
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 via audio-visual link on Tuesday 9 August 2022 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr A O'Leary

Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr S Thomson

Heamana Tuarua

Members

Mayor P Southgate (exclusively via Audio Visual link)

Cr M Bunting

Cr D Macpherson

Cr R Pascoe

Cr M Gallagher

Cr M van Oosten

Cr E Wilson

Cr M Donovan

Maangai N Hill

In Attendance

Eeva-Liisa Wright – General Manager Infrastructure

Chris Allen – General Manager Development

Maire Porter – City Waters Manager

Gordon Naidoo – City Transport Unit Director

Robyn Denton – Network Operations Team Leader

Tania Hermann – Business Manager Infrastructure Operations

Martin Parkes – Programme Delivery Lead

Phoebe Flexman – Transport and Urban Mobility Planner

Kelvin Powell – City Safe Unit Manager

Phil Haizelden – Transport Strategy Principal

Lauradanna Radesic – Communication and Engagement Manager

Governance Staff

Carmen Fookes – Senior Governance Advisor

Narelle Waite – Governance Advisor

Arnold Andrews – Governance Officer

Maangai Hill opened the meeting with karakia.

1. Apologies - Tono aroha

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Pascoe)

That the apologies for absence from Deputy Mayor Taylor and Cr Naidoo-Rauf and for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, Crs Hamilton and van Oosten are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda - *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr van Oosten)

That the agenda is confirmed noting that Item 10 (Hamilton City Parking Policy – Approval) is to be taken following Item 8 (Access Hamilton Strategy Refresh 2022 – Approval) to accommodate availability.

3. Declarations of Interest - *Tauaakii whaipanga*

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum - *AAtea koorero*

Celia Hope spoke to Item 11 (Cycling Improvement Opportunities for 2022/23) noting her personal experience of loss due to a lack of safe cycling, unsafe road users, and the need to improve conditions for those cycling. She further outlined that there was a need to ensure adequate defensive cycle skills and safety and driver education in order to prevent cycle accidents. She responded to questions from Members concerning driver education for both drivers and cyclists.

Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (9.40am) during the above public forum submission.

Vanessa Williams (Hamilton Central Business Association) spoke to Item 10 (Hamilton City Parking Policy – Approval) noting that she supported the Parking Policy and the application of the parking management technology because it provides the necessary framework and parking principles for parking decisions going forward. She responded to questions from Members concerning incentives for developers to include end of journey cycle facilities, future need of car parks and priorities, and business discussions of paid commuter parking.

Liam Carter spoke to Item 11 (Cycling Improvement Opportunities for 2022/23) noting his difficulty when cycling his tricycle around Hamilton city due to the wideness of the bike and fast aggressive drivers. He explained the impact that gutters and drains and resealing can cause when driving on busy roads in order to avoid injury, and that he supported making transportation more accessible for everyone. He responded to questions from Members concerning the width of his tricycle, problem streets, consultation, and chicanes.

Phil Evans (Bike Action Hamilton) spoke to Item 11 (Cycling Improvement Opportunities for 2022/23) noting his support for much of the report, however, voiced his concerns regarding the need to roll out of cycle wands and education campaigns for drivers. He responded to questions concerning consultation, Waka Kotahi consultation and response, support for young cyclist education, and social media campaign.

Gerri Pomeroy and Helen Tuteao spoke to Item 8 (Access Hamilton Strategy Refresh 2022 – Approval) noting the large disability community (24%) within Hamilton and the formation of the Disabled People’s Forum. They further noted that they supported much of the overall strategy, but expressed the need to consult with the disabled community regarding the implementation due to unique needs and a requirement to complete a detailed accessibility audit inclusive of disabled peoples’ transport.

Melissa Smith spoke to Item 11 (Cycling Improvement Opportunities for 2022/23) noting her support of the improvements to traffic management and parking issues, which would assist cycle users, however, requested that additional road sweeping be undertaken on Te Rapa Road, education focused on drivers rather than cyclists. She suggest there was a need for an additional crossing be on Knighton Road.

Richard Porter (Bike Waikato) spoke to Item 8 (Access Hamilton Strategy Refresh 2022 – Approval) noting his support for the strategy and elevating the transport options, however, noted a need to

come up with monitoring targets including additional on-road cycle facilities and connected cycleways. In regard to Item 10 (Hamilton City Parking Policy – Approval), he support the change in mindset and proposed hierarchy, allowing for the movement of people and goods, noting that there was support for more temporary and permanent biking routes along the routes indicated. He responded to questions from Members regarding need for cycling facilities audit and inclusion within Long-Term Plan process.

5. Confirmation of the Infrastructure Operations Committee Open Minutes - 31 May 2022

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Donovan)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Infrastructure Operations Committee Meeting held on 31 May 2022 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

The Chair introduced the report, noting some of the achievements of the Committee, and thanked all Committee Members, General Managers, staff and Mayor Southgate for their work during the Triennium.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr O'Leary)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee receives the report.

The meeting was adjourned from 10.52am to 11.22am.

7. Waters Stimulus Project Delivery Update

The City Waters Manager introduced the report, noting that it was the final update as the funding had been fully utilised and the programme completed. She outline some of the benefits and achievements of the programme, and thanked staff and Members for their work.

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Bunting)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee

- a) receives the report; and
- b) notes the re-allocation of central government funding between projects within the Delivery Plan, noting that the overall programme budget remains \$17,460,000 as approved by Council and the Department of Internal Affairs.

8. Access Hamilton Strategy Refresh 2022 – Approval

The Transport Strategy Principal acknowledged the hard work of staff and Elected Members and outlined the process undertaken to review the strategy. Staff responded to questions from Members regarding target setting and monitoring, accuracy of infographics, public engagement and communication, mana whenua input and implementation, integration of metro-spatial plan, anticipated population growth, and future document and consultation.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to workshop the Action Plan with Members in the new triennium.*

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Macpherson)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the refreshed 2022 Access Hamilton Strategy - Ara Kootuitui Kirikiriroa (**Attachment 1** of the staff report) subject to inclusion of the changes agreed within the meeting; and
- c) notes the draft Hamilton City Parking Policy was developed concurrently and has been

informed by the Access Hamilton Strategy Refresh 2022.

9. Hamilton City Parking Policy – Approval (*Recommendation to the Council*)

The Transport Strategy Principal spoke to the report, noting the link to the Access Hamilton Strategy and the process undertaken. Staff responded to questions from Members regarding car sharing, parking enforcement including in school areas.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to provide an update to Members concerning the School Travel Plan in the new triennium.*

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Thomson)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends that the Council approves for adoption the principles-based Hamilton City Parking Policy noting that:
 - i. the policy guiding principles were developed by Members alongside the Access Hamilton Strategy refresh 2022;
 - ii. the guiding principles of the policy will be used in the development of any future parking management plans (area focused);
 - iii. the policy will be used to help make future decisions on the direction and approach of parking management in Hamilton city; and
 - iv. the policy will be reviewed every three years, in response to any issues that may arise, at the request of Council or in response to changed legislative and statutory requirements (whichever occurs first).

10. Speed Management Plan review- Deliberations and Adoption report

The Network Operations Team Leader introduced the report noting the process undertaken. She responded to questions from Members regarding speed management plan timing, Waka Kotahi process and rulings, priority areas, schools and consultation, lower speed limits in school areas, retrofitting roads for multi-modal transport, speed regulation priorities, new technology integration, public proposals and requests, accuracy of GPS speed limits, and technology ability to pick up driver enforcement issues.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Wilson)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends that the Council approves Option One of the staff report, adopt the Hamilton Speed Management Plan 2022 (**Attachment 1** of the staff report).

Mayor Southgate left the meeting (12.55pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned from 1.07pm to 1.55pm.

Cr van Oosten retired from the meeting during the above adjournment.

11. Cycling Improvement Opportunities for 2022/23

The Programme Delivery Lead introduced the report, outlining the cycling improvements and

community views. Staff responded to questions from Members regarding cycle wands process, cost and assessments, Waka Kotahi funding and partnerships, audit of cycle improvement, resourcing for works, road seal repair process and timeframes, road and cycleway sweeping process, narrow cycle lane areas and opportunities, funding and co-funding opportunities, driver advocacy, Eastern Pathways transport works, Comries to Wairere road, and school link.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to send a formal letter to the Minister of Transport concerning education campaigns on road code and cycle safety for motorists.*

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Macpherson)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) delegates the General Manager Infrastructure Operations, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure Operations Committee, to complete and submit an application for the Climate Emergency Response Fund 2022 (CERF) for the progression of known projects that include improvements for people walking, biking and using public transport;
- c) approves the use of the local share from the 2021-31 Long Term Plan Biking and Micromobility programme (2022/23 \$2.12m and 2023/24 \$2.568M) to support an application to the Transport Choices package from the Climate Emergency Response Fund and the appropriate level of staff resources to deliver;
- d) notes that updates on the progress of any application to the Climate Emergency Response Fund will be provided to the relevant Committee in the new Triennium;
- e) approves the reallocation of \$931k of local share funding from the Eastern Pathways School Link Programme (2022/23) to support the Biking and Micromobility Pre-Implementation phase; and
- f) notes that (e) is subject to Waka Kotahi Board approval of the Biking and Micromobility business case;
- g) notes that the funding reallocated to footpath maintenance at the 7 December 2021 Infrastructure Operations Committee will also include bike facility maintenance as part of this funding reallocation; and
- h) requests staff report back to new Council with options for i. and ii. below, in time for inclusion in the 2023-24 Annual Plan:
 - i. increase parking enforcement activity to improve safety and accessibility for active road users; and
 - ii. increase resourcing for carrying out education campaigns aimed at improving the safety of active road users.

12. Karewa Place and Wairere Drive intersection - macroscope approval for traffic signals

The Network Operations Team Leader introduced the report, noting the requirements in place due to Environment Court decision and previous engagement with Members. Staff responded to question from Members concerning 'no parking' zones, infrastructure upgrade costs, work management, consent process, preventing driving over median strips, traffic management in area, raised platforms, and area monitoring.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Macpherson)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;

- b) approves the macroscope design for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Karewa Place and Wairere Drive as presented in **Attachment 1** of the staff report; and
- c) notes that staff will provide updates on the progress of the traffic signals installation via Executive Updates and a monitoring report via the appropriate Council or Committee 4 to 6 months after Pak N' Save opens.

13. General Manager's Report (*Recommendation to the Council*)

The General Manager Infrastructure spoke to the report noting the recent passing of a colleague, and a new Waka Kotahi consultation seeking submission. Staff responded to questions from Members regarding cycle safety education campaigns for cyclists and motorists, message reinforcement through ad campaigns, campaign effectiveness, interest from scooter operators, cycle paint or stamps on Brooklyn road, scooter monitoring, retrieval, and responsibility, co-governance on regional public transport panels, transport centre and future rail plan, and future connections.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to bring an update concerning Worley Place shared crossing to the appropriate Council or Committee of the new triennium.*

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr O'Leary)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the Draft 2 (**Attachment 1** of the staff report) submission to the Waikato Regional Council on the Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2022-2032;
- c) notes that the following sites will be included for consideration in the proposed 2023/24 (Year 3) Low Cost Low Risk Programme projects:
 - i. raised platform at the controlled pedestrian crossing on Forest Lake Road;
 - ii. crossing facilities on Wairere Drive/Bisley Ave left turn slip lane;
 - iii. crossing facilities on Brooklyn Road; and
 - vi. footpath connection between Pembroke Street and the Fow St entrance to Hamilton West School;
- d) and notes that Crs Gallagher and Macpherson will present this submission at the Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan hearings alongside staff on Tuesday 16 August 2022.

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Thomson)

That the Infrastructure Operations Committee delegates the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure Operations Committee to work with staff to develop and finalise a submission to Waka Kotahi's *Reshaping Streets regulatory changes* consultation, by the closing date of 19 September 2022.

The meeting was adjourned from 3.42pm to 3.54pm.

14. External Committees Updates

The Council representative on the Regional Transport Committee noted that no meetings had taken place since the last committee meeting, however, hearings for the Regional Transport Plan would take place later on in the month. She responded to questions from Members regarding advocating Southern Links.

The Council representative on the Te Huia Committee provided an update, noting the requirement for the incoming council to continue the work with the Te Huia, the benefit of rail transport, passenger growth, and recent customer satisfaction survey.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Bunting)
That the Infrastructure Operations Committee receives the report.

15. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Donovan)

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 - 31 May 2022) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Charging Infrastructure Trial - Council Sites and Facilities)	
C3. Waste and Stormwater Renewals Contract Award - 1377/2022		
C4. Ranfurly Gully Wastewater Renewal - Early Contractor Involvement		
C5. Contracts for the Waiora 2 Capacity Upgrade		
C6. General Managers Report		

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 avoid the unreasonably, likely prejudice	Section 7 (2) (b) (ii)

	to the commercial position of a person who supplied or is the subject of the information	Section 7 (2) (i)
	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)
Item C3.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C4.	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	
Item C5.	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	
Item C6.	to maintain legal professional privilege	Section 7 (2) (g)
	to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (h)

The meeting moved into Public Excluded session at 4.07pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 4.40pm.