Howick Local Board

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Howick Local Board meeting 17 June 2019

It is now 11 months since we began talking with the local Board and AT to find a solution for the safety of our pedestrians at Te Uho o te Nikau Primary School. We again politely ask for action.

At previous meetings the Board has discussed how to fund a safety solution for our young pedestrians. Our school roll has now reached 50 learners and our community also continues to grow so more and more people are affected by inaction on this issue. We believe either the Community Safety Fund or the Local Board Transport Capital Fund can be effectively utilised by the Howick Local Board for this purpose.

We acknowledge that Howick Local Board members have shown a real will to find a solution for this safety issue, as seen at your last business meeting in April. No one wants to see a child injured or worse. We know you have collected more information via your workshop process. We therefore urgently request that the Howick Local Board follow this through with decisive action now. There is no longer any reason to wait.

We also continue to liaise with Auckland Transport to get a speed reduction along Flat Bush School Rd from the current 80kph to a maximum of 50 kph. We are hopeful for action on this soon as it was promised for March 2019. The safety of our learners remains our priority.

Increasing safety for pedestrians and increasing accessibility of recreational areas meets an identified goal for the Howick Local Board. This is an opportunity to reach this goal. Action on this issue now would not fully exhaust local Board funds, in fact at least $1 million would remain to be spent for the future.

We need to see the board moving decisively tonight to remedy the daily situation where five year old pedestrians continue to dice with 3m wide concrete trucks on a 7.5 m wide bridge as they walk to and from school each day. We look to the Howick Local Board members for leadership for our community.

For Board of Trustees

Te Uho o te Nikau Primary School
CHAIRMAN’S REPORT - JUNE 2019

MAY 2019

THU 02  Botany Town Centre Opening – Botany Town Centre
Chairman D.Collings attended with Board Members P.Young and M.Turinsky, Botany Town Centre’s $78m development stage one formal launch ceremony, including the opening of the Pavilion extension and specialty retailers including H&M and MECCA Maxima who will be two key retailers anchoring an expanded mix of specialty stores, including The Cosmetic Clinic, Platypus Shoes, Stewart Dawsons, Postie, Starbucks, Presshouse Coffee, and Sushi Sushi.

MON 06  Howick Youth Summit – Howick Youth Council
Chairman D.Collings attended with Board Member M Turinsky who spoke on behalf of Howick Local Board acknowledging the Howick Youth Council and young people that had come along.

TUE 07  Uxbridge Creative Centre - Board Meeting
Chairman D.Collings attended with Board Members / Arts Cultures and Events Portfolio Leaders K.Bungard and G.Bolles.

WED 08  Finance & Performance Committee – Advocacy and input into the Annual Budget 2019/2020
Chairman D.Collings attended and presented on, Bringing forward the delivery of the library, multi-use community facility and aquatic centre at Flat Bush, Delivery of better public transport with emphasis on AMETI and the Airport to Botany rapid transit link, To develop a southern based resource recovery centre, To increase the regional funding available for coastal erosion, To increase activities that promote better water quality in our streams and beaches and To retain views from Stockade Hill.

FRI 09  Discussion with Celia Davison (Head of Planning South) – Regarding Plan Change #3
Chairman D.Collings discussed the above seeking advice around the Environment Court Decision.

MON 13  Local Board Chairs Forum – Auckland Town Hall Reception Lounge.
Chairman D.Collings attended. Items discussed were: Support for private plan changes, Community facilities update, Freedom Camping Bylaw and Auckland Transport update on DSI (Deaths and Serious Injuries) programme.

THU 16  Judging the Celebrated Citizens Awards
Chairman D.Collings attended with Deputy Chair K.Bungard and Board Member P.Young and Dr Rev R.Waugh to go through the many worthy nominations for the awards.

TUE 21  Auckland South Citizenship Ceremony – Vodafone Events Centre
Member M.Turinsky attended to congratulate and welcome new citizens to New Zealand.
WED 22  **Ormiston/Flat Bush Community Information Event – Ormiston College**  
Chairman D Collings attended with Board Members B Wichman, P Young, and M Turinsky. This was well attended and it was great to hear about plans for what will be happening there in the short and long term. Presentations were given by Panuku Development Auckland, Todd Properties, Auckland Council (Parks and also Libraries) and Auckland Transport.

SUN 26  **Howick Local Board Celebrated Citizens Awards 2019 – Howick Club**  
Chairman D Collings attended with Deputy Chair K Bungard and Board Members G Boles, P Young, M Turinsky, and J Spiller. It was great to see so many worthy citizens from the Howick, Pakuranga and Botany communities being acknowledged for their various contributions and achievements.

WED 29  **Joint Governing Body / Local Board Chairs Meeting – Town Hall Reception Room**  
Chairman D Collings attended with HW Mayor P Goff and Councillors to discuss a number of matters including: 2019 Elected Member Survey Results, Update on Communication Strategy and Planning, Update on the Elected Members Communications Review, and Freedom Camping Bylaw.

THU 30  **Howick Village Implementation Steering Group Meeting – Howick Local Board Office**  
Chairman D Collings attended with Portfolio Leader for Planning A White and Board Members J Donald and J Spiller. An initial discussion was had on the process for the group and what would be included as part of the implementation plan.
Memorandum 14 June 2019

To: Howick Local Board Members
Subject: Community Safety Fund Update Re: Botany Downs Secondary College
From: Ben Stallworthy

Purpose
1. To provide the board new information about the Community Safety Fund’s ability to improve the signalised crossing that services Botany Downs Secondary College, noting that Auckland Transport’s advice regarding the suitability of using this fund to deliver that project has changed.

Summary
2. Auckland Transport has identified a new option for delivering an improved signalised crossing servicing Botany Downs Secondary College funded from the Community Safety Fund.
3. The memo provides information about the new option.

Context
4. The Community Safety Fund is a capital budget designed to deliver projects raised by local boards that will help to prevent, control or mitigate identified local safety hazards. Projects must cost less than $1 million, be best practice, not be already funded, and conform to Auckland Transport standards. Howick Local Board’s budget is $985,896.
5. The Board has put forward five potential safety projects, these have been assessed, scoped and an estimated cost developed for each. The scoped and costed list of projects have been workshopped with the Board at a workshop on 4 June 2019.
6. One of the projects is improving the pedestrian amenity and safety of the signalised intersection on Chapel Road in front of Botany Secondary College.
7. Auckland Transport’s original advice provided on 4 June 2019 and subsequently in the ‘Community Safety Fund Decision Report’ scheduled on 17 June 2019 needs to be updated.
8. Auckland Transport’s original advice was that a project to upgrade the Botany Downs Secondary Crossing does not meet the criteria of the Community Safety Fund. Much of the intersection is on school property adding a level of complexity to the project that made it more complex than was suitable for delivery with the Community Safety Fund.
9. This advice disappointed then Howick Local Board so Auckland Transport continued to explore options. An option that is contained within the road corridor has been identified and this memo provides it to the Howick Local Board for their consideration.

Discussion
10. Auckland Transport now advises that an option for modifying the intersection safely and with minimal intrusion onto school property is available for consideration. Figure 1 (following) shows the proposed road layout. The proposal involves removing the existing small traffic island and left turning slip lane, providing a much larger and more easily controlled area for students waiting to cross the road. The proposed layout significantly reduces the complexity of the project and makes it suitable for delivery with the Community Safety Fund.
11. Auckland Transport is not at this time able to provide a firm cost but estimates the project will be between $250-500,000.

12. Depending on the other Community Safety Fund projects that the local board wishes to support, there may be a requirement to authorise a ‘top up’ from the Local Board Transport Capital Fund. For instance, if the local board wishes to fund the Flat Bush Culvert pedestrian bridge project for Te Uhu O Nikau School at $520,000; and this project with a cost of up to $500,000 it would be approximately $35,000 above its Community Safety Fund allocation. This is resolved by authorising release of the required amount from the Local Board Transport Capital Fund.

13. Auckland Transport discussed the new option with the local board on 13 June 2019.

14. Auckland Transport have not as yet discussed this particular option with staff at Botany Downs Secondary College.

Next steps

15. If the local board wishes to use the Community Safety Fund deliver a project to improve safety of the signalised intersection on Chapel Road in front of Botany Secondary College the following steps need to be undertaken:

- Tabling of this memo at the Howick Local Board’s June business meeting.
- Consideration of the new option.
- A resolution authorising use of the Community Safety Fund to deliver the project; and if required, a resolution authorising release of any Local Board Transport Capital Fund to ‘top up’ funding.
- Auckland Transport will action the local board’s resolution.