

Tauranga City Council

Minutes of the Transport Committee

Date/time: Monday, 12 November 2018: 12.30 p.m.
Venue: Tauranga City Council Chamber, 91 Willow Street, Tauranga

Open section

Members present:

Cr Rick Curach (Chairperson)
 Cr Terry Molloy (Deputy Chairperson)
 Mayor Greg Brownless
 Cr Larry Baldock
 Cr Leanne Brown
 Cr Bill Grainger
 Cr Max Mason
 Cr Steve Morris
 Cr John Robson

Non-voting members:

Cr Mike Williams – WBOPDC
 Cr Lyall Thurston – BOPRC
 Alistair Talbot – NZTA

Also present:

Steve Burgess - MRCagney
 Anthony Leung - MRCagney
 Mark Hasseley – NZTA
 Rachael Pinn - BOPRC
 A member of the public, a member of the press, and as listed in the minutes.

Apologies:

Cr Catherine Stewart
 Cr Stuart Crosby - BOPRC

**Apologies – other
 Council business:**

Cr Kelvin Clout

In attendance:

Marty Grenfell, Chief Executive
 Christine Jones, General Manager: Growth & Infrastructure
 Rebecca Perrett, General Manager: Environmental Services
 Jacinda Lean, Acting General Manager: CE Group
 Campbell Larking, Senior Project Manager: Urban Growth
 Mathew Stewart, Principal Strategic Advisor
 Ross Hudson, Team Leader, Strategy Development
 Bruce Robinson, Transport Advisor (Contractor)
 Marcel Currin, Group Communication Advisor
 Robyn Skelton, Executive Officer
 Barbara Clarke, Committee Advisor

M18/99.1

Apologies

Moved Cr Baldock/Seconded Cr Molloy

That it be resolved

That the Transport Committee:

Receives apologies for absence from Crs Clout, Stewart and Crosby (BOPRC).

CARRIED unanimously

Public Forum

The Chairperson advised that the Public Forum speaker was unable to attend until 1.00 p.m. and that this would be accommodated, as it was the original commencement time of the meeting prior to rescheduling.

Confirmation of Minutes, Matters Arising and Adoption of Recommendations

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Confirmation of minutes

Moved Cr Curach/Seconded Cr Molloy

That it be resolved

That the Transport Committee:

(a) ***Confirms the minutes of the Transport Committee (M18/87) dated 8 October 2018 as a true and correct record (and the recommendations contained therein be adopted [if relevant]), provided that the following amendment is noted in the minutes:***

- ***Page 10, amend 2nd bullet point to read “The phraseology could be changed, at this point looking for any fatal flaws.”***

(b) ***Confirms the minutes of the Temporary Road Closure Subcommittee (M18/97) dated 6 November 2018 as a true and correct record (and the recommendations contained therein be adopted [if relevant]).***

CARRIED unanimously

Matters Arising

- M18/87.7 - Greerton project: a verbal update from the Project Manager would be provided with the projects monitoring today.
- M18/87.4 - NZTA provision of 'split out' figures 'By activity class for BOP region', and confirmation that regional 'per capita' spending was falling: information would be circulated by email to members once received.

Business

M18/99.3

DC346 - Transportation projects October 2018 monitoring report

Christine Jones, General Manager: Growth & Infrastructure introduced the report and, with Bruce Robinson, Transport Advisor, Alistair Talbot (NZTA), responded to questions.

Key Points

- Report monitored progress on key transportation projects.
- Sought members' feedback if any other information required. Intention to report every two months.
- Report sections:
 - Planning projects;
 - Multi-modal projects;
 - General projects;
 - Projects relating to NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) portfolio.

Staff Responded to Questions in Relation to the Following:

- 'Whole of city' review.
- Speed limit changes/bylaw process.
- New traffic model built by May 2019 with more capabilities.
- Current strategic traffic model and new model forecasts.
- \$2 million project, Council took lead role.
- WBOPDC, BOPRC co-funding partners collaborating with NZTA.
- Model well supported regionally.

Greerton Project Verbal Update

Christine Jones, General Manager: Growth & Infrastructure gave a general update and responded to questions.

Key Points

- Project objective to ensure safe pedestrians/cyclist road crossing, create better 'community feel' for Greerton, without impacting traffic flow.
- Traffic could not be assessed until project completion, via comparisons to traffic flow data pre-project.
- Programme completion date 7 December 2018, unless weather delays.
- Countdown requested adjustments to its entrance.
- Cameron Road (between Pooles/Chadwick Roads), resurfacing concrete works at night to avoid traffic disruption.
- Chadwick Road works to extend bus bay/central median started.
- Two minor vehicle accidents around signals. Post construction safety audit would be undertaken.

Objective ID: A11862577

- Positive feedback received from Greerton Mainstreet group.
- Assessment of data/timing would be undertaken close to Christmas. Earlier assessment not recommended as considered an artificial environment.

Staff and Mr Talbot in Response to Questions

- Greerton project about making Greerton town centre safe for pedestrians/cyclists/community due to activity both sides of road.
- Remainder of Cameron Road corridor a major project in its own right.
- Council supporting residential intensification making walking/cycling and public transport (PT) more accessible and safe down key corridor link.
- Greerton model not intended to apply down whole Cameron corridor, it was a local town centre.
- NZTA considered different outcomes/functions between whole of Cameron Road and Greerton section. Priority for Greerton was access for people shopping safely. Would be ongoing work to get the balance right.
- Advanced modelling suggested Greerton project would achieve the set objectives.

Points Raised by Elected Members

- Report format worked, easy reference when receiving enquiries. Would have liked value under projects, but accepted multiple factors involved.
- Concerned with traffic congestion experienced through Greerton and parts of Cameron Road. Complaints received from community and others.
- Careful consideration would be given once assessment undertaken on Greerton project completion.

The Chairperson advised that the Public Forum speaker had arrived and would be heard at this point, to allow them to be released from the meeting. He noted that consideration of report DC346 would be continued following this.

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Public forum

(a) **Rebecca Culliford – Toi Te Ora Public Health – Parking and Population Health**

Provided **Powerpoint Presentation (A)**

Scope of Presentation

- Lifelong health and wellbeing for all;
- “Lots of driving = lots of car parking = bad health”;
- Adverse health impacts of existing transport patterns;
- Healthy transport system – ‘right mode for the right destination’;
- Role of parking in healthy transport system;
- Parking part of car dependency cycle;
- Accessibility needed for everyone;
- Donald Shoup concept of modern parking policies;
- More than parking – the kind of city we want to live in.

In Response to Questions

- All 'big block' retail centres 'parking-oversupplied' – bulk of vacant parking not used most of the time.
- Tauranga Hospital midway through writing travel plan, in discussions with Council, and working on parking options. There would be carparks under development and provision for disabled.
- The issue of vehicle oxide omissions and carbon particles would be taken on board.

Points Raised by Elected Members

- Requested following messages be taken back to the Health Board:
 - Ensure disabled parking facilities given highest priority.
 - Investigation of vehicle omissions vs public health important
 - Cameron Road/hospital vicinity street parking required for public transport corridor, hospital requested to find solutions to free up.

Items for Staff Follow-up

- Staff to provide Cagney Report on behaviour change to Ms Culliford for her information.

Business

M18/99.3
(continued)

DC346 - Transportation projects October 2018 monitoring report

The Committee continued its consideration of report DC346, Appendix A: Transportation Projects October 2018. Christine Jones, General Manager: Growth & Infrastructure, and Mark Hasseley (NZTA) responded to questions.

Staff, Mr Hasseley, Mr Talbot and Ms Pinn responded to questions on the following:

- Awaiting Abley Ltd final report;
- Cycle programme investment from NZTA;
- Totara Street:
 - collaboration with NZTA on business case;
 - recognition complexities/safety issues;
 - investment in cycle and safety essential as people at risk;
 - safety issue vs timing and integration with wider planning;
 - further conversations to be had on improvements.
- Hewletts Road and Hull Road:
 - mix of activities, timing and safety issues;
 - Significant vicinity with products coming to and from Port of Tauranga;
 - Urban Form and Transport work.
- Turret Road slip lane used for bus priority:
 - BOPDC advised current bus lane working well, concerned use of Turret Road would take buses away from route drop off points.
- Hairini Causeway/Turret Road Update to December meeting would include:

- engineering assessment of Hairini Bridge;
- tidal flow;
- consenting feasibility;
- time frame;
- risk and cost;
- consideration of four-laning;
- all NZTA modelling of Hairini vicinity.
- Hewletts Road High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) trial lane:
 - trial opening March/April 2019 under temporary speed limit during peak hours for bus/cycle/car-sharer use for up to a month;
 - trial discussed with cycle advocacy groups, BOPRC and TCC;
 - extension or permanence would depend on success of trial.
 - was not unsafe now, NZTA sought to ensure safety for projected additional uptake with car sharers, and additional buses.
 - electric vehicles (EV's) discussed but not part of trial.
 - aim to test ways of moving more people efficiently through corridor.
- Cycleway Airport to Maunganui Road:
 - Council establishing cycle team;
 - there was a need to reengage with iwi.
- Housing Infrastructure Fund had no impact on rates, did not subsidise rates, but provided an interest-free debt for growth-related projects. Ratepayer benefit was that Council's debt was lower, but it did not drive any rate calculation.

Items for Staff Follow Up

- Staff directed not to proceed with implementation of resolution as it currently stood on Totara Street. Requested to report back on short term lower cost options to deal with significant safety elements on that corridor, leaving remainder of budget to contribute to a larger scale project.
- In relation to Fifteenth Avenue Stage 2 works scheduled 2020, staff requested to circulate information on traffic volume from Papamoa to city.
- Cycleway through airport to Maunganui Road – important to progress this, continue alignment and not deviate. Staff encouraged to progress engagement with iwi.

Items for NZTA Follow Up/Responses

- Rob Campbell, Project Lead for Barks Corner to provide update by email in relation to traffic lights reinstatement, methodology and approach being applied at Barks Corner; and on the next steps in relation to Elizabeth Street traffic signal metering system.

Moved Cr Baldock/Seconded Cr Robson

That it be resolved

That the Transport Committee:

Receives report DC346 titled Transportation Projects October 2018 Monitoring Report and notes the information.

CARRIED unanimously

M18/99.5

Presentation - NZ Transport Agency Hairini update

John McCarthy, Projects Team Manager (NZTA Tauranga) provided **Powerpoint Presentation (B)**, and responded to questions.

Scope of Presentation

- Hairini Network Modelling Process Update:
 - Road network;
 - Demand and profile;
 - Signals;
 - Road and vehicle parameters;
 - Calibration/validation;
 - Video examples of modelling to date.
- BayLink New Underpass - Concept design.

Mr McCarthy Responded to Questions in Relation to the Following

- Traffic modelling processes, Aimsun traffic simulation model.
- Modelling of heavy vehicles, buses and cars. Cyclists not included.
- Model did not address safety concerns associated with activity.
- Technical aspects of new BayFair underpass (announced that day).
- Increased number cyclists, 500 pedestrians using underpass per day.
- NZTA funding underpass project estimated cost \$12million, TCC contribution \$1million for approach ramps, links to existing cycle lanes.

2.33 p.m. Mayor Brownless **withdrew** from the meeting.

- Appropriate public transport solution to be determined, then considered by project team for integration into existing programme.
- Proposed cycle flyover Concord Avenue vicinity no longer happening.
- Formal discussions with NZTA as Council seeking Funding Assistance Rates (FAR) subsidy on this project.
- Western side of State Highway to Hewletts Road, cycle lane yet to be confirmed as project component.
- No breakdown of commuting/recreation cycling. 500 movements per day through underpass, of those approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ pedestrians and $\frac{1}{4}$ cyclists.

2.38 p.m. Cr Mason **withdrew** from the meeting.

Moved Cr Robson / Seconded Cr Brown

That it be resolved

That the Transport Committee:

Receives the Hairini Update from New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) on 12 November 2018 and notes the information.

CARRIED unanimously

M18/99.6

Presentation – Tauranga Parking Strategy updates

a) Staff Presentation

Mathew Stewart, Principal Strategic Advisor provided **Powerpoint Presentation (C)**, and responded to questions.

Scope of Staff Presentation

- Proposed scope of Strategy;
- Outline of development process;
- Key stakeholders' feedback;
- Parking Strategy vs Access & Parking Management plans;
- Identifying challenges, opportunities, and outcomes.

2.45 p.m.

Cr Mason **re-entered** the meeting. Member Talbot and Cr Morris **withdrew** from the meeting.

Staff in Response to Questions

- Council's public engagement had focused on appropriate questions to gather comments, and to allow people that had not read the Strategy to respond.
- Would undertake market research over summer, focusing on city centre and Mount Main Street.
- The Youth Advisory Group had been invited to engage but had not responded. Staff would reconnect again to ascertain their final position.
- Understanding why people chose not to park in the city centre was part of the aim of the research.

b) MRCagney Presentation

Steven Burgess (Transport Engineer/Urban Strategist) and Anthony Leung (Planner), both of MRCagney provided insights into parking management.

Scope of Presentation

- MRCagney - Transport & Urban Planning Consultants working collaboratively with TCC;
- Adapting to changing paradigm;
- Parking first and most important step to improve transport, revitalise town and city centres and create new communities;
- Concentrating on value of movement to humans.
- Parking a supply-led commodity.

2.51 p.m.

Cr Morris **re-entered** the meeting.

Mr Burgess and Mr Leung in Response to Questions

- There were mechanisms available to Council to manage and protect the level of parking supply.
- Overall strategy required, but not the same for the whole city. Mount different to CBD and to shopping centres. Can change aspects to achieve what was required.

- Retailers became anxious over parking changes, and had challenges. Constant engagement required. Policy not same for whole city, but overall strategy.
- Cities survived and thrived with all sorts of parking solutions. Could be done at fast or slow pace, slow pace less disturbance. Choices had to be made.
- Methodologies available in parking, modelling behaviours. Management the key.
- Moving people by public transport became very efficient, they invested in making that better.

As amended by the
Transport Committee
resolution (M18/107.4)
dated 10 December
2018

Items for staff follow-up

- Staff would distribute a link to SurveyMonkey to Elected Members to respond in their own time. This would assist with planning.
- Staff would report back in February or early March 2019, with results from feedback and technical analysis, and would outline next steps.
- MRCagney invited to attend City Transformation Committee in February 2019 to present.

Moved Cr Grainger / Seconded Cr Robson

That it be resolved

That the Transport Committee:

Receives the updates from Staff and from MRCagney on the Tauranga Parking Strategy and notes the information.

CARRIED unanimously

The meeting closed at 3.31 p.m.

Confirmed by resolution of Transport Committee
the 10th day of December 2018

Chairperson