
Infrastructure and Transport Committee Te Komiti Taaapapa me ngaa Waka OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure and Transport Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 4 September 2025 at 9:30 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr Tim Macindoe
Heamana Tuarua

Members Mayor Paula Southgate
Cr Ewan Wilson
Cr Louise Hutt
Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf
Cr Andrew Bydder
Cr Geoff Taylor
Cr Sarah Thomson
Cr Emma Pike
Cr Anna Casey-Cox (via Audio Visual Link)
Cr Maxine van Oosten

The meeting was open with karakia.

1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

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

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Cr Huata, Cr Tauariki and for partial attendance from Cr Casey-Cox.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O’Leary/Cr van Oosten)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee confirms the agenda.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

Cr Naidoo-Rauf declared an interest in Item 7 (*Minor Transport Improvements - Macroscopic Approvals*). She noted that she was not conflicted and would take part in the discussion and vote on the matter.

4. Public Forum – Aatea koorero

Steve Ross and Joel Baker from Hamilton Boy's High School spoke to Item 7 (Minor Transport Improvements - Macroscopic Approvals) in support for improvements to the local roading situation regarding Peachgrove Road, noting that concerns have been raised over a number of years without meaningful progress.

Justin den Otter - Peachgrove Intermediate School spoke to Item 7 (Minor Transport Improvements - Macroscopic Approvals) supportive of the improvement proposed in the report. Additionally noting they are fully supportive of the Hamilton Boys High School written submission

Phil Evans (Bike Action Hamilton) spoke to Item 7 (Minor Transport Improvements - Macroscopic Approvals) supportive of the improvements to the roading network being and cyclist and driver on the roads. Noting massive cost and encourage Members to dive deeper in the details to allow for cost savings.

5. Confirmation of the Infrastructure and Transport Committee Open Minutes 24 July 2025

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Pike)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee confirms the Open Minutes of the Infrastructure and Transport Committee Meeting held on 24 July 2025 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

The Chair took report as read.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O'Leary/Mayor Southgate)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee receives the report.

7. Minor Transport Improvements - Macroscopic Approvals

The Network and Systems Operations Manager introduced the report and noted the that recommendation addressed four locations. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning standardised process', cost, savings allocated to new projects, bus stops and shelter options, parking safety; timely delivery, and communications.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to actively identify and pursue project efficiency opportunities through the Chief Executive office.*

Motion: (Cr Bydder/Cr Taylor)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approve the macroscopic design for all projects, but only approve to proceed with the developed design for Hamilton Boys High and Peachgrove school;
- c) requests staff report back to the first infrastructure meeting of the new term to avoid delays, with significant design and construction savings in all projects; and
- d) notes that savings shall be retained in road safety budgets to be used on new projects.

Amendment: (Deputy Mayor O'Leary/Cr Hutt)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the following macro-scope designs which were identified as the preferred options at the Elected Member briefings on 30 July and 6 August 2025:
 - i. the installation a two stage at grade signalised pedestrian crossing in Ulster Street at Abbotsford Street intersection along with a solid median to only permit left in – left out turning movement from Abbotsford Street into Ulster Street,
 - ii. the installation of an at-grade (no raised safety platform) signalised pedestrian crossing across Ruakiwi Road east of Lake Domain Drive and improved kerb alignment into Lake Domain Drive (**Option 2**); and

- iii. the completion of the following safety improvements (design only) on Peachgrove Road between Frances Street and Wilson Street:
 - A. relocation of Hamilton Boys High School bus stops to south of their main entrance
 - B. installation new at grade signalised pedestrian crossing in Peachgrove Road north of Wilson Street
 - C. retention and upgrade the existing Peachgrove Intermediate at grade signalised pedestrian crossing
 - D. tighten the kerblines at the Hamilton Boys High School main entrance
 - E. minor realignment to the bus stop just south of Frances Street
 - F. removal of parking along Hamilton Boys High School frontage
 - G. installation of full shared paths both side of road with full kerb realignment
 - H. installation of side road treatments at Hamilton Boys High School entrance, Kingsford Mews, Scott Avenue and Wilson Street of zebra crossings on raised safety platforms.
- iv. Turning restrictions out of East Street (west), traffic calming East Street (west), kerb buildouts and new crossing facility East Street (west) including formalisation of the parking at the shops, signalised midblock crossing across Peachgrove Road (**Option 2**) subject to the outcome of the public consultation on the turning restrictions for East Street (west). If there is no support for the turning restrictions then **Option 1** will be progressed through to construction.
- c) requests staff continue to monitor and investigate alternative options for improvements at the Lake Domain Drive / Ruakiwi Road / Tainui Street intersection and the Lake Road / Marama Street intersection for inclusion in future intersection improvement programmes.
- d) notes that staff will continue to work with NZ Transport Agency to seek approval for the Ulster Street / Abbotsford Road improvements for inclusion in the subsidised programme for Low Cost Low Risk improvements following approval of the macroscopic design;
- e) notes that staff will continue to work with Peachgrove Intermediate School and Hamilton Boys High School for the implementation of 'pick up drop off' opportunities in the wider area, installation of additional scooter and bike parking facilities and scooter/bike safety training;
- f) notes that the proposed improvements for Peachgrove Road (Frances Street to Wilson Street) exceed the approved budget approved at the 28 November 2024 Infrastructure and Transport Committee and final approval to proceed with construction will be required once funding availability from within the Minor Transport Improvements Programme can be confirmed.
- g) notes that progress of the final design and consultation of the following projects will be communicated to Members via Executive Updates and approvals for the Traffic Bylaw and parking restrictions changes being presented to the Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closures Hearings Panel as required:
 - i. Abbotsford Street and Ulster Street safety and pedestrian improvements;
 - ii. Ruakiwi Road – pedestrian improvements; and
 - iii. Peachgrove Road and East Street safety improvements.

The Amendment was put

Those for the Amendment: Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors Casey-Cox, Hutt, Mayor Southgate and van Oosten

Those against the Amendment: Councillors Bydder, Pike, Naidoo-Rauf, Taylor, Thomson, Wilson and Macindoe

The Amendment was declared lost.

The Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.

Resolved : (Cr Bydder/Cr Taylor)

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- d) notes that savings shall be retained in road safety budgets to be used on new projects.

The meeting was adjourned 10.34am to 10.57am during the discussion of the above item.

The meeting was adjourned 11.22am to 11.45am.

Cr Casey-Cox left the meeting during the adjournment.

8. 2025 Streetscape and Gateways Policy - Recommendation to Council for Adoption

The Urban Transport Planner provided an update on/ took report as read. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning, has there been any work on this; where is the budget sit, has there been costed, oversight over streetscape; how can governors add input into gateways, will current promotion billboards be removed,

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) recommends that the Council approves the revised 2025 Streetscape and Gateways Policy (**Attachment 1**) subject to additional clarity as to the definition of commercial promotion to excluding Council's own activities; and
- c) requests staff undertaken the necessary work to provide the costings for Gateway improvements in time for the Council to consider it as a part of the development of the next Long Term-Plan.

9. Infrastructure and Assets General Manager's Report

The report was taken as read.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O'Leary/Mayor Southgate)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee receives the report.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to report back to a future Council meeting at an appropriate time, providing additional information on issuing warnings prior to fines for non-registration at Central Business District parking kiosks*

10. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O’Leary)

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 and Transport Committee Public Excluded Minutes 24 July 2025) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Paper Road Land Swap and Sale - Hutchinson Road		

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 negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)

The meeting moved in the Public Excluded at 12.08pm

The meeting was declared closed at 12.13pm