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POLICY COMMITTEE

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**Information Pack
Pikau Korero
PP21**

Thursday, 27 June 2019



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

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27 June 2019
Information Pack

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Minute Actions Not Completed for Policy Committee (Open)

Remit Number	Remit Title	Owner	Remit Description	Owner Comments	Current Status
PP1418.4 06 Aug 2018	Deliberations on the Draft Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2018	POLICY AND PLANNING MANAGER	<p>1. THAT the Senior Policy Analyst (Consultant) report dated 18 September 2018 and titled Deliberations on the Draft Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2018 be received.</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 the 'Beaches for Everyone' petition delivered to Council's Barks Corner office on 3 August 2018 opposing the proposed ban of horses at Tuapiro Point be received as a late submission to the Draft Reserves and Facilities Bylaw.</p> <p>4. That in response to Issue 3: Broader review of horse riding areas, the Policy Committee approves the following: Option 3A: Undertake a review to identify additional opportunities for the provision of horse riding areas in the district in the 2019/20 financial year with the key stakeholders. Reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responds to submission feedback on this issue. • Addresses concern of the limited number of safe horse riding opportunities in the Western Bay. </p> <p>5. THAT the Policy Committee recommends to Council for adoption the Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2018 inclusive of the following amendments: Issue 1: Horses at Tuapiro Point Option 1C: Amended status quo (Appendix C) including the options outlined below: Permitted area amendments Continue to permit horses at Tuapiro Point subject to conditions outlined in Clause 13. Amend Schedule 1 of the bylaw to reflect proposed changes to permitted horse riding areas around Tuapiro Point including clarification regarding the parking area for horse floats and access to the permitted area connecting the public road to the foreshore. Reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeks to achieve a compromise between the issues raised by Ngati </p>	The final bylaw was adopted by Council at its meeting on 1 November 2018. The investigations have been included in the 2019/20 work programme, and progressed in due course.	UNDER ACTION

Remit Number	Remit Title	Owner	Remit Description	Owner Comments	Current Status
			<p>Te Wai and the issues raised by the horse riding community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuapiro Point is a popular location for horse riders. • Majority of submissions did not support removing Tuapiro Point as a permitted site (96%). • Continues to provide six locations for horse riders to access in accordance with the Bylaw. • A range of potential improvements could be made within the bylaw and operationally (many suggested by submissions) to better manage the impact of the use of the area by horse riders. <p>Code of conduct Develop horse riders code of conduct in conjunction with horse riding representatives and include code of conduct information in the bylaw, on Council's website and in Council communications.</p> <p>Reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sets out clear expectations of use. • Approach successfully used in Auckland Regional Parks. • Can be used by different clubs to encourage responsible use by their members. <p>Issue 3: Broader Review of Horse Riding Areas To add to Clause 13.1 (c) In a reserve or on a beach where there is dedicated signposted horse riding trails.</p> <p>Issue 4: Drones Option 4B: Continue as per proposed bylaw (Appendix A) Reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflects existing Council direction on this issue. • Recognises that there have been no known issues regarding the use of RPAS on Council land. • Clear and simple approach to allowing for this use to occur, avoiding confusion about where RPAS can and cannot fly. • Ensures compliance with CAA regulations and provides flexibility should these regulations change in the future. <p>Issue 5: Vehicles on Beaches Option 5B: Amendments to Clause 10 of operative bylaw Reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures community are aware that regional provisions may also apply. 		

Remit Number	Remit Title	Owner	Remit Description	Owner Comments	Current Status
			<p>6. THAT pursuant to s155 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Policy Committee recommends to Council that the Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2018 as amended is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem, is the most appropriate form of bylaw, and that the bylaw does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.</p> <p>7. THAT the Policy Committee recommends to Council that the Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2018 become effective on 9 November 2018 and that the Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2012 be revoked as at that date.</p> <p>8. THAT in response to Issue 2: Bylaw implementation, the Policy Committee approves the following: Option 2A: Implement a range of improvements to better manage the use of horses at Tuapiro Point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve signage at Tuapiro Point • Improve education on bylaw requirements and values of Tuapiro Point • Monitoring approach <p>Reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responds to submissions identifying potential improvements to the management of horses at Tuapiro Point. • Clarifies expectations of use. • Work with the Ngati Te Wai and the horse riding community to implement improvements to ensure they are effective. <p>9. THAT the Policy Committee direct staff to develop a Decision Story that gives effect to the resolutions from this meeting, and recommends to Council that the Decision Story be adopted alongside adoption of the final bylaw and provided to submitters as a formal response to submissions made.</p>		

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Remit Number	Remit Title	Owner	Remit Description	Owner Comments	Current Status
PP1819.2 21 Feb 2019	Policy and Planning Work Programme	POLICY AND PLANNING MANAGER	<p>1. THAT the Policy and Planning Manager's report dated 4 February 2019 and titled 2019 Policy and Planning work programme 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 projects in section 3 of this report be included in the 2019 Policy and Planning work programme, alongside the Policy and Planning teams ongoing commitments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects commenced in 2019, as set out in Table 1 • Proposed projects set out in Table 2, to be progressed in the priority order agreed <p>4. That a combined work programme including the strategic Policy and Planning information and the District Plan / Resource Management information be made available to Committee members.</p>	<p>Implementation of the work programme is underway. A range of policy and bylaw projects will be completed prior to the interregnum period for the elections. Another tranche of work will start after the election, as indicated in the work programme report.</p>	UNDER ACTION
PP1919.3 12 Mar 2019	Adoption of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2019 for Public Consultation	SENIOR POLICY ANALYST	<p>1. THAT the Policy Analyst's report dated 20 February 2019 and titled "Adoption of the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2019 for Public Consultation" be received.</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 pursuant to s155 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council confirms that this draft bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem, the draft bylaw is most the appropriate form of bylaw, and that the draft bylaw does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights 1990.</p> <p>4. THAT the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2019, the accompanying statement of proposal, summary of proposal and feedback form as appended to this report are released for consultation pursuant to s156 of the Local Government Act 2002, from 18 March 2019 to 18 April 2019.</p>	<p>Consultation Period now finished. Developing resulting Issues and Options papers, for Council to then deliberate and adopt appropriate outcome.</p>	NOT COMMENCED

Remit Number	Remit Title	Owner	Remit Description	Owner Comments	Current Status
PP1919.4 12 Mar 2019	Adoption of the Draft Animals (excluding dogs) Bylaw, Cemeteries Bylaw, and Public Places Bylaw, and revocation of Nuisances Bylaw, for Consultation	SENIOR POLICY ANALYST	<p>1. THAT the Policy Analyst's report dated 22 February 2019 and titled "Adoption of the Draft Animals (excluding dogs) Bylaw 2019, Draft Cemeteries Bylaw 2019, and Draft Public Places Bylaw 2019 for Public Consultation" be received.</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 pursuant to s155 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council confirms that for the respective issues, bylaws are the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems, the draft bylaws are most the appropriate form of bylaw, and that the draft bylaws do not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights 1990.</p> <p>4. THAT the Draft Animals (excluding dogs) Bylaw 2019, Draft Cemeteries Bylaw 2019, and Draft Public Places Bylaw 2019, the accompanying statement of proposal, summaries of proposals, and feedback form as appended to this report are released for consultation pursuant to s156 of the Local Government Act 2002, from 18 March 2019 to 18 April 2019.</p> <p>5. THAT the General Bylaw Chapter 4 Nuisances 2008 be proposed for revocation on 15 August 2019, subject to consultation pursuant to s156 of the Local Government Act 2002, from 18 March 2019 to 18 April 2019, and that this proposal be included in the statement of proposal referred to in recommendation 4 of this report.</p>	Consultation Period now finished. Developing resulting Issues and Options papers, for Council to then deliberate and adopt appropriate outcome.	UNDER ACTION

Minute Actions Completed for Policy Committee (Open)

Minutes Number	Remit Title	Owner	Remit Description	Owner Comments	Current Status
PP1718.2 13 Dec 2018	Adoption of the Draft Early Payment of Rates for Subsequent Years Policy for Consultation	GROUP MANAGER FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY	<p>1. THAT the Chief Financial Officer's report dated 16 November 2018 and titled Adoption of the Draft Early Payment of Rates for Subsequent Years Policy for Consultation 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 Committee adopts the draft early payment of rates for subsequent year's policy as attached in Appendix 1 of this report for consultation via a special consultative procedure.</p>	<p>13/05/2019: The policy has been out for consultation. There has been no submissions against the implementation of the policy. Next step is for the policy to be considered by the Long Term and Annual Plan Committee for adoption.</p> <p>This policy was approved by the Long Term and Annual Plan Committee meeting in May for adoption in June 2019.</p> <p>7/05/2019: The draft Policy has been consulted on alongside the draft Annual Plan 2019/20. Feedback received on this draft Policy has been compiled and informs the Issues and Options paper on the policy which is to go before Council on 16th May 2019 during the Annual Plan Workshop.</p> <p>15/03/2019: The Draft Policy has been approved for release for consultation alongside the draft Annual Plan 2019/20 and will be finalised in time for implementation in the 2019/20 financial year. A Statement of Proposal has been adopted for consultation alongside the 2019/20 Annual Plan. The policy is currently out for consultation. Feedback on the policy will be considered once the consultation period is closed.</p>	COMPLETE

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Minutes Number	Remit Title	Owner	Remit Description	Owner Comments	Current Status
PP2019.1 20 May 2019	Draft Environment Strategy	SENIOR POLICY ANALYST	<p>1. THAT the Senior Policy Analyst's report dated 8 May 2019 and titled Draft Environment Strategy 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 adopts the Draft Environment Strategy (Attachment A), with amendments, to be progressed through the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.</p>	Draft Strategy to be included in engagement plan for LTP 2021-2031.	COMPLETE
PP2019.2 20 May 2019	Draft Communities Strategy	SENIOR POLICY ANALYST	<p>1. THAT the Senior Policy Analyst's report dated 8 May 2019 and titled 'Draft Communities Strategy' 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 adopts the Draft Communities Strategy (Attachment A), with amendments, to be progressed through the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.</p>	Draft Strategy to be included in engagement plan for LTP 2021-31.	COMPLETE

Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Friday, 15 March 2019 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: S Crosby (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Deputy Chairman: J Nees

Appointees: Deputy Mayor D Donaldson - Alternate, Rotorua Lakes Council, Mayor A Bonne - Whakatāne District Council, Councillor T Molloy - Alternate, Tauranga City Council, Councillor R Curach - Tauranga City Council, Councillor B Julian - Alternate, Kawerau District Council, Councillor D Thwaites - Western Bay of Plenty District Council, R l'Anson - Acting Regional Director Waikato/BOP, New Zealand Transport Agency, Councillor L Thurston - Alternate, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, A Talbot - Alternate, New Zealand Transport Agency

In Attendance: J Galbraith - Freight Advisor, D Kneebone - Port Advisor/Property & Infrastructure Manager, Port of Tauranga,

BOPRC: Chairman Leeder, Cr David Love, Cr Norm Bruning, Namouta Poutasi – General Manager Strategy & Science, Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner, T Nerdrum-Smith – Committee Advisor

Other: David Cunliffe – Stakeholder Strategies, Janeane Joyce - Channeled Planning and Contracting

Apologies: Mayor J Forbes - Ōpōtiki District Council, Councillor K Young - Alternate, Opotiki District Council, Mayor S Chadwick - Rotorua Lakes Council, Councillor A Iles - Alternate, Whakatāne District Council, Mayor M Campbell - Kawerau District Council,

1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Mayor M Campbell - Kawerau District Council, Mayor J Forbes - Ōpōtiki District Council, Councillor K Young - Alternate, Opotiki District Council, Mayor S Chadwick - Rotorua Lakes Council, Councillor A Iles - Alternate, Whakatāne District Council tendered at the meeting.

Bonne/Curach
CARRIED

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Acceptance of Late Items

Nil

4 General Business

Nil

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Nil

6 Previous Minutes**6.1 Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 23 November 2018****Resolved**

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 23 November 2018

Nees/Donaldson
CARRIED

7 Reports**7.1 Update from Committee Members and Advisors****Dan Kneebone – Port of Tauranga****Key Points**

- The planned expansion into Sulphur Point was progressing well, with demolition of Port sheds being the initial stage
- Had liaised with local iwi and hapū in the consenting process
- Was working with NZTA and TCC regarding traffic flow at the surrounding roading network, including the potential to change in status of Totara Street and Hull Road to State Highway.

Key Points – Members

- There was a significant process surrounding changing the status of roads and a report could be brought to the Committee for consideration of possible support, once further information was available.

Ross l'Anson – New Zealand Transport Agency**Key Points**

- Introduced himself as the interim NZTA representative on the Committee, following the departure of Parekawhia McLean.

John Galbraith – Freight Advisor**Key Points**

- A network of Toi Ohomai training posts for drivers and operators was being established
- The training could also include bus drivers.

Mayor Bonne – Whakatāne District Council**Key Points**

- Noted the fatal accident at the Matatā straight where three road workers had been killed and Health & Safety regulations would be re-emphasised as a result
- The amount of roadwork on the roading network meant drivers no longer paid attention to the lowered speed limits
- 30km/h speed limit meant there were people working along the road.

Cr Stuart Crosby (Chairperson) – Bay of Plenty Regional Council**Key Points**

- Focus had been on public transport since December 2018 and recognised the significant issues with the implementation of the new service provider and changed routes
- Main challenge was the lack of trained bus drivers and remedial actions had been put in place, with the main priority being school buses
- Three community meetings had been held and mainly addressed concerns regarding changed routes
- Effective delivery of bus services was a national issue, with the lack of qualified drivers being the main challenge
- A report regarding a review of the entire public transport network would be presented to the Public Transport Committee meeting on 29 March 2019.

Cr Jane Nees (Deputy Chairperson) – Bay of Plenty Regional Council**Key Points**

- Recognised the ongoing review of the Bay of Connections and the impact on the wider Bay of Plenty region.

Deputy Mayor Dave Donaldson – Rotorua Lakes Council**Key Points**

- Supported Mayor Bonne on the roadwork signage concerns and encouraged this to be further discussed with NZTA
- Noted the improvement with regards to road signs not being left when there was no works being undertaken which had created a blasé attitude
- A new parking regime had been introduced in Rotorua CBD
- Parking and traffic flow in the CBD would be discussed at the RLC's Annual Plan Forum today.

Cr Rick Curach – Tauranga City Council

Key Points

- A new Committee (Urban Form and Transport Development) was an amalgamation of the Transport Committee and the City Transformation Committee and would provide a more strategic direction, rather than being focussed on operational issues.
- The Committee was to be chaired by Cr Larry Baldock and the change might impact on the TCC representation on the Regional Transport Committee
- Concerned regarding oversubscriptions to national funds, e.g. the enhanced FAR, and the negative impact on the RLTP and the PT Blueprint
- Concerned regarding the deteriorating relationship with NZTA
- Noted the challenges in Greerton and Welcome Bay as a result of roading changes which did not appear to meet the community's needs.

Key Points – Members

- Concerned that engineering considerations for roading projects were overly comprehensive and possibly unnecessary, which increased costs and slowed down progress.

Dr Don Thwaites – Western Bay of Plenty District CouncilKey Points

- Welcomed Ross l'Anson as the new NZTA representative
- 15 road seal extensions taking place in the rural community
- About to embark on the second reconstruction of Omokoroa Road
- Omokoroa to Tauranga cycle/walkway was progressing well with a clip on bridge across the Wairoa River
- The start of the kiwi fruit season would increase congestion on the roads.

Cr Bernice Julian – Kawerau District CouncilKey Points

- LED street lights had been installed
- Was in the middle of the annual roading re-seal project
- Installation of the right-hand turn on SH34 into the dairy factory was underway
- There was ongoing work relating to culverts for flood protection and the railway crossing.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

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

**Curach/Crosby
CARRIED**

7.2 New Zealand Transport Agency Update

PowerPoint presentation – Reference A3157447

Ross l'Anson – Acting Director Regional Relationships and Alistair Talbot – Lead Strategic Planner presented this item.

Key Points of Presentation

- New Road Safety Strategy
- Creating a safe network
- Travel demand management
- Re-evaluations
- Barkers Corner roundabout metering.

Presenters in Response to Questions

- The re-evaluation of projects under the new Government Policy Statement focussed on the higher volume networks
- There was currently no list of prioritised funding
- High-risk projects were oversubscribed in the national fund
- Recognised that NZTA worked within an environment of oversubscriptions at all times.

Key Points – Members

- Concern at time taken to complete the re-evaluation of projects and provide certainty on scope and timing.
- Tenders for projects were often significantly above the costs estimated by Councils and this represented a significant issue when NZTA funding was not forthcoming
- Commuters in Pyes Pa would actively avoid Barkers Corner, which increased the pressure on the surrounding local roads
- Concerned that safety barriers on the side of the road meant drivers were unable to pull over in a safe manner, e.g. if they had a puncture.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

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

**Crosby/Thwaites
CARRIED**

7.3 **Urban Form and Transport Initiative - Western Bay of Plenty**

PowerPoint Presentation – Reference A3157649

David Phizacklea – Regional Development Manager introduced David Cunliffe – Stakeholder Strategies who attended the meeting to present this item.

Key Points of Presentation

- UFTI Update
- Outline/Introduction
- Potential long-term housing solutions identified, but still uncertain
- UFTI is an integrated project, aiming to deliver a fundable programme

- UFTI needs to resolve near-term housing and transport issues - and deliver an integrated, long-term, urban form and transport strategy
- At the heart of the problem are four interdependent issues
- In the next phase UFTI will develop base case answers to the questions
- The project will be undertaken in four phases
- How can UFTI benefit RTC
- Example output: EBOP freight flows may not be captured by Tauranga Traffic Model (TTM)
- Recent growth not sustainable on most Bay of Plenty State Highways
- Of the EBOP PGF projects, only water bottling has the potential to materially impact traffic
- EBOP PGF projects estimated to increase demand during summer
- Level rail crossing obstruct traffic between 1 and 15% of the time – but very few run during peak traffic hours.

Key Points of Presenters

- As the pressure on the existing roadwork increased, service would deteriorate unless remediation was undertaken urgently
- Collated data did not necessarily support the perception that the public considered single-occupancy vehicles as the preferred means of transport, rather there was an appetite for modal shift
- Recognised the importance of the KiwiRail study, which the Committee was supporting
- Upper North Island Supply Chain Strategy and the Auckland to Hamilton Corridor were recognised as crucial inputs into the work
- Involvement of iwi and the impact on Papakainga Housing were recognised as important
- An overall Project Director was important to ensure continuity of information supply.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Urban Form and Transport Initiative - Western Bay of Plenty.**

**Curach/Donaldson
CARRIED**

11.05 am – The meeting adjourned.

11.25 am – The meeting reconvened.

7.4 Transport Planning Update

Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner presented this item.

Key Points

- In the process of preparing for the Government Policy Statement 2021
- There had been no update regarding a possible interim review of the Government Policy Statement 2018
- The National Road Safety Strategy was currently under review.

In Response to Questions

- The toll increase letter to NZTA, included as an attachment in the agenda, was aimed specifically at the two Bay of Plenty toll roads, however also took into consideration the potential wider aspects of toll increases.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Transport Planning Update;**
- 2 Endorse the letter to the Interim Chief Executive of NZTA regarding the Bay of Plenty toll road price increases.**

**Bonne/Donaldson
CARRIED**

7.5 Bay of Plenty Passenger and Freight Rail Phase 1 Investigation Outline

Janeane Joyce – Channeled Planning and Contracting attended the meeting for this item and provided an outline of the report.

Key Points

- Was responsible for phase 1 of the Bay of Plenty Passenger and Freight Rail Investigation
- The change in Central Government had created a shift in the view on what a rapid transit system should look like
- Key aspect of the investigation was a collaborative partnership and co-operative approach
- Phase 1 also designed to meet NZTA's Strategic Business Case requirements.

Key Points – Members

- Positive to see this investigation underway as rail could have a significant impact on the pressurised roading networks.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Plenty Passenger and Freight Rail Phase 1 Investigation Outline;**
- 2 Considers and endorses the planned approach for the Phase 1 Investigation.**

Crosby/Nees
CARRIED

7.6 Role of the Regional Transport Committee

Chairperson Crosby and Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner introduced this item, which came as a result of the Regional Transport Workshop following the last meeting of the Committee.

Key Points – Members

- The Regional Transport Committee should cement its role as a political and community transport leader
- Suggested an increased emphasis on the Regional Advisory Group's technical advice
- There would be benefits of a member or advisor on the Committee who represented an environmental/sustainability viewpoint
- Noted that the Committee had the authority to appoint Advisors

Staff Follow-up

- Regional Advisory Group (RAG) minutes be provided to the Committee
- Prepare a report for the Committee to appoint an external sustainability advisor.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Role of the Regional Transport Committee.

That the Regional Transport Committee recommends that the Regional Council:

- 2 Approves amendments to the Regional Transport Committee's Terms of Reference as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

Julian/Curach
CARRIED

12.00 pm – Cr Nees withdrew from the meeting.

7.7 Regional Land Transport Plan Variation - State Highway 2: Wainui Road to Opotiki (Wainui Road)

Key Points – Members

- Noted that the Wainui Road provided an alternative to the State Highway route.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Plan Variation - State Highway 2: Wainui Road to Opotiki (Wainui Road).
- 2 Approves the requested scope change to the State Highway 2: Wainui Road to Opotiki activity in the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018.
- 3 Determines that the proposed variation is not significant for the purposes of public consultation.

Mayor Bonne/Julian
CARRIED

7.8 Bay of Plenty Transport-Related Provincial Growth Fund Proposals

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Plenty Transport-Related Provincial Growth Fund Proposals.

Crosby/Thwaites
CARRIED

12.03 pm – Cr Nees entered the meeting.

7.9 Regional Land Transport Plan Implementation Report

Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner presented this item.

Presenters in Response to Questions

- Stock effluent strategic case had been presented to NZTA and further information had been requested as a result.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Plan Implementation Report.

Crosby/Mayor Bonne
CARRIED

7.10 Regional Land Transport Plan Annual Report Card 2017/18

PowerPoint Presentation – Reference A3157449

Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner presented this item.

Key Points of Presentation

- A measure of progress
- Final year of RLTP 2015
- Demand Indicators
 - 12,000 more vehicles on the roads
 - State Highway traffic volumes are increasing
- Economic Performance
 - Freight volumes on ECMT rail lines are increasing
- Safety
 - Five year trend in deaths and serious injuries gradually increasing
- Resilience
 - National and regional SH routes were closed for 47 hours in 2017, 96% due to crashes

12.24 pm – Mayor Bonne withdrew from the meeting

- Land use and transport integration
 - Public transport trips per capita continued to decrease
- Environmental sustainability
 - 12% of all trips by more sustainable methods
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Key Points – Members

- Recognised the significant contribution by cars to air pollution
- Alternative means of transport, e.g. electric scooters, was anticipated to have an increasing impact on traffic movements and correspondingly on air quality
- Sought information/reporting on incidents caused by phone use/texting while driving
- In some more rural areas, single vehicle travel was the only option

In Response to Questions

- Future reporting from NZTA was expected to provide higher level of details with regards to sustainability
- Public transport transfers, i.e. use of the same or two separate tickets as part of a longer, but segmented trip, was counted as one trip if the ticket was used within the same hour.

NZTA in Response to Questions

- SH2/SH29 resilience seen in relation to the Kaimai rail tunnel, formed part of the NZTA strategic business case.

Staff Follow-up

- Cause of roading incidents to be reported to the Committee.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Plan Annual Report Card 2017/18.

Nees/Crosby
CARRIED

The meeting closed at 12.36 pm

Confirmed DATE

Cr Stuart Crosby
Chairperson – Regional Transport Committee

Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Friday, 24 May 2019 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: S Crosby (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Deputy Chairman: J Nees

Appointees: Mayor M Campbell - Kawerau District Council, Deputy Mayor D Donaldson - Alternate, Rotorua Lakes Council, Councillor B Julian - Alternate, Kawerau District Council, Mayor S Chadwick - Rotorua Lakes Council, Councillor A Iles - Alternate, Whakatāne District Council, Councillor D Thwaites - Western Bay of Plenty District Council, R l'Anson - Acting Director of Regional, New Zealand Transport Agency, Councillor J Palmer - Alternate, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, A Talbot - Alternate, New Zealand Transport Agency, Councillor L Baldock - Tauranga City Council, Mayor John Forbes - Ōpōtiki District Council.

In Attendance: Inspector B Crowe - Road Safety Advisor/ BOP District Police, J Galbraith - Freight Advisor, D Kneebone - Port Advisor/Property & Infrastructure Manager, Port of Tauranga

Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Chairman Leeder, Cr David Love, Namouta Poutasi – General Manager Strategy & Science, Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner, David Phizacklea – Regional Development Manager, A Namana – Committee Advisor.

Other: Janeane Joyce – Channeled Planning and Contracting, John Hutchings – HenleyHutchings, Robert Brodnax – UFTI Project Director (via Video Link), Mark Tamura – Waikato Regional Council

Apologies: Mayor A Bonne - Whakatāne District Council, Councillor R Curach - Alternate, Tauranga City Council, Councillor K Young - Alternate, Ōpōtiki District Council, Councillor L Thurston - Alternate, Bay of Plenty Regional Council

1 **Apologies**

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

Accepts the apologies from Mayor A Bonne - Whakatāne District Council, Councillor R Curach - Alternate, Tauranga City Council, Councillor K Young - Alternate, Ōpōtiki District Council and Councillor L Thurston - Alternate, Bay of Plenty Regional Council tendered at the meeting.

Crosby/Nees
CARRIED**2 Public Forum****Carole Gordon – Engaging Elders in Transport Planning***PowerPoint Presentation – Reference A3250351*

Tabled item 1 – BOP Longevity Graph – *Reference A3250357*. A supporting document - Final Engagement Report was to be circulated to members following the meeting – *Reference A3250355*.

Key Points

- Provided a follow up from a previous presentation to the Public Transport Committee
- The number of people over 75 years of age in the SmartGrowth region would increase 229% by 2036 and be the largest public transport consumer group
- Outlined research survey results of what elders sought from the public transport environment
- Described current issues of public transport provision
- Suggested a 3D printed self-driving shuttle concept
- Recommended that UFTI consider complementary urban, community focused “micro-transit” public transport services to complement key transit routes, increase patronage and address congestion
- Supported further investigation of the public transport requirements of ageing communities in the Bay of Plenty region.

Key Points – Namouta Poutasi – General Manager Strategy & Science

- Subsequent to the previous presentation to the Public Transport Committee on 10 May 2019, the report had been taken to UFTI and the project team with staff committing to propose how to work through the recommendations at the next Public Transport Committee
- As part of Bay of Plenty Regional Council’s Annual Plan 2019-20 deliberations, smaller bus options were being considered as well as the extension of super gold card hours.

The Chairperson acknowledged the years of service provided by Councillor Curach and welcomed Councillor Baldock as the new appointed member from Tauranga City Council.

3 Acceptance of Late Items

Nil.

4 General Business

Nil.

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

6 Previous Minutes**6.1 Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 15 March 2019**

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 15 March 2019 as a true and correct record.

Crosby/Nees
CARRIED

6.2 Regional Transport Committee minutes - 24 April 2018

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Regional Transport Committee minutes - 24 April 2018 as a true and correct record.

Crosby/Nees
CARRIED

6.3 Regional Transport Committee minutes - 02 February 2018

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Regional Transport Committee minutes - 02 February 2018 as a true and correct record.

Crosby/ Nees
CARRIED

7 Reports

7.1 Update from Committee Members and Advisors

Mayor Steve Chadwick – Rotorua Lakes Council

Key Points

- Requested clarification on the status of Connect Rotorua and an update on the timing for interim Stage 1 and completion of the Ngongotahā roundabout
- Supported UFTI in principle, but had concerns about its impact on Rotorua activities which were also addressing urban growth issues.

John Galbraith – Freight Advisor

Key Points

- Funding had been secured to set up a driver training centre in Kawerau to service the Eastern Bay of Plenty, complementing the existing network of training centres
- Acknowledged support of Freight Logistics Action Group (FLAG) at career expo events held in Rotorua and Edgecumbe.

Mayor Malcolm Campbell – Kawerau District Council**Key Points**

- The quality of State Highway 34 pavements on the Rotorua side of Kawerau was a concern
- Noted the importance of catering to the needs of elderly people in small communities
- Waiū Dairy Plant would be operational in another six weeks.

Inspector Brent Crowe – Road Safety Advisor/ Bay of Plenty District Police**Key Points**

- 40 people had died on Bay of Plenty roads in 2019 to date
- Approximately 50% of vehicle crashes involved impairment including fatigue, distraction or alcohol consumption
- In the majority of instances Heavy Motor Vehicles (HMVs) were not at fault
- A national initiative would see an additional 30 policing staff from around the country arriving in the Bay of Plenty for the month of June 2019
- People could expect to observe a higher police presence on roads during this time and resources would be focussed on high-risk areas highlighted by emerging trends.

Key Points – Members

- Mayor Chadwick acknowledged the police and emergency services staff for their hard work over a difficult period on Bay of Plenty roads.

Cr Stuart Crosby (Chairperson) – Bay of Plenty Regional Council**Key Points**

- Phase 3 of the review of the Western Bay Public Transport Blueprint network was well underway
- Dedicated school bus service was on track with Phase 1 showing success with students identifying with the same bus and driver
- Progress on the return of some Tauranga and Pāpāmoa routes had been delayed due to bus driver shortage
- Route 41 would now be reinstated on 24 June 2019 and 8 July 2019 for Pāpāmoa, a direct route would be taken in the morning and afternoon, but servicing every stop during the day
- The UFTI budget would be announced 30 May 2019.

Dan Kneebone – Port of Tauranga**Key Points**

- First interim report of the upper North Island supply chain study had been released
- The Port supported the current competitive model
- Congestion on Totara Street and at Hewletts Road/ Totara Street intersection remained a major issue
- Continued to encourage growth in volumes on rail and via coastal shipping
- The large scale de-barker opened at Murupara meant logs would be transported without bark, reducing debris on rail and roads.

Cr Andrew Iles – Whakatāne District Council**Key Points**

- Costing was being sought for a permanent compostable toilet for the swimming hole site at Waimana gorge where the next Tūhoe Ahurei would be held in 2020

- State Highway 2 Taneātua pedestrian and speed management concept options were close to being released
- LED lighting installations across the district were on track for completion by the end of June 2019.

Cr Larry Baldock – Tauranga City Council

Key Points

- Cycle Action Plan report was due to go to the Urban Form and Transport Committee in July 2019
- A well-funded communication budget was essential for effective community engagement
- Plans were being finalised for Arataki/ Bayfair interchange and the central city terminal
- Updated members on Tauranga Transport Strategic Model and Tauranga Transport Hybrid Model, due to be completed by the end of June 2019.

Cr Don Thwaites – Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Key Points

- 90% of urban growth in the Western Bay of Plenty occurred north of Wairoa bridge
- Funding models from Ministry of Transport were required to address the issues of public transport and accessibility for population growth.

Cr John Palmer – Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Key Points

- A key component of completing the Ōmokoroa to Tauranga cycleway was crossing the Wairoa bridge
- Ōmokoroa Road project was now on hold awaiting funding from NZTA.

Mayor John Forbes – Ōpōtiki District Council

Key Points

- New road development to service the harbour entrance needed to be addressed in the first part of 2020
- Street lighting on Ōpōtiki Bridge had been scheduled for repairs for seven months and was an issue for community safety.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

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

**Campbell/Crosby
CARRIED**

7.2 New Zealand Transport Agency Update

PowerPoint Presentation – Reference A3241181

Ross l'Anson – Acting Director Regional Relationships and Alistair Talbot – Lead Strategic Planner presented this item.

Key Points

- Working together with Creative Tauranga on the visual aesthetics of the Baypark to Bayfair Link
- Noted Mayor Chadwick's concerns about Connect Rotorua process and would continue engagement with Rotorua Lakes Council on this
- Trying to progress work on Ngongotahā roundabout and Ngongotahā to State Highway 5
- Ōpōtiki bridge lighting issues were to be resolved
- All National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) activity classes were oversubscribed due to an overwhelming response to the GPS and Target Enhanced Financial Assistance Rate (TEFAR)
- TEFAR scope was reduced and would now only cover low cost/ low risk safety projects
- Communication was being released to each Council advising which projects had been approved and which projects were likely or unlikely to be funded in the next two years
- Highlighted areas of focus for the NLTP 2021-24
- Provided a speed management update included in a suite of safety interventions to be delivered as part of the Safe Network Programme
- Standard Safety Intervention Toolkit had been released as part of the Safe Network Programme
- Mega Maps speed management tool was to become more readily available with access requests assessed on an individual basis.

Presenters in Response to Questions

- There were more projects than available funding
- NZTA would work closely with Councils on TEFAR projects and prioritisation.

Key Points – Members

- It was challenging to identify which cycle projects would be aligned to the new requirements
- There did not appear to be any immediate benefits from the changes at Barks Corner.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

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

**Iles/Chadwick
CARRIED**

7.3 Urban Form and Transport Initiative Update

Robert Brodnax – Project Director for Urban Form and Transport Initiative (UFTI) provided a verbal update via Video Link, supported by David Phizacklea – Regional Development Manager.

Key Points

- Three people had been appointed to the UFTI Project Team – Robert Brodnax (Project Director), Ben Peacey (Technical Coordinator) and Janeane Joyce (Project Manager)

- Summarised the objectives and intentions the final UFTI report would provide to the Bay of Plenty region and how people and goods would be moving around now and within the next 50 years
- Current focus was on aligning evidence and information from Councils to complete the foundation report
- A co-design approach was being developed with stakeholders, where collaboration was important with both organisations and stakeholders across the wider Bay of Plenty region to ensure their engagement in the process
- Work was underway on an effective communications platform for the wider community
- More work was required around the potential of mode shift to make a difference in terms of how the transport system functioned now and in the long term
- Quick fixes and longer term solutions were being planned for pressure areas such as Hewletts Road and Totara Street
- Higher profile engagement material could be expected in the next four to six weeks.

Presenters in Response to Questions

- As part of the project, the impact of tourists flows would be considered
- Regional freight flows was a critical piece of work which included the entire Bay of Plenty region.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Urban Form and Transport Initiative Update.**

Crosby/ Iles
CARRIED

7.4 Regional Land Transport Plan Variation - Urban Form and Transport Initiative Programme Business Case

Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner presented this item.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Plan Variation - Urban Form and Transport Initiative Programme Business Case;**
- 2 Adds the Urban Form and Transport initiative Programme Business Case to the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018; and**
- 3 Determines that the proposed variation is not significant for the purposes of public consultation.**

Thwaites/Nees
CARRIED

7.5 Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Partnership

*PowerPoint Presentation – Reference A3245165 and **Tabled Item 2** – Hei Awarua ki te Oranga – Reference A3245168*

David Phizacklea – Regional Development Manager introduced Mark Tamura – Waikato Regional Council who attended the meeting to present this item.

Key Points of Presentation

- Briefly covered the background and the context of the Corridor Plan
- Hamilton to Auckland Corridor was one of the most significant water, road and rail corridors in the country
- Waikato Awa had constraints including being oversubscribed, yet not over-allocated
- Major challenges were congestion, water availability and quality
- There was a strong collaborative leadership culture through Future Proof Partnership, similar to SmartGrowth
- Provided an overview of the process:
 - Collaborative but targeted
 - Accelerated
 - Evidence informed
- Detailed each of the six layers within the Statement of Shared Spatial Intent
- Objectives were effectively balanced between environmental wellbeing, community wellbeing, growth and development
- A corridor plan steering group had been created in addition to the existing structure
- Described the five parts to the Growth Management Partnership.

Presenters in Response to Questions

- Freight growth needed to be considered with passenger capabilities and what a rapid service could look like
- Low carbon planning was a key aspect of the project.

Key Points – Members

- Agreed that regional spatial planning was the way of the future.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Partnership.**

**Forbes/Thwaites
CARRIED**

12.05 pm - The meeting **adjourned**.

12.25 pm - The meeting **reconvened**.

7.6 Appointment of Environmental Sustainability Advisor

Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner presented this item.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Appointment of Environmental Sustainability Advisor;
- 2 Notes that a public process will seek nominations for candidates to fill the Environmental Sustainability Advisor role; and
- 3 Appoints the Regional Transport Committee Chair and the Regional Council's General Manager – Strategy and Science as a selection panel and delegates authority to the Chair to appoint an Environmental Sustainability advisor.

Nees/Baldock
CARRIED

7.7 Transport Planning Update

John Hutchings – HenleyHutchings attended the meeting and provided an overview of national initiatives.

Key Points

- The cost of living in large New Zealand cities was increasing compared to Australia
- Policy changes had funding implications and funding opportunities needed to be watched closely
- Identified the different initiatives and implications for the transport sector
- Highlighted the connecting themes and links back to the agenda for regional transport.

12.43 pm - Mayor Forbes withdrew from the meeting.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Transport Planning Update.

Crosby/Iles
CARRIED

7.8 Bay of Plenty Passenger and Freight Rail Investigation - Draft Report

PowerPoint Presentation – Reference A3247392

Janeane Joyce – Channeled Planning and Contracting attended the meeting for this item and provided an outline of the report.

Key Points of Presentation

- Outlined the two phases of the investigation and covered the work undertaken to date in Phase 1
- Recognised the input and assistance of key stakeholders
- Three Government reviews linked to rail were in progress
- Detailed future opportunities involving:
 - Partnering with Central Government
 - Developing a Rapid Transit Transition Plan for Western Bay of Plenty
 - Encouraging protection and optimisation of the Bay of Plenty rail network

- Including all rail activities within the National Land Transport Fund / Programme
- Defining customer values within multi-modal choices

1.00pm - Cr Thwaites **withdrew** from the meeting.

- Access to rail was important to many industries including horticulture
- It was important to discover what people valued when making decisions about transport choices.

Presenters in Response to Questions

- Rapid Transit included all modes of transport
- Clarified that the conversation around Phase 2 would be built into UFTI and other regional work.

Key Points – Members

- Noted key points in terms of freight rail and potential for passenger rail need to be read together.
- Kaimai tunnel considerations needed to be included in Regional Rail Constraints
- There was a direct Rotorua to Auckland line which could be an opportunity to have reinstated.

1.23 pm - Mayor Chadwick **withdrew** from the meeting.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Receives the report, Bay of Plenty Passenger and Freight Rail Investigation – Draft Report;**
- 2 **Support the exploration of rapid transit through UFTI and other relevant strategies;**
- 3 **Endorses the Bay of Plenty Passenger and Freight Rail Phase 1 Investigation report, subject to any amendments arising from discussion of the item.**

Crosby/Campbell
CARRIED

7.9 **Review of Regional Land Transport Plan Measures and Targets**

Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner presented this item.

1.26 pm - Dan Kneebone **withdrew** from the meeting.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Receives the report, Review of Regional Land Transport Plan Measures and Targets;**

- 2 Notes that there are several legislative and national policy development processes underway with significant implications for measures and targets in Regional Land Transport Plans;
- 3 Notes that staff and the Regional Advisory Group will continue to develop high level options for measures and targets for future consideration by the Committee.

Nees/Iles
CARRIED

7.10 Bay of Plenty Regional Road Safety Report

Inspector Crowe – NZ Police responded to questions regarding this item.

In Response to Questions

- New short term resources would likely be domiciled in Rotorua and deployed using an evidence based model
- Of the four multiple fatality Bay of Plenty crashes in the year to date, only one had involved a people mover
- The infringement fee for using cell phones whilst driving was \$80 and involved no demerit points for the driver. Attaching demerits could be a catalyst for change.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Plenty Regional Road Safety Report.

Nees/Campbell
CARRIED

The meeting closed at 1.47 p.m.

Confirmed DATE

Councillor Stuart Crosby
Chairperson – Regional Transport Committee