
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 Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 9.31am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr A O'Leary (exclusively via audio-visual link)

Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr S Thomson

Heamana Tuarua

Members

Mayor P Southgate

Deputy Mayor G Taylor

Cr M Bunting

Cr K Naidoo-Rauf (exclusively via audio-visual link)

Cr R Pascoe (exclusively via audio-visual link)

Cr Gallagher

Cr M van Oosten (exclusively via audio-visual link)

Cr E Wilson (exclusively via audio-visual link)

Cr M Donovan

Maangai N Hill (exclusively via audio-visual link)

In Attendance

Eeva-Liisa Wright – General Manager Infrastructure Operations

Tania Hermann – Group Business Manager Infrastructure Operations

Maire Porter – City Waters Manager

Trudi Knight and Andrew Carnell – Waikato Regional Council

Governance Staff

Amy Viggers – Governance Lead

Carmen Fookes – Senior Governance Advisor

Narelle Waite – Governance Advisor

1. Apologies - *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Wilson)

That the apologies for absence from Crs Macpherson and Hamilton and for lateness from Crs Pascoe and Naidoo-Rauf are accepted.

Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (9.34am) at the conclusion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

2. Confirmation of Agenda - *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Wilson)

That the agenda is confirmed noting item 7 (Water Stimulus Project Delivery Update) is to be taken after item 5 (Confirmation of the Infrastructure Operations Committee Open Minutes – 24 February 2022) to accommodate staff availability.

3. Declarations of Interest - *Tauaakii whaipanga*

No members of the Committee declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum - *Aatea koorero*

Phil Evans (Bike ACTION Hamilton) spoke to item 8 (Infrastructure Operations General Manager's Report), noting concerns for cyclist safety in the city, his recent roading accident and injuries, national cyclist road tolls, Council's parking infringement enforcement processes and alignment with the Land Transport Act, additional resourcing for the transport team, and driver education. He responded to questions from Members concerning on-road cycle lanes and road safety infrastructure.

5. Confirmation of the Infrastructure Operations Committee Open Minutes - 24 February 2022

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr van Oosten)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Infrastructure Operations Committee Meeting held on 24 February 2022 as a true and correct record.

Item 7 (Water Stimulus Project Delivery Update) was taken after item 5 (Confirmation of the Infrastructure Operations Committee Open Minutes – 24 February 2022) to accommodate staff availability.

6. Waters Stimulus Project Delivery Update

The City Waters Manager spoke to the report noting progress of the programme, the high level of expenditure, that the programme is expected to meet completion deadlines in June, and the payment instalments received. She responded to questions from Members concerning the stimulus projects' alignment with He Pou Manawa Ora, alignment with city growth, the Low River Contingency project, communicating the opening of new accessways to the public, barge project cost and necessity, the rainwater case study, and savings from the Water Leak Detection project.

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Maangai Hill)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee receives the report.

The meeting was adjourned from 10.27am to 10.34am.

7. Waikato Regional Council - Public Transport Update

Trudi Knight and Andrew Carnell (Waikato Regional Council) spoke to their report and presentation. They noted patronage trends throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, Te Huia patronage, growth in patronage on the Comet service, delays to the planned frequent route improvement project, the Flex on-demand bus service trial, uptake, service levels and marketing, and the Flex CBD to Airport pilot. They responded to questions from Members concerning driver shortages, bus driver remuneration, public transport's relationship with urban intensification, public feedback data for the on-demand services, the average passenger rate, and electrification of the public transport fleet.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr O'Leary)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the verbal report and information presentation; and
- b) thanks Waikato Regional Council for their update.

Maangai Hill left the meeting (11.19am) during discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf joined the meeting (11.31am) during discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

8. Infrastructure Operations General Managers Report

The General Manager Infrastructure Operations took the report as read noting the impact of Covid-19 on staff resourcing and the work programme. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning costs to implement safety infrastructure with urgency, the parking infringement policy and alignment with national standards.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to organise a session with Members on the Micro Mobility Business Case which would include options for transitional road safety infrastructure improvements.*

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) delegates the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure Operations Committee to develop and finalise the following submissions by the closing dates:
 - i. the Ministry of Transport's consultation *Driving Climate Change: Reviewing the Road User Charges System* Consultation document to meet the 22 April 2022, submission closing date;
 - ii. the Ministry for Environment consultation *Te panoni i te hangarua – Transforming Recycling*, to meet the 8 May 2022 submission closing date; and
 - iii. the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency consultation *Regulatory Funding and Fees* to meet the 13 May 2022 submission closing date;
- c) notes that the draft submissions will be circulated to Elected Members and Maangai Maaori prior to submission;
- d) approves the Co-Lab Waikato Regional Submission letter regarding the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Consultation on *Draft Guide to Temporary Traffic Management*; and
- e) delegates staff to send a supplementary letter to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Minister of Transport regarding the Submission on the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Consultation on *Draft Guide to Temporary Traffic Management*.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Bunting)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee requests staff prepare options for Elected Members to consider that will prioritise additional education and infrastructure improvements (transitional and permanent) to address walking and cycling safety on key routes identified in the Biking and Micro Mobility Business Case, in time for consideration in the development of the 2023/24 Annual Plan.

Cr Pascoe joined the meeting (12.14pm) during discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

9. External Committees Updates

The Hamilton City Council Representative on the Te Huia Working Group provided an update from the most recent meeting, noting the Business Case under development, technology upgrade project, and delays to additional Saturday services. He responded to questions from members concerning additional commuter stops, patronage levels, impact of Covid-19, raising Te Huia's profile with the public, and customer feedback.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Gallagher)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee receives the report.

The meeting was declared closed at 12.46pm.