

# Urban Form and Transport Initiative Update



## (DC 101)

### Urban Form and Transport Development Committee

**Date of meeting:** 30/04/2019

Objective ID: A9947253

### Executive summary

<b>Recommendation</b>	That the Urban Form and Transport Development Committee:  (a) Receive Report DC101 - Urban Form and Transport Initiative Update
<b>Summary of issue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase one of the UFTI is now complete with the draft project plan completed.</li> <li>• Appointments have been made for the roles of Project Director, Project Manager and Technical Transport Advisor.</li> <li>• The Urban Form and Transport Initiative is moving into the second phase, which will deliver the Foundation Report.</li> <li>• NZTA funding agreed for 43% of project costs with remainder to be funded by SmartGrowth Partners.</li> <li>• Staff will meet Minister Twyford (Minister for Housing and Transport) on 15 May, with a focus on progressing the near term transport projects required to support housing capacity, principally being the Tauriko Network Plan and Tauranga Northern Link/SH2 improvements. This meeting will be supported by an independent review of remaining capacity currently being prepared.</li> <li>• The Hewletts Road sub-area will also be a priority for UFTI focus in the short term to agree a collective plan to address congestion affecting the Port of Tauranga operations.</li> </ul>
<b>Broader benefit/impact</b>	The UFTI seeks to confirm a long term integrated plan for urban form and transport and associated actions for the SmartGrowth Partners and Government. This work is intended to unlock investment in the infrastructure necessary to support further growth in the Western Bay sub-region.
<b>Strategic context</b>	The UFTI is a project supported by the SmartGrowth partners to deliver the SmartGrowth settlement pattern. The project is therefore integrated with the Future Development Strategy and Tauranga Urban Strategy.
<b>Next steps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UFTI team will prepare for visit on 15 May by Minister.</li> <li>• UFTI team will progress Phase 2 work.</li> <li>• Complete independent review of remaining capacity for housing and report back to next Committee meeting.</li> </ul>

## Discussion

### Phase One Complete

1. The UFTI has completed the first phase of work, completing a draft project plan and establishing project governance and key resources required to deliver the remainder of the project.
2. The following appointments have been made to lead the delivery of the project:
  - Project Director – Robert Brodnax
  - Project Manager – Janeane Joyce
  - Technical Transport Advisor – Ben Peacey
3. All three appointments were introduced to the SmartGrowth Leadership Group meeting on 17 April.

### Phase Two Commenced

4. The UFTI is now moving into the second phase where the new appointments will be 'on-boarded' and will quickly finalise the project plan and complete the Foundation Report over the next two months.
5. The Foundation Report will confirm the operating context; objectives for the project; baseline programme (including gaps); how options to complete a network master plan will be evaluated; and how success against the objectives will be measured. This will set the 'foundation' for evaluating options for the short/medium and long term in the next phase of the project. Key outputs are therefore:
  - Confirmed project objectives
  - Evaluation criteria for assessing options during the next phase of work
  - Determining the measures (KPIs) that will allow the project outcomes to be measured against the project objectives over time.

### Project Funding and Timing

6. NZTA has confirmed it will fund 43% of UFTI costs. The remainder of the project costs will be met by the SmartGrowth Partners.
7. Indicative timeframes for the five remaining project stages have been included in the draft Project Plan which track towards the final report being produced in December 2019. The timeframes will be confirmed once the new appointments are on board and have reviewed and finalised the project plan.

### Near-Term Projects

8. There are three major near-term projects that will benefit from direct input from the UFTI throughout all phases. These are:
  - Tauranga Northern Link
  - Tauriko Network Plan
  - Hewletts Road / Totara Street sub-area
9. The UFTI recognises the need to support and progress these projects with urgency due to their role in enabling capacity for housing and (in the case of the Hewlett's Road sub-area) addressing congestion that affects freight access to the Port of Tauranga.

### Visit by Minister for Housing and Transport 15 May

10. Minister Twyford is scheduled to visit on 15 May. The focus of the visit will be the importance of government transport investment to unlock capacity for housing and on economic growth given the national role of the Port of Tauranga. He will meet with mayors, Chair and senior council staff as well as the Port of Tauranga executive and representatives from the development community.
11. An independent review of remaining capacity for new homes and land for subdivision is currently being undertaken. This work will consider the analysis to date by council staff and the matters raised by three developers in their public forum at the Committee meeting on 12 March. This review is not yet completed but will be available for the Minister on 15 May and will be reported to the next meeting of this Committee.

### Significance and engagement

12. This report is of low significance as it is only an update of ongoing UFTI work and there are no substantive decisions sought.
13. A communications and engagement plan has been developed for the UFTI and is being managed by through UFTI governance arrangements.

### Appendices

No.	Title
1.	UFTI Principles Objective ID: A9952707

### Signatories

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