
Infrastructure Operations Committee

Komiti Hanganga

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure Operations Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and Audio-visual Link on Thursday 27 August 2020 at 9.33am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr A O'Leary

Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr M Gallagher

Heamana Tuarua

Members

Mayor P Southgate

Deputy Mayor G Taylor (Audio-visual link)

Cr M Bunting (Audio-visual link)

Cr M Forsyth (Audio-visual link)

Cr R Hamilton (Audio-visual link)

Cr D Macpherson (Audio-visual link)

Cr R Pascoe

Cr S Thomson (Audio-visual link)

Cr M van Oosten (Audio-visual link)

Cr E Wilson

Maangai N Hill

In Attendance:

Eeva-Liisa Wright – General Manager Infrastructure Operations

Chris Allen – General Manager Development

Jason Harrison – Unit Manager, City Transportation

Luke O'Dwyer - City Planning Manager

Robyn Denton – Network Operations and Use Leader

Kelvin Powell – City Safe Manager

Chris Barton – Capital Project Manager

Lyle Barker – Infrastructure Programme Engineer

Maire Porter – City Waters Manager

Raewyn Simpson – Senior Planner

Trent Fowles – Compliance Manager

Governance Staff:

Becca Brooke – Governance Manager

Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader

Narelle Waite and Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisors

1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Bunting)

That the apologies for absence from Cr Naidoo-Rauf, for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, Crs Hamilton, Bunting, Pascoe and van Oosten, and for lateness from Cr Forsyth are accepted.

Cr Pascoe declared an interest to Item 15 (Request to Review Fees and Charges for Personal Hire (Transport) Devices) that was a part of the below item 2 (Confirmation of Agenda). He did not take part in the discussion or debate.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Bunting)

The agenda is confirmed noting that item 15 (Request to Review Fees and Charges for Personal Hire (Transport) Devices) is deferred to the next Infrastructure Operations Committee meeting on 8 October 2020.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

Cr Pascoe noted that he has a conflict of interest in relation to item 15 (Request to Review Fees and Charges for Personal Hire (Transport) Devices). He would not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

Richard Porter (Bike Waikato) spoke to item 7 (Joint Committee Updates) and item 8 (Eastern Pathways Programme), promoting cycling as a mode of transport and expressing the importance of safety to encourage greater uptake of cycling. He responded to questions from Members concerning the University Link, safety, suburban connectivity to the cycle pathways, and his opinion on the length of cycle pathways.

Cr Forsyth joined the meeting (9.45am) during the discussion of the above item.

5. Confirmation of the Infrastructure Operations Open Minutes 30 June 2020

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr O’Leary)

That the Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Infrastructure Operations Committee meeting held on 30 June 2020 as a true and correct record.

6. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Update

The Operations Team Leader introduced Cara Lauder and Francisca Simone from Waka Kotahi; they provided an update on projects with Hamilton City Council Boundaries and responded to question from Members concerning these projects which included Wairere Drive, Cobham Drive and Southern Links.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Gallagher)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the verbal report; and
- b) thanks Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for their update.

7. Joint Committee Updates

The Council’s representatives on the Waikato Regional Council – Regional Transport Committee provided members with an overview of the previous meeting of the committee noting the development of the regional transport plan.

The Council’s representatives of the Waikato Regional Council – Regional Connections Committee provided members with an overview of the previous meeting of the committee in particular Council’s submission to the Hamilton-Waikato Metro Area Mode Shift Plan. Staff responded to question from Members concerning the Hamilton-Waikato Metro Area Mode Shift Plan and Council’s Submission to the plan.

Cr Wilson as the Council's representative on the Waikato Regional Council – Start up Passenger Rail noted that there was likely to be a delay to the service. He responded to questions from Members concerning the delay, reasons for the delay, the potential for further delays in relation to Covid-19, and future related projects.

Andrew Wilson (Waikato Regional Council) provided Members with an update on the new East-West Link bus service and bus patronage growth prior to Covid-19. He responded to questions from Members concerning patronage growth.

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Gallagher)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) endorses the Hamilton-Waikato Metro Area Mode Shift Plan noting that this endorsement is subject to continual review and updated to integrate Councils approved programmes and principles through approved plans and strategies.

Deputy Mayor Taylor Dissenting.

Mayor Southgate left the meeting (11.35am) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned 11.45am to 11.57pm.

8. Eastern Pathways Programme

The Capital Project Manager introduced James Bevan, project consultant, and the report. They responded to questions from Members concerning the project objectives, the timeline for the programme and the business cases, current budget and funding, route options including Clyde street, partnership opportunities, consultation, connections to other areas of the city, scope of the business case, and detailed design.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr van Oosten)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receive the report;
- b) approves the identified planned Eastern Pathways programme deliverables for the remainder of the 2020/21 financial year;
- c) approves the School Link strategic business case and investment objectives;
- d) approves the University Link strategic business case and investment objectives; and
- e) notes that Ruakura Road, Beale/Hamilton Boys' High School, potential Ferrybank bridge and rail corridor options be considered in the School Link and University Link project business cases.

Cr O'Leary left the meeting (12.24pm) and vacated the Chair during the discussion of the above item. Cr Gallagher assumed the role of Chair.

Mayor Southgate re-joined the meeting (12.32pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned 12.57pm to 1.48pm during the discussion of the above item.

Cr Forsyth left the meeting during the above adjournment.

Cr O'Leary re-joined the meeting and resumed the Chair during the above adjournment.

Cr Forsyth re-joined the meeting (2.04pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the item was voted on.

Cr Hamilton left the meeting (2.25pm) at the conclusion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

9. Ministry of Transport - Proposed Approach to Speed Management paper

The Transport Operations Team Leader took the report as read.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Gallagher)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) notes that the Ministry of Transport are undertaking targeted engagement on a proposed approach nationally to speed management and setting of speed limits; and
- c) delegates Cr Gallagher, Cr Thomson and Cr Bunting to work with staff to develop a formal submission to the Ministry of Transport on the proposed speed management approach discussion document.

10. Hamilton City Guide Signage - Background Colour

The Transport Operations Team Leader took the report as read.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Pascoe)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) **revokes** the following resolution of the Growth and Infrastructure Committee at its 4 September 2018 meeting:
*‘approves **green** as the background colour for advance direction, intersection direction and confirmation direction signs in accordance with the Traffic Control Devices (TCD) Manual’;*
- c) approves **blue** as the background colour for advance direction, intersection direction and confirmation directions signs for the local road network within Hamilton City; and
- d) notes that the renewal of the existing guide signage will be completed over the next two years under the Traffic Services renewal activity and additional budget is being sought in Year One of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

11. Contract 12117 Traffic Signals Communications (WiMAX) Extension

The Transport Operations Team Leader spoke to the report and responded to questions from Members relating to the technology and its potential.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Pascoe)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the extension of Contract 12117 with Lightwire (formerly Netsmart Limited) for Traffic Signals Communications (WiMAX) for a further seven (7) year period to 31 October 2027 with an Approved Contract Sum of \$1,300,000.

12. Proposal for declaring Korikori Green as a Pedestrian Mall

The Transport Operations Team Leader spoke to the report, noting that to temporarily enable road closures Korikori Green must be designated as a Pedestrian Mall. She responded to questions from Members regarding potential road development, emergency services access and the name of the pedestrian mall.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Bunting)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves a Statement of Proposal, Communications Plan and estimate of costs for a proposal to declare Korikori Green a Pedestrian Mall be prepared for consideration of the Infrastructure Operations Committee; and
- c) approves staff to undertake early engagement with key stakeholders on the proposal to declare Korikori Green a pedestrian mall, to be considered with the information in 3b) above at a future Infrastructure Operations Committee meeting.

13. Te Huia Service Update

The General Manager Development took the report as read.

Motion: (Cr Wilson/Mayor Southgate)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the following interim names for the two Hamilton Rail stations be supported by Hamilton City Council for consideration and decision by the Passenger Rail Project Governance Working Group:
 - i. Hamilton-Kirikiroa Frankton; and
 - ii. Hamilton Rotokauri.

Amendment: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Bunting)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the following interim names for the two Hamilton Rail stations be supported by Hamilton City Council for consideration and decision by the Passenger Rail Project Governance Working Group:
 - i. Hamilton-Kirikiroa; and
 - ii. Hamilton Rotokauri.

The Amendment was put.

Those For the Amendment: Cr van Oosten and Cr Macpherson

Those Against the Amendment: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Cr Forsyth, Cr Bunting, Cr Gallagher, Cr O’Leary, Cr Thomson, Cr Wilson and Maangai Hill

The Amendment was declared LOST.

The motion was then put and declared CARRIED.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Mayor Southgate)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the following interim names for the two Hamilton Rail stations be supported by Hamilton City Council for consideration and decision by the Passenger Rail Project Governance Working Group:
 - i. Hamilton-Kirikiroa Frankton; and
 - ii. Hamilton Rotokauri.

Cr Forsyth Dissenting.

Cr Pascoe retired from the meeting during discussion of the above item (2:52pm). He was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned from 3:15pm until 3:25pm.

Cr Gallagher left the meeting during the above adjournment.

Mayor Southgate, Cr Bunting and Cr Forsyth retired from the meeting during the above adjournment.

14. Connections and Charging for the Three Waters Policy Review – Recommendation to the Council

The City Waters Manager and Senior Planner took the report as read.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) recommends that the Council approves the revised Three Waters Connections Policy (previously Connections and Charging for Three Waters Policy);
- c) approves the lifting of the moratorium for consideration of new high water use requests implemented by resolution at the 18 June 2019 Growth and Infrastructure Committee meeting; and
- d) notes that the Three Waters Assessment Criteria to be used as a guideline for assessing high water use applications.

Cr Gallagher re-joined the meeting (3:27pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

15. Request to Review Fees and Charges for Personal Hire (Transport) Devices - this item was deferred to the next Infrastructure Operation Committee meeting, 8 October 2020 during item 2 (Confirmation of the agenda).

16. Open Information Only Reports

The Operations Team Leader noted that there was a correction to the wording in the General Manager’s report, paragraph 67 as outlined below:

An increasing number of crashes at the Thomas/Gordonton intersection resulted in a decision in early 2018 to fast track the safety improvement works in the form of traffic signals, a new intersection layout, raised safety platforms and the reduction of speed from 80km/h to 60km/h. The speed reduction had benefit to the full corridor and not just the Thomas Road intersection. A fatality occurred at the Thomas/Gordonton intersection just as the physical works were commenced on site.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Gallagher)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee receives the following information only reports:

- a) General Managers Report.

17. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary, Deputy Mayor Taylor)

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Confirmation of Infrastructure Operations Public Excluded Minutes 30 June 2020) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Refuse Transfer Station & Hamilton Organic Centre - Proposed Gate Fees 2020/21)	

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item C1.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C2.	to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (h) Section 7 (2) (i)
	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (j)
	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	

The meeting went into a public excluded session at 3:28pm

The meeting was declared closed at 3.33pm

Minute Note 26/06/2021:

On 25/06/2021 the following resolutions were determined to be released to the public via these minutes and the quarterly update.

Refuse Transfer Station & Hamilton Organic Centre - Proposed Gate Fees 2020/21

Resolved:

That the Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;*
- b) approves the increase in the Refuse Transfer Station gate fees proposed by Enviro Waste Services Limited to be implemented 31 August 2020;*
- c) approves the increase in Hamilton Organic Centre gate fees proposed by Waste Management NZ Limited to be implemented 1 September 2020;*
- d) declines the opportunity to offer a Council funded subsidy of the Hamilton Organic Centre gate fees; and*
- e) notes that the decision and information in relation to this matter be released to the public at the appropriate time, to be determined by the General Manager Infrastructure Operations.*