation – Accelerated LED Street Lighting Conversations (Western Bay of Plenty district);
- 2 Adds the ‘Accelerated Light Emitting Diode (LED) Street Lighting Conversations (Western Bay of Plenty district) activity to the Regional Land Transport Plan; and
- 3 Determines that the variation is not significant for the purposes of public consultation.

Crosby/Curach
CARRIED

6.7 General Business

Members discussed the national road pricing (tolling) as a means to ease congestion of major roads during peak hours. It was noted that all costs would be directly charged to the road users however, this could be mitigated with the introduction of an incentivised program to encourage users to utilise alternative means of transport.

The Chair noted that Mayor Campbell was unable to attend the meeting due to a vehicle crash on State Highway 33.

The meeting closed at 12.26 pm.

Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Friday, 2 February 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: S Crosby (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Deputy Chairman: J Nees (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Appointees: Mayor J Forbes (Ōpōtiki District Council), Mayor A Bonne (Whakatāne District Council), Councillors R Curach (Tauranga City Council), B Julian (Alternate, Kawerau District Council), D Thwaites (Western Bay of Plenty District Council)

In Attendance: J Galbraith (Freight Advisor), Inspector B Crowe (Safety Advisor, NZ Police), Councillors: L Thurston (Alternate, Bay of Plenty Regional Council), T Molloy (Alternate, Tauranga City Council), J Palmer (Alternate, Western Bay of Plenty District Council), N Bruning, K Winters (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Mayor G Webber (Western Bay of Plenty District Council); F McTavish (General Manager Strategy & Science), G Maloney (Transport Policy Manager), B Healey (Senior Transport Planner), M Haseley (Principal Transport Planner, NZ Transport Agency), J Paterson (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), M Parkes (Tauranga City Council), S Kameta (Committee Advisor)

Apologies: Mayor M Campbell (Kawerau District Council), Mayor S Chadwick (Rotorua Lakes Council), Deputy Mayor D Donaldson (Alternate, Rotorua Lakes Council), P McLean (Regional Director Waikato/BOP, NZ Transport Agency), A Talbot (Alternate, New Zealand Transport Agency), D Kneebone (Port Advisor)

1 Apologies

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Mayor Campbell, Mayor Chadwick, Deputy Mayor Donaldson, Parekawhia McLean, Alistair Talbot and Dan Kneebone tendered at the meeting.

Crosby/Curach
CARRIED

2 Acceptance of Late Items and General Business

Nil.

3 **Confidential Business to be transferred in open**

Nil.

4 **Declaration of conflicts of interest**

Nil.

5 **Previous Minutes**

5.1 **Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 22 November 2017**

Corrections

- 1) Agenda page 11 – Attendances: delete Mayor Forbes, Mayor Campbell and Cr Julian; Apologies: insert Mayor Campbell; within resolution amend mover's name from 'Molloy' to 'Crosby'.
- 2) Agenda page 12 – minute item 6.1, Update from Committee Members and Advisors: amend fifth bullet to read: "Trial of a one-way system incorporating a cycleway around Pilot Bay and Maunganui Road was being investigated."
- 3) Agenda page 14 – continuation of minute item 6.1, under Councillor Thwaites – Western Bay of Plenty District Council, amend first bullet end of sentence to read: "a cost of \$300,000..."
- 4) Agenda page 14 – within resolution of minute item 6.1: replace mover's name from 'Molloy' to 'Thwaites'.
- 5) Agenda page 16 – grammatical correction within second bullet point, removing the word 'was'.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Confirms the Regional Transport Committee minutes of 22 November 2017 as true and correct record, subject to the foregoing corrections.**

Crosby/Nees
CARRIED

6 **Reports**

6.1 **Update from Committee Members and Advisors**

Committee members and advisors gave a verbal update on transport matters impacting their areas.

Cr Julian, Kawerau District Council

- Due to flooding at the Kawerau overpass, repair works were occurring along with installation of barriers around abutments;
- Some issues were being experienced with the traffic lights at the intersection of State Highway 34 and Fletcher Avenue;

- Installation of a T-intersection and roundabout on State Highway 34 adjacent to the Pūtauaki Industrial Block was anticipated as part of the Transport Agency maintenance programme.

Cr Thwaites, Western Bay of Plenty District Council

- Issue was raised regarding a fatality along State Highway 2 at Te Puna Quarry Road intersection.

Cr Nees, Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Questioned whether the number of truck crashes that had occurred along State Highway 2 through to Waihi could be attributed to an HPMV issue. Staff advised this matter could be addressed during the Transport Agency update in the following item.

Mayor Forbes, Ōpōtiki District Council

- Raised attention to the poor condition of the Ōpōtiki Bridge and the negative image it placed on the township. With substantial numbers of visitors travelling through the town over the summer period, the desire was raised for the Transport Agency to look at a more regular maintenance programme.

Cr Crosby, Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Noted more evidence of changing weather patterns and subsequent future considerations needed to address climate change and water impacts.

Mayor Bonne, Whakatāne District Council

- Noted major congestion experienced at the tear-drop roundabout during the summer period and impacts to the Whakatāne Bridge, due to heavy rainfall and increased river flows and subsequent delay issues getting with contractors, had hindered traffic issues. Long-term development planned on the western side of the Whakatāne River would have a future impact on existing traffic congestion issues.
- Unsealed pavement trial for a special purpose (green) road on State Highway 28 was being pursued and a vision of Tūhoe iwi, with subsequent funding application being submitted to the Transport Agency.

John Galbraith

Nil.

Inspector Crowe

- National road deaths had gained a lot of media attention and involved speed, alcohol and a lack of judgement.
- Three teams operating in the region over the holiday period had caught 55 drink drivers within a two-day period was a disappointing result, but hoped that visibility of the teams would serve as a reminder to drivers.
- Fatalities in December and January had involved vehicles turning and crossing the centreline. NZ Police were meeting with the Transport Agency to discuss what could be done.

- Anecdotal observations of the 110km speed limit along the Tauranga Eastern link for the majority had been well received and complied to.

Cr Curach – Tauranga City Council

- Transport business case and Cycle Action Plan were progressing.
- Analysis and feedback had identified the need to identify a suitable location for the proposed CBD bus interchange and that Willow Street was not ideal.
- Parking capacity and endeavours to accommodate demand and minimise impact on commuters and shoppers was an ongoing issue. A desire for city projects (i.e. e-bikes) to take shape was noted.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Update from Committee Members and Advisors.**

**Crosby/Julian
CARRIED**

6.2 New Zealand Transport Agency Update

Transport Agency Principal Transport Planner Mark Haseley gave a verbal update on current Transport Agency matters.

1. Further to Minister Twyford's letter, the Ministry of Transport was leading development on the Government Policy Statement for Land Transport 2018, which was expected in March 2018 to coincide with investment assessment work;
2. Advice on moderating bids for final transport programmes would be advised after the Transport Agency Board meeting in April 2018;
3. Dame Fran Wilde had been appointed as Acting Chair for the Transport Agency Board with subsequent appointments to be advised. A Board visit to the Bay of Plenty was planned for 19-20 April 2018. Staff were talking with regional partners regarding itinerary options for the visit.

Further to queries raised, members were advised:

4. Regarding large truck crashes along State Highway 2 - Omokoroa to Waihi, the Transport Agency had not identified any specific issues relating to HPMV's, but would continue to monitor. It was noted that the number of deaths along State Highway 2 had reduced, with further safety improvements to continue.
5. The maintenance programme for the Ōpōtiki Bridge would be reviewed.
6. Transport Agency organisation structure and staff roles were still being worked through, with further advice and brochures being prepared for stakeholders in due course. Rob Campbell had been appointed as Manager System Management as the local contact for the Bay of Plenty region, primarily for operations and footprint matters and Parekawhia McLean would continue to be involved as the high level Strategic Relationship Manager.

It was requested that a letter be prepared and sent by the Chair on the Committee's behalf to thank outgoing Board Chairman Chris Moller for his tenure, which was supported by the Chair and members.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, New Zealand Transport Agency Update.

Crosby/Bonne
CARRIED

6.3 Draft Regional Land Transport Plan for Consultation

Refer PowerPoint Presentation (Objective ID A2801594) and Tabled Document 1.

Senior Transport Planner Bron Healey presented a draft Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) for approval for public consultation and sought direction on the composition of the RLTP hearings sub-committee. A presentation outlined the Government's direction and timeframes for release of the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) in June and a summary of proposed changes made to the draft RLTP. A copy of an email from Ministry of Transport - Manager Investment Helen White was tabled for information (refer Tabled Document 1).

Regarding the two-month delay of the GPS, the need to progress the draft RLTP was raised, noting further opportunity to make changes to it during the consultation process.

Advice was received on various matters and the following points noted:

- Fundamental changes to the scope of the GPS in phase two may require changes made to the Land Transport Management Act.
- The draft RLTP provided a 7-year forecast rather than a 10-year forecast, based on information that NZTA had included in their Transport Information Online database. It was noted that Horizons Regional Council had released a draft RLTP for public consultation with a 7-year forecast.
- Members were advised a Regional Visitor Economy Strategy was to be established and that a submission would come through to the draft RLTP.
- A Bay of Plenty rail feasibility study was being proposed and the Committee voiced their support for a placeholder activity to be provided for this work, rather than leaving a review to the Regional Public Transport Plan.

Members provided the following comment and direction in regard to the draft RLTP:

1. Section 2.3.3 Airports: It was requested that wording be expanded in regard to growth of passenger numbers and proposed plans for extending the Whakatāne Airport runway. Staff advised they would follow-up with Whakatāne District Council staff on this matter.
2. Section 2.3.4 Rail: The Committee agreed to remove the first bullet on page 20, following advice received that re-commissioning of the Tāneatua branch line to improve rail access to Eastern Bay of Plenty forestry areas was redundant and outside forestry requirements.

3. Feasibility investigation to extend the Bay of Plenty rail network through to Taupō was supported, as being in line with increased truck and train volumes.
4. Section 2.4.2: Figure 4: Regional Economic Development Projects (page 24): the inclusion of Otakiri water bottling plant; and developing trends to provide for anything coming through i.e. aquaculture, timber, geothermal related industry, forestry was requested. A mechanism for identifying private sector development that was occurring all the time i.e. future changes in kiwifruit logistics impacting on transport network, was raised for consideration.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:47am and reconvened at 11.10 am.

5. Chapter 6: Corridors and Networks:
 - a) Reference to the Kawerau container hub and other potential regional development proposals i.e. Otakiri water bottling, Ōpōtiki sea farms and harbour redevelopment (business case) was requested.
 - b) Population growth was noted as not being linear or translating to transport activity growth and GDP.
6. Chapter 7: Regional Programme:
 - a) Figure 22 (page 76): it was noted that source data for the first three years may not be current and would need to be reviewed;
 - b) Figure 24: Consideration to include an indicative timeline was noted;
 - c) Figure 25: Regional priorities – discussion was raised regarding the order of priorities. It was noted that prioritisation of activities was required by legislation and scored according to the prioritisation process set out in the draft RLTP. The assessment by the Regional Advisory Group would be unlikely to change unless further information was received by the proposing organisation. It was noted that the assessment of W2T Waihi to Omokoroa (Transformed) would be referred back to NZTA to gain a clearer understanding of the primary objective of this activity. Subsequent amendments would be considered through the submission process.
7. It was requested that a KPI for new commercial activities be included. Staff advised a qualitative statement under Chapter 3 would be included.
8. Appendix 1: Figure 34: A request was made to ensure the level of detail included on the SmartGrowth Strategy and the Rotorua Spatial Plan was consistent.
9. Appendix 3: requested the inclusion of the Stock Effluent Treatment Strategy under State Highway improvements.

Discussion followed on the composition of the hearing sub-committee. Members confirmed their availability and non-availability to hear submissions and noted that confirmation would need to be sought from Eastern Bay and Rotorua committee members, following the meeting.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Draft Regional Land Transport Plan for Consultation;
- 2 Confirms that a review of the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 has been carried out in accordance with section 18CA of the Land Transport Management Act 2003;
- 3 Determines that the variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan arising from the review is significant for the purposes of public consultation;
- 4 Approves the draft Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018, including any amendments arising from discussion of the report, for public consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Land Transport Management Act 2003;
- 5 Delegates to the Committee Chair the power to make minor amendments to the draft Regional Land Transport Plan prior to its release to the public;
- 6 Appoints a sub-committee to undertake hearings and deliberations, comprising Cr Crosby, Cr Nees, Cr Curach with an Eastern Bay and Rotorua Regional Transport Committee representative to be determined.

Bonne/Forbes
CARRIED

Closing remarks

The Chair thanked members for their input and acknowledged Fiona McTavish and staff for their work.

The meeting closed at 12:31 pm.