
Infrastructure Operations Committee

Komiti Hanganga

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure Operations Committee held via Audio-visual Link on Thursday 24 February 2022 at 9.31am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr A O'Leary
<i>Heamana</i>	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr S Thomson
<i>Heamana Tuarua</i>	
Members	Mayor P Southgate
	Deputy Mayor G Taylor
	Cr M Bunting
	Cr R Hamilton
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr Gallagher
	Cr M van Oosten
	Cr E Wilson
	Maangai N Hill
	Cr M Donovan

In Attendance	Eeva-Liisa Wright – General Manager Infrastructure Operations
	Blair Bowcott – General Manager Growth
	Chris Allen – General Manager Development
	Robyn Denton – Acting City Transportation Unit Manager
	Maire Porter – City Waters Manager
	Chris Barton – Capital Projects Manager
	Mark Davey – City Planning Manager
	Martin Parkes – Transport and Urban Mobility Programme Delivery Lead
	Grant Tregidga – Project Director
	Dharmen Singh – Programme Delivery Engineer
	Simon Young – Alliance Manager
	Jo Wilton and David Speirs - Waka Kotahi

Governance Staff	Amy Viggers – Governance Lead
	Narelle Waite – Governance Advisor

1. Apologies - *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Bunting)

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

2. Confirmation of Agenda - *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Wilson)

That the agenda is confirmed noting that item 18 (Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Update) is to be taken at 1.30pm to accommodate speaker availability.

3. Declarations of Interest - *Tauaakii whaipanga*

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum - *Aatea koorero*

Phil Evans (Bike ACTION Hamilton) spoke to Item 16 (Infrastructure Operations General Manager’s Report) regarding the biking and micro mobility programme, road safety for cyclists, his recent road incident and injury, a micro mobility targeted rate, increase in Council resourcing, and on-street parking. He responded to questions from Members concerning targeted rates.

Richard Porter (Bike Waikato) spoke to Item 12 (Tristram Collingwood Intersection Upgrade) and Item 13 (Proposed 2021/22 Transport Improvement projects for Public Transport and Biking & Micro mobility) concerning the proposed biking and micro-mobility improvement projects at Tristram and Collingwood Streets, infrastructure and safety improvements needed to increase cycle commuting, and resourcing increases. He responded to questions from Members concerning investment in micro-mobility transportation, funding avenues, and prioritisation of pathway maintenance. He also provided a written submission which was circulated to members prior to the meeting and is attached to these minutes as **Appendix 1**.

Peter H Bos provided a written submission which was circulated to members prior to the meeting and is attached to these minutes as **Appendix 2**.

5. Confirmation of the Infrastructure Operations Committee Open Minutes - 7 December 2021

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Thomson)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Infrastructure Operations Committee Meeting held on 7 December 2021 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to the report noting the Access Hamilton workshop, Streets for People and the process for appealing to Waka Kotahi on speed limit reductions.

The Acting City Transportation Unit Manager noted the Trafanz Safety Leadership Award 2021 awarded to Council for the Raised Safety Platform and Upgrade to Signalised Intersection: Anglesea Street/Bryce Street project.

They responded to questions from Members concerning Waka Kotahi road speed change processes and Trafanz Awards.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Thomson)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee receives the report.

Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (10.00am) during discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

7. Waters Stimulus Project Delivery Update

The City Waters Manager took the report as read, noting project funding installations received. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the sustainability strategy and integration with the District Plan review, escalating project costs, cultural monitoring in the NIWA project scope, maatauranga Maaori and project communication.

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Hamilton)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee receives the report.

8. Water Network Contract - Approved Contract Sum Increase

The Capital Projects Manager spoke to the report noting the scope of the project, contract sum increase requirement, and that the project is budgeted.

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Bunting)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the increase of the Approved Contract Sum for Contract 16431 with Waipa Civil Limited for delivery of water network asset renewals and improvements from \$20,000,000 to \$22,000,000.

9. Hamilton City Council's Draft 1 Submission to 'Kia kaha ake te tiakina o ngā puna wai-inu / Improving the Protection of Drinking Water Sources Consultation Document

The City Waters Manager spoke to the report, noting the purpose of the submission, proposed changes to the protection of drinking waters, areas of proposed improvement, Member feedback, and Council's feedback that clarification is needed on the roles of territorial authorities and impact on regulations. She responded to questions from Members concerning next steps, ensuring the Ministry for the Environment's response is captured, and alignment with Three Waters changes.

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Pascoe)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves Hamilton City Council's **Draft 1** submission to the Ministry for the Environment's January 2022 Consultation Document 'Kia kaha ake te tiakina o ngā puna wai-inu / Improving the Protection of Drinking Water Sources - Proposed Amendments to the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Sources of Human Drinking Water) Regulations 2007'; and
- c) notes that the approved final submission will be sent to the Ministry for the Environment to meet the 6 March 2022 submission closing date.

10. Hamilton City Council's Draft 2 Submission to 'Transforming Aotearoa New Zealand's Resource Management System – Materials for Discussion

The General Manager Growth and the City Planning Manager took the report as read, noting the prior information session on the submission and feedback received from Members. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning Central Government engagement in the process with Local Government, and ensuring Council engages with Central Government early in these processes.

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Mayor Southgate)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves Hamilton City Council's **Draft 2** submission to the Ministry for the Environment's November 2021 Discussion Document Transforming Aotearoa New Zealand's Resource Management System - Our Future Resource Management System - Materials for Discussion; and
- c) notes that the approved final submission will be sent to the Ministry for the Environment to meet the 28 February 2022 submission closing date.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf left the meeting (10.37am) during discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned from 10.46am to 11.02am

11. Hamilton City Council's Submission to Waikato Public Transport Business Improvement Review consultation

The General Manager Infrastructure Operations spoke to the report, noting the commissioning of the Business Improvement report, consultation requests, and extension to the feedback period. She responded to questions from Members concerning opportunities for Member feedback on the draft and future governance of public transport in the Waikato.

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Mayor Southgate)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves a Hamilton City Council's submission to Waikato Regional Council's *Waikato Regional Transport Business Improvement Review*;
- c) delegates Crs O'Leary, Thomson, Macpherson and Pascoe to work with staff to develop and finalise a submission to Waikato Regional Council on the *Waikato Regional Public Transport Business Improvement Review*; and
- d) notes that the finalised submission will be sent to the Waikato Regional Council by the end of February 2022 to meet the feedback closing date.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf re-joined the meeting (11.03am) during discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

12. Tristram Collingwood Intersection Upgrade

The Project Director spoke to the report noting history of incidents at the intersection, increase in pedestrian use following commercial development, the scope and budget of the project, and recommendation to improve the walking and cycling facilities within the project. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the raised platforms design and positioning, confidence in budget estimations, consultation with surrounding businesses, external funding contributions, expected project timelines, and safety elements in the design.

Staff Action: Staff undertook to provide Members with an update on Tainui-Group Holdings contributions in an Executive Update.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Bunting)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the macro-scope, subject to staff reporting back on alternative placements of the Tristram Street pedestrian crossings, of the Tristram / Collingwood intersection upgrade to retain the existing roundabout and provide raised safety platforms with zebra crossings on each leg of the intersection as shown on **Attachment 1** of the staff report; and
- c) approves the macro-scope of walking and cycling improvements along the Tristram Street corridor between Ward Street and Thackeray Street as shown on **Attachment 1** of the staff report;
- d) notes staff will continue to provide opportunities for Members to be involved in the finalisation of the design of the intersection and associated walking and cycling connections; and
- e) notes staff will continue to seek co-funding from Waka Kotahi and, if successful, requests staff to report back with options to extend the walking and cycling connections to/from the intersection with no additional local share funding.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf left the meeting (11.25am) during discussion of the above item.

Cr Hamilton retired from the meeting (11.41am) during discussion of the above item. He was not present when the item was voted on.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf re-joined the meeting (11.59am) during debate of the above item. She did not vote on the matter.

13. Proposed 2021/22 Transport Improvement projects for Public Transport and Biking & Micromobility

The Transport and Urban Mobility Programme Delivery Lead spoke to the report, noting the request to remove the Te Rapa Rd / Sunshine Ave project from the motion (staff recommendation c) i. of the staff report), the previous Member information session on the projects, and research supporting infrastructure projects. He responded to questions from Members concerning in-lane bus stop design principles, Heaphy Terrace design, opportunity for Member input in final design, project costing and inflation, signage, resourcing capacity to deliver the projects, deferral of crossing at Te Rapa road and potential replacement projects, and improving service levels for cyclists.

Cr Pascoe left the meeting (12.12pm) during discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

Mayor Southgate left the meeting (12.30pm) during discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.45pm to 1.32pm.

Deputy Mayor Taylor left the meeting during the above adjournment.

Mayor Southgate re-joined the meeting during the above adjournment.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf retired from the meeting during the above adjournment.

Item 18 (Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Update) was taken after the adjournment to accommodate speaker availability.

14. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Update

Jo Wilton and David Speirs (Waka Kotahi) presented their verbal update, noting the media campaign for Road to Zero, the Waikato Expressway project progress and timelines, public feedback on speed review, Regional Land Transport Plan, and the Glenview Bus Hub project. They responded to questions from Members concerning delays to the Cambridge Road development, public transport project delays, alignment with the NPS-UD focus on mode-shift, State Highway 26 revocation, and red light cameras.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Thomson)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

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

15. Proposed 2021/22 Transport Improvement projects for Public Transport and Biking & Micromobility (Continued)

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Wilson)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report
- b) approves the Claudelands Road / Grey Street / Heaphy Terrace / Brooklyn Road / O’Neil Street Intersection improvements Biking and Micro-Mobility project to be delivered in 2021/22 financial year using the budgeted and reassigned Hamilton City Council local share funding approved at the 7 December 2021 Infrastructure Operations Committee meeting

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr van Oosten)

- c) approves the following Public Transport Infrastructure projects to be delivered in 2021/22 financial year using the budgeted and reassigned Hamilton City Council local share funding approved at the 7 December 2021 Infrastructure Operations Committee meeting:
 - i. Aberdeen Drive - Two bus stops and associated infrastructure opposite 101 and 112 Aberdeen Drive
 - ii. Dinsdale Road - Two bus stops in front of 23 Dinsdale Road and Dinsdale Library
 - iii. Rotokauri Road – New bus stop and associated infrastructure outside 248 Rotokauri Road
 - iv. Lake Road / Commerce Street Roundabout – detailed design and consultation only

Deputy Mayor Taylor re-joined the meeting (1.59pm) during discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Pascoe re-joined the meeting (2.19pm) at the conclusion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

16. Infrastructure Alliance – Achievement report for 2020/21 and progress for 2021/22

The Acting City Transportation Unit Manager introduced the Alliance Manager. They took the report as read, noting the achievements and delivered projects last financial year and projects and programmes in place this year. They responded to questions from Members concerning maintenance of cycle lanes including resourcing and the prioritisation of cycleway clean up after Cyclone Dovi.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Bunting)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee receives the report.

17. Speed Management Plan Review – Statement of Proposal 24 February 2022

The Acting City Transportation Unit Manager spoke to the report, noting the history of the existing Speed Management Plan, the purpose and need for the national review and planned legislation change, and processes outlined in the legislation. She responded to questions from Members concerning safer speed areas, funding, and risk to our processes.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Wilson)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the draft Statement of Proposal document (**Attachment 1** of the staff report) for the review of the Hamilton Speed Management Plan along with the proposed Speed Management Plan 2022 (**Attachment 2** of the staff report);
- c) approves public consultation from 28 February to 25 March 2022 on the draft Statement of Proposal for the review of the Hamilton Speed Management Plan; and
- d) notes that the results of the public consultation will be presented to the Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closure Hearing which is tentatively scheduled for 3 May 2022.

18. Infrastructure Operations General Managers Report

The General Manager Infrastructure Operations took the report as read noting Electric Vehicle charging partnership opportunities, and Council Policy review deferrals. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning personal hire e-bike uptake and mobility carparking.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Donovan)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the development of a Draft Memorandum of Understanding with a local provider for the installation of AC Electric Charging stations (including infrastructure) for a pilot/trial period yet to be determined;
- c) notes that the final Memorandum of Understanding and proposed locations of AC Electric Charging stations (including infrastructure) will be reported to the Infrastructure Operations Committee for approval;
- d) notes that staff will continue to review proposals from providers of Electric Vehicle charging, including infrastructure, with the view to explore partnership opportunities and present any proposals, review findings and recommendations to the Infrastructure Operations Committee as appropriate;
- e) notes that the following Council Policies; Gateways Policy and Streetscape and Verge Maintenance Policy reviews will be delayed to 2022/23 financial year; and
- f) requests staff to report back to the 31 May 2022 Infrastructure Operations Committee meeting on options to develop a strategic charging network plan.

19. External Committees Updates

The Council representative on the Waikato Regional Council – Regional Transport Committee provided an update from the most recent meeting concerning Hamilton City Council not being successful at adding an alternate Member to the Committee, regional road safety campaign budget, and new structure for Te Huia governance (to become a sub-committee of the Regional Transport Committee).

The Council representatives on the Waikato Regional Council – Regional Connections Committee provided an update from the most recent meeting concerning financial reporting, and Covid-19

effect on the Flex airport shuttle.

The Council representative on the Waikato Regional Council – Te Huia Governance Working Group provided an update from the most recent meeting concerning implementation of service improvements including the Auckland CBD and Airport stops, recent public discourse on funding, and the new governance body for Te Huia. He responded to questions from Members concerning positive connections between Hamilton’s metro links and commerce.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to ensure the next Waikato Regional Council Public Transport Update report has patronage and financial reporting.*

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Donovan)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee receives the report.

20. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Thomson)

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 the Infrastructure Operations Committee Public Excluded Minutes - 7 December 2021) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987))	Section 48(1)(a)

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)
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The meeting moved to Public Excluded Session at 3.55pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 3.56pm.

Appendix 1

Hi

As time is very limited in the Public Forum, I would like to submit the following points in writing, addressing a number of items in the IOC Agenda. I will be speaking to other cycling related issue in the Public Forum. Thank you

Item 6 - Chairs Report.

Item 1 – Streets for People - It would seem Waka Kotahi is not really fit for purpose if they cannot work in with Councils to do the right thing for our cities with regards to making our streets more appropriate for people, with less focus on driving.

I see that Jo Wilson from Waka Kotahi will be presenting a report in Item 18. Perhaps she can take note that the organisation she represents is failing Hamilton.

And Item 5 – The Trafanz Award for Bryce/Anglesea Intersection. The end of the last sentence states "... and improved safety for all road users." Its actually not that safe for people on bikes. There is still a left turn lane crossing bike lanes on both sides of Bryce Street. The left turn lanes are both very narrow, and many drivers stop with wheels in the bike lanes, including buses. It is well past time that bike lanes should be the number 1 priority, and not vehicles.

Item 12 of the Agenda – Collingwood/Tristram Roundabout – What happened to the Dutch Style Roundabout. This Council had the opportunity to be innovative, and you bailed. You have a number of climate change and emissions reductions that you are obligated to deliver, but that will never happen if you keep pandering to vehicles. You have to be bold, and start limiting options for driving, and put other travel options first. If you don't, this great city will become one massive carpark of blocked roads.

Item 13 – Transport and Micromobility. Approve everything in that report. If these aspects don't get a much higher priority, the clogged city will happen.

Item 14 – Infrastructure Alliance – and the long list of responsibilities – A number of them relate to bike lanes and paths, and I give them a fail. Current maintenance of bike infrastructure is not satisfactory. Trimming overhanging foliage should be done on a regular basis, but it isn't. We should not have to notify Council when something gets bad. They should be monitoring these areas, keeping foliage trimmed back and renewing bike lane road markings and symbols. I will say that the ONLY reason bike lane markings fade, is Drivers driving through them. No driver should ever let their left wheels cross a solid white line to their left, which in many cases is the right line of a bike lane.

Item 16 – General Managers Report

Vision Zero should also include data of less serious injuries on our roads. While the impact is less of an issue, they should not be discounted as for the person concerned, the short term impact can be significant. The Police will have incident data for bike related injuries.

On the issue of illegal parking in bike lanes outside the CBD area. I recently asked Council for details of parking infringement processes, and was provided a list of bylaws and legislation they are guided by. Section 139 of the Transport Act was mentioned, with the explanation that Parking Wardens are required to Prove an offence has been committed by personally sighting the infringement. Subclause 1 of that clause reads

*"If an enforcement officer **has reasonable cause to believe** an infringement offence is being, **or has been committed** by a person, an infringement notice in respect of that offence may be issued to that person by an enforcement officer."*

It seems that Parking Wardens can accept a time stamped photo of a parking offence and issue a fine. All that is required is reasonable cause to believe an infringement has been committed. They do not have to attend. I have passed this on to Eeva-Liisa earlier this week, so I hope now all cases of illegal parking in bike lanes and footpaths will result on fines. In the Minutes of last Decempers IOC meeting are a number of photos submitted by Judy McDonald of vehicles parked on footpaths. I have sent many photos of vehicles parked in bike lanes over the last year, and now expect all of them to be sent infringement notices.

Regards
Phil Evans
Bike ACTION Hamilton

Appendix 2

Hello City Councillors

My name is Peter H Bos, speaking on behalf of Living-Streets Kirikirōa, speaking to Infrastructure Operations Committee Thursday 24 Feb, speaking in support of (page 158) 'Te Rapa Road / Bryant Road / Sunshine Avenue Roundabout– staggered signalised pedestrian crossing south of roundabout' and asking for the accessibility and comfort level of Bryant road crossing to shops be allowed to be improved as part of this project.

<https://www.hamilton.govt.nz/AgendasAndMinutes/Infrastructure%20Operations%20Committee%20Open%20Agenda%20-%2024%20February%202022.pdf>

I am asking that the project on Te Rapa Rd (p158) be allowed to also include improvements to Bryant Rd crossing, the present crossing is of very low quality (unforgiving kerb cut downs and no walking route to Tui medical centre shops) and the design speed of the exist lanes from roundabout makes it hard to safely judge speed of vehicles exiting the roundabout or if they are continuing on to next exit. Ideally it would be good to see this crossing to be upgraded to a comfortable raised traffic table (one that slows traffic down but does not piss them off). But the details are for traffic engineers to work through.

What I am asking for - is that **traffic engineers** be not limited to Te Rapa pedestrian crossing project, but be **allowed** to also come back with **proposals for improved Bryant Rd crossing and walking route to shops**. The cost saving would be having both these road crossing improvements done under the same traffic management plan.

Regards

Peter H Bos