

# Franklin Local Board

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Franklin Local Board held in The Leslie Comrie Board Room, Level One Franklin: The Centre, 12 Massey Ave, Pukekohe on Tuesday, 27 June 2023 at 9.33am.

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### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Angela Fulljames
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Alan Cole
<b>Members</b>	Malcolm Bell JP
	Sharlene Druyven
	Gary Holmes
	Amanda Hopkins
	Andrew Kay
	Logan Soole

### TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

<b>Member</b>	Amanda Kinzett
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## 1 Nau mai | Welcome

The meeting opened with karakia and the Chair welcomed everyone present.

## 2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number FR/2023/90

MOVED by Chairperson A Fulljames, seconded by Member S Druyven:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- a) accept the apology from Member Kinzett for absence.

**CARRIED**

## 3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number FR/2023/91

MOVED by Member M Bell JP, seconded by Chairperson A Fulljames:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- b) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday, 20 June 2023 as true and correct.

**CARRIED**

## 5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

## 6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

There were no acknowledgements.

## 7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

## 8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

### 8.1 Deputation - Beachlands skate park

Adele Saville and students from Year 5 & 6 Beachlands School attended via videoconference for this deputation.

Resolution number FR/2023/92

MOVED by Member M Bell JP, seconded by Member A Hopkins:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- a) **thank Adele Saville and Year 5 & 6 Beachlands School Students for their attendance and presentation on the need for a new skate park in Beachlands.**

**CARRIED**

#### Attachments

- A 27 June 2023 Franklin Local Board - Beachlands School student presentation on skate park

## 9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

## 11 Unlock Pukekohe: Town Centre Supporting Masterplan and Spatial Delivery Plan FY24-26

Richard Davison, Priority Location Director and Michael Nettleship, Principal Urban Designer (Architecture) were in online attendance for this item.

Resolution number FR/2023/93

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Cole, seconded by Member L Soole:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- a) **endorse the Unlock Pukekohe Supporting Masterplan (Attachment A with the following feedback:**
  - i) **support creating opportunities within project design and implementation for public art, lighting, trees, plantings and spaces for activation for festivals, markets and events.**
  - ii) **support the town centre maintaining the unique character of the town - look and feel of heritage buildings.**
  - iii) **support improving connections between streets.**
  - iv) **support designed spaces that permit flexible use and enable a range of activities in the market hall.**
  - v) **support for a vendor mix that promotes local farm produce stalls, artisan goods and eateries that source local produce.**

- vi) support design access to the markets that enables people with mobility aids, the elderly and families with young children move with ease.
  - vii) support projects relating to the proposed laneway and improvements that have key outcomes to improve connectivity between Franklin: The Centre, the town square, Devon Lane, Edinburgh Street, and Bledisloe Park through the creation of walking and cycling friendly spaces.
  - viii) request that Eke Panuku investigate options for youth space as part of the Unlock Pukekohe programme.
  - ix) request that Auckland Council's Connected Communities support the current youth service provider as needed, through the transition from 1 Roulston Street, Pukekohe.
  - x) continue to advocate to Auckland Transport to stage the town centre pedestrian crossing priorities at key roundabouts and intersections (examples include Edinburgh/ King Street, Edinburgh/Massey Streets and King/Queen Streets).
- b) endorse the updated Unlock Pukekohe Spatial Delivery Plan FY24-FY26 (Attachment B).
- c) note the previous Spatial Delivery Plan iterations (Attachment C) with the following feedback:
- i) support moving the development of 7 Massey Ave to a 10+ year project to undertake further investigation into future developmental proposals.
  - ii) support the new project for the Station Precinct focussing on providing a safe, active mode link between the train station and the town centre.
  - iii) support the scope change of the Roulston Street Parking Management Solutions project to incorporate the active mode connection in the project.
  - iv) support safe pedestrian routes through the signalisation along Massey Ave intersection and agree to the removal of the proposed pedestrian bridge project from the master plan.
- d) note the masterplan summary document (Attachment D).

**CARRIED**

**12 Te Tupu Ngātahi Supporting Growth - Future Transport Networks Pukekohe-Paerata and south Drury – Feedback from Board ( cover report).**

Resolution number FR/2023/94

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Cole, seconded by Chairperson A Fulljames:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- a) note the attached report that provides information on Te Tupu Ngātahi Supporting Growth on Future Transport Networks Pukekohe-Paerata and south Drury.
- c) provide the following formal feedback on the report to Te Tupu Ngātahi Supporting Growth:
  - i) agree that this programme of work is essential in supporting the future planning of Pukekohe-Paerata and south Drury, and future economic, environmental, social, and cultural well-being in the area.

- ii) **express concern for the shifting scope of the programme since 2019, on the basis that these changes have created confusion and concern amongst the community and have undermined the ability of the community and the board to provide meaningful feedback. This includes changes in terminology/naming and the addition and removal of elements from the scope e.g. an additional overbridge at Paerata.**
- iii) **the local board has concern about the current scope of the programme, specifically:**
  - A) **the removal of freight diversion as a priority. The diversion of freight away from residential areas and the town centre will deliver significant quality of life and safety outcomes. Facilitated freight movement also supports reduced carbon emissions and therefore contributes to climate action.**
  - B) **the change from providing a ring-road in Pukekohe that specifically seeks to divert trucks/freight from pedestrian-centric environments (residential and town-centre areas).**
  - C) **the exclusion of upgrades to intersections on Route 20. The board considers that it is essential that planning and designation plus prioritisation of key intersection treatments are needed to enable a functional network in the short term e.g. the intersection of Blackbridge Road and State Highway 22.**
  - D) **note that the current scope does not include aggregate and land fill transport support for the Wairoa area of Franklin, in particular Clevedon-Takanini and Clevedon-Papakura roads, and how they connect to Mill Road for efficient and safe routes for all users, noting the future increase in truck movements to meet current and projected growth demands of Auckland city.**
  - E) **that there is no designation planning for connections to Waikato District to take into account growth plans and industry of this region.**
- iv) **support the inclusion efforts to support cycling and walking paths through the programme, and recommend:**
  - A) **that the work undertaken by the board in the Pukekohe-Paerata Paths Plan is referenced**
  - B) **that Supporting Growth Alliance (and Auckland Transport) staff engage in the broader Franklin Paths Programme development.**
  - C) **that the Sim Road proposed highway does not need to prioritise walking and cycling in the mixed rural zone, and therefore will not need to sustain walking and cycling in the same way as the urban zoned part of Sim Rd and other routes.**
- v) **support the north-east and north-west (to the intersection of Gun Club Rd) sections of the ring road around Pukekohe as proposed.**
- vi) **do not support using the Golding Road intersection as the outer ring road connection point. The board suggests that more thought is needed on how to connect across Mill Road, and that it would be preferable that connection into the southeast be at the same point as the proposed new north eastern intersection.**
- vii) **do not support the funneling of traffic past Pukekohe Hill Primary School (corner of Ward Street and Green Lane) as this will create a safety and congestion issues for facilities accessing the school.**

- viii) do not support use of West Street and Helvetia Road as this proposal would split a residential community, create barriers to modal shift, and undermine the quality of life for those residents.
- ix) recommend that the programme reconsider the use of Gun Club Road and Patumahoe Road as part of the outer ring route as previously suggested, noting that this would support effective diversion of traffic from residential areas and the town centre and facilitate efficient freight movement (see point iii)A)).
- x) recommend that the programme actively consider the anticipated expansion of the NZ Steel site at Glenbrook, which could mean 300 hectares of industrial land is developed, which will generate an increase in south-bound freight and general vehicle movements.
- xi) recommend that the expressway from Ramarama to Pukekohe retains space for four lanes rather than the proposed reduction to two lanes, noting that the population in Pukekohe is likely to significantly exceed current growth projections in response to the National Policy Statement for Urban Development.
- xii) support the 4 laning of Mill Rd to Harrisville Rd, but would like to see more work done on an alternative from this point to the Pukekohe ring road, which would involve working with Waikato District Council because of the border issues in this area.
- d) request that Auckland Transport, as the Auckland Council group representative on the Supporting Growth Alliance, take responsibility for actively engaging with the local board and councillors to enable participation in the Supporting Growth Alliance programme development and delivery as core business. The board notes that this function appears to be insufficiently supported by Auckland Transport and considers that more visibility is needed by Auckland Transport in this role.
- e) request Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi place-hold long term budgets to align with future urban development timeframes to ensure infrastructure is in place to support new residents and businesses.
- f) note the Bombay interchange is out of scope and request that this interchange be prioritised before network connections to it are upgraded.
- g) request that resolved feedback on this issue is shared with the Auckland Transport board, Franklin Ward Councillor and the Papakura Local Board for their information.

**CARRIED**

### 13 Franklin Local Parks Management Plan - intention to prepare plan report

Chris Khouri and Kiri Le Heron were in attendance online for this item.

Resolution number FR/2023/95

MOVED by Chairperson A Fulljames, seconded by Member S Druyven:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- a) **approve public notification of their intention to prepare a Franklin Local Parks Management Plan for all local parks and reserves in the Franklin Local Board area and invite written suggestions on the proposed plan.**
- b) **approve the scope (Attachment B and C) and engagement approach (Attachment D) for development of the Franklin Local Parks Management Plan with the following feedback:**
  - i) **note the board's expectation that they will be provided advice and given direction on any reserves where there is local decision-making, regardless of secondary function, and that the advocacy-only role only applies where there is an absence of a local board decision-making role.**
  - ii) **suggest undertaking engagement by subdivision because the size of the local board area.**
  - iii) **note that the Shoreline Adaptation plan will overlap this plan in places.**
  - iv) **note there are extensive esplanade reserves around the Manukau Harbour and Wairoa River and that the board is open to divestment opportunities.**
  - v) **note that the board is open to partnerships and further co-management options.**

**CARRIED**



**14 Auckland Unitary Plan - Local board views on Proposed Plan Change 91 (Private) for 80 McLarin Road, Glenbrook Beach**

Resolution number FR/2023/96

MOVED by Member S Druyven, seconded by Member A Kay:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- a) **provide local board views on Plan Change 91 by HD Project 2 Ltd for 80 McLarin Road, Glenbrook Beach with the following feedback:**
  - i) **express concern about the development impact on a coastal area site and consider a lower housing density approach is better suited in this coastal settlement.**
  - ii) **express concern regarding the inadequate stormwater infrastructure drainage issues where Ronald Ave runoff is already a problem.**
  - iii) **express concern applying urban standards to a coastal settlement with narrow roading and lack of parking, leading to problems for large vehicles, including waste collection and more alarmingly emergency vehicles, who are unable to safely traverse the roads when cars are parked either legally or illegally.**
  - iv) **request that greater planning and provision for creation of adequate pedestrian and cycling connections to existing pathways be required as part of the plan change area to access the business zone area, and recommend that footpaths that are provided by the developer connect to current pathways.**
  - v) **note that there is no current or planned public transport for this area, despite it including a Special Housing Area.**
  - vi) **recommend that no development commences before the Southwestern wastewater plant is operational.**
  - vii) **note that further planning and provision is required on the connection road from the existing reserve on Ronald Avenue.**
- b) **decline to appoint a local board member to speak to the local board views at a hearing on Plan Change 91.**

**CARRIED**

**15 Urgent Decision - Franklin Local Board input into the Integrated Auckland Transport Plan**

Resolution number FR/2023/97

MOVED by Member M Bell JP, seconded by Member A Kay:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- a) **notes the Urgent Decision of the Franklin Local Board providing feedback on the Integrated Auckland Transport Plan on 23 May 2023 as follows:**

***That the Franklin Local Board:***

- a) **provide the following feedback on the Integrated Auckland Transport Plan:**
  - i) ***Question One – The plan proposes four guiding principles that will underpin work on the integrated transport plan. How important are each of these guiding principles?***

- Reduce carbon emissions from the transport sector – Extremely important.
  - Target investments to the most significant challenges – Extremely important
  - Prioritise investments to achieve best value for money – Extremely important.
  - Make better use of our existing road and public transport networks – Important.
- ii) *Question Two – Development of this plan will require us to prioritise different objectives and have different types of projects proceeding at different times. How important are each of these priorities to you?*
- Improving transport access for Aucklanders that have poor access to jobs, education and services – Important.
  - Auckland’s transport network allows efficient movement of people and goods around our city – Extremely important.
  - Auckland’s transport system can cope with disruption from extreme weather events – Important.
  - Deaths and serious injuries are significantly reduced – Important.
  - Transport investment supports provision of new housing – Extremely important.
- iii) *Question Three – The integrated transport plan will involve agreeing which projects will be prioritised for implementation over the next decade and beyond. Do you support inclusion of these kinds of projects in the integrated transport plan for Auckland?*
- Investing in mass rapid transit projects (Light Rail and busways) to deliver fast, frequent and reliable public transport on major corridors across Auckland – Strongly support.
  - Delivering increased numbers of safe cycleways in urban Auckland – Support
  - Faster and more frequent bus services through investment in bus lanes and more buses on existing routes – Strongly support.
  - Transport investments to support more housing in fast growing suburbs – Strongly support
  - Interventions to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Auckland roads – Support
  - Upgrades to busy arterial roads to support increased traffic as well as public transport, walking and cycling – Strongly support
  - A range of inexpensive and quick changes to optimise roads across Auckland to ensure the space we have available on our roads is used more efficiently – Support.
  - Upgrades to roads in industrial areas to support the efficient movement of freight around Auckland – Strongly support.
  - Sealing unsealed (gravel) roads in rural areas of Auckland – Strongly support
  - Removal of railway level crossings to separate trains and cars to allow more trains and reduce traffic congestion – Strongly support.

- Accelerating electrification of our bus and ferry fleets – Strongly support
  - Improvements to ferry services and terminals, so ferries can run more reliably and frequently – Strongly support.
  - Upgrades to our rail network to allow trains to run more often – Strongly support.
- iv) **Question Four - Are there any transport projects you would like to see prioritised that are not in the list just mentioned?**
- Hingaia stage two 4 laning including signalisation of Oakland Rd.
  - Supporting Growth south projects, South Indicative Strategic Transport Network designations, Route 18 Pukekohe Ring Road.
  - signalisation of King/ Massey/Stadium/East Streets
  - route protection - ensure quarry and freight routes are protected to ensure efficiencies and less impact on emissions. Improve the quality of roads to account for increased freight movements.
  - ensure rural roads and routes to significant coastal settlements are resilient to storms and climate change e.g. access to Beachlands, Maraetai, and smaller settlements of Kawakawa Bay and Orere.
  - ensure where development is consented, the road network can cope and consider planned routes such as the Whitford Bypass.
  - rectify the poor planning outcome of Jutland Road, Pukekohe where a road should have been completed.
  - bring up to the same standard as other areas in Auckland that have grown without addressing kerb/channeling/footpaths i.e. Beachlands.
  - intersections - safety improvements, signalisation or roundabouts to be prioritised. This applies to all major routes in Franklin.
- v) **Question Five - Do you have any comments about the specific projects just mentioned or in general about transport in Auckland?**
- prioritise heavy rail and electric trains. Rail crossings - only close rail crossings where there is a viable alternative.
  - increased congestion increases emissions.
  - consider a fleet of smaller more efficient and lower emission buses for rural areas. e.g. Bus service connections to ferries and from rural settlements to transport hubs.
  - Mill Road and intersections such as Murphy's Road / Redoubt Road intersection, Whitford-Maraetai Road and intersections with Clifton Road/Whitford Landfill/Trig Road
  - plan for the future where there are proposals for significant developments – need transport resilience.
- vi) **Question Six – Is there any other feedback you would like to give about transport in Auckland?**
- the Local Board Transport Capital fund inadequately addresses legacy council deficiencies (e.g. kerb, channelling and footpaths), business-as-usual safety improvements, planning oversights where developers

should have been required to build infrastructure (Jutland bridge/road continuation)

- more emphasis into planning stages of developments to ensure cycle/walking paths, on road parking and street width are incorporated for settlements and villages that are unlikely to have access to public transport. Enable use of grass berms in rural environment for informal trails to reduce small journeys.
- route resilience is important especially for growing communities like Beachlands and Maraetai where roads that connect communities have essentially one road in and out are seriously impacted with climate change and when storms occur.
- the large growth in our communities are seeing increased traffic numbers / demands and intersections need upgrading. Traffic numbers now reaching stage of Whitford-Maraetai Road upgrade and the Whitford Bypass.
- greater emphasis on cycling and walking footpaths are required that support active transport and connect local destinations in rural areas is needed.
- consider congestion charging in Auckland; however a clear purpose of the revenue is required to understand how the revenue is used.

vii) *Question Seven – Is there any other feedback you would like to give on something else?*

- the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 requires local board views to be taken into consideration when developing strategies, policies, plans and bylaws. The board is concerned that it appears local board views on the Integrated Transport Plan are being sought at a very late stage in the process.
- resilience to flooding was workshopped with Auckland Transport in August 2020 with no outcome. Simple ideas that included flood markers and gates for road closures of regularly flooding roads would provide faster warning and more efficiency of traffic management resources.

**CARRIED**

## 16 Governance Forward Work calendar June 2023

Resolution number FR/2023/98

MOVED by Chairperson A Fulljames, seconded by Member A Kay:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- a) note the governance forward work programme (Hōtaka Kaupapa) dated June 2023 (Attachment A).

**CARRIED**

**17 Franklin Local Board workshop records**

Resolution number FR/2023/99

MOVED by Member G Holmes, seconded by Member A Kay:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- a) receive the Franklin Local Board workshop records for on 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 May 2023

**CARRIED**

**18 Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items**

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

**19 Procedural motion to exclude the public**

Resolution number FR/2023/100

MOVED by Chairperson A Fulljames, seconded by Member S Druyven:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- a) exclude the public from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

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.

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:

**C1 Report for Neighbourhood Park Acquisition**

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	<p>s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</p>

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

10.01am The public was excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available.

10.12 pm The public was re-admitted.

**RESTATEMENTS**

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

**C1 Report for Neighbourhood Park Acquisition**

Resolution number FR/2023/101

MOVED by Chairperson A Fulljames, seconded by Member S Druyven:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- a) agree that the above decision and report not be restated in the open minutes.**

**CARRIED**

10.13am meeting closed.

The chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD  
HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....