
Komiti mō ngā Tūnuku me ngā Rawa Tūāhanga / Transport and Infrastructure Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Thursday, 7 March 2024 at 10.03am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

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| Chairperson | Cr John Watson | |
| Deputy Chairperson | Cr Christine Fletcher, QSO | From 10.06am, item 5.1 |
| Members | Cr Josephine Bartley | From 10.08am, item 5.1 |
| | Houkura Member Billy Brown | |
| | Mayor Wayne Brown | From 10.34am, item 9 |
| | Cr Angela Dalton | Via electronic link from 11.09am, item 10, until 1.58pm, item 12; From 10.05am, item 5.1; until 2.29pm, item 13 |
| | Cr Chris Darby | |
| | Cr Julie Fairey | |
| | Cr Alf Filipaina, MNZM | Via electronic link |
| | Cr Lotu Fuli | Via electronic link |
| | Cr Shane Henderson | |
| | Cr Richard Hills | |
| | Cr Mike Lee | From 10.21am, item 5.1 |
| | Cr Kerrin Leoni | Via electronic link |
| | Cr Daniel Newman, JP | Via electronic link |
| | Houkura Member Pongarauhine Renata | |
| | Cr Greg Sayers | Via electronic link From 10.08am, item 5.1 |
| | Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson | Via electronic link From 11.32am, item 10 |
| | Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM | Via electronic link |
| | Cr Ken Turner | Via electronic link from 12.19pm, item 10 |
| | Cr Wayne Walker | Via electronic link |
| | Cr Maurice Williamson | Via electronic link |

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

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| Member | Cr Andrew Baker |
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1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number TICCC/2024/9

MOVED by Cr J Watson, seconded by Cr J Fairey:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

a) **whakaae / accept the apologies from:**

Absence

Cr A Baker

Deputy Mayor D Simpson - on council business

Lateness

Mayor W Brown - on council business

Cr A Dalton

Cr K Turner - on council business

Early Departure

Cr J Fairey - on council business

CARRIED

Note: Subsequently Deputy Mayor D Simpson attended the meeting.

2 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number TICCC/2024/10

MOVED by Cr J Watson, seconded by Cr R Hills:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on [Thursday, 8 February 2024](#), as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

5 Ngā Kōrero a te Marea | Public Input

5.1 Public Input: Sarah Howard and Elizabeth Busch - Great North Road Safety

Cr C Darby entered the meeting at 10.05am.

Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher entered the meeting at 10.06am.

Cr A Filipaina joined the meeting at 10.07am.

Cr G Sayers joined the meeting at 10.08am.

Cr J Bartley entered the meeting at 10.08am.

Cr M Lee entered the meeting at 10.21am.

Resolution number TICCC/2024/11

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher, seconded by Cr R Hills:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the public input from Sarah Howard and Elizabeth Busch in relation to their family experiences on Great North Road and whakamihi / thank them for attending the meeting.**

CARRIED

6 Ngā Kōrero a te Poari ā-Rohe Pātata | Local Board Input

There was no local board input.

7 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

7.1 Extraordinary Business – Brief Update on the Draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024

Resolution number TICCC/2024/12

MOVED by Cr J Watson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) **whakaae/agree to consider an extraordinary item “Brief Update on the Draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024” at Item 17 – Consideration of Extraordinary Items of this agenda, noting:**
 - i) **the reason the matter was not on the agenda is the draft Government Policy Statement on land transport was released on 4 March 2024, after the agenda was published, and**
 - ii) **the reason why this matter cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting is currently submissions close before the next committee meeting.**

CARRIED

8 Auckland Transport Statement of Intent amendment to forecast financial statements

Resolution number TICCC/2024/13

MOVED by Cr S Henderson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) **whakaae / approve the amended Auckland Transport Statement of Intent to include the provided financial statements.**

CARRIED

9 Auckland Transport six month (quarter two) performance report 2023/2024

Cr M Lee left the meeting at 10.34am.

Mayor W Brown entered the meeting at 10.34am.

Cr M Lee returned to the meeting at 10.54am.

Resolution number TICCC/2024/14

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher, seconded by Cr J Watson:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive Auckland Transport's 2023/2024 second quarter report (Attachment A)**
- b) **tono / request Auckland Transport to provide their Achieving Māori Outcomes Plan to council by June 2024.**

CARRIED

10 Implications of Removal of Regional Fuel Tax

A PowerPoint presentation was given in support of the item. A copy is available has been attached to the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Cr A Dalton joined the meeting at 11.09am.

Deputy Mayor D Simpson joined the meeting at 11.32am.

Cr K Turner joined the meeting at 12.19pm.

Deputy Mayor D Simpson left the meeting at 12.20pm.

Note: changes to the original recommendations, were made as a chairperson's recommendation.

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher, seconded by Cr C Darby:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) whiwhi / receive the update from Auckland Transport on the implications of the removal of the Regional Fuel Tax and proposed next steps for reprioritisation of Auckland Transport's capital programme.
- b) tuhi ā-taipitopito / notes the remaining Regional Fuel Tax funding available for allocation is approximately \$360 million.
- c) tuhi ā-taipitopito / notes the legislation enables allocation to Eastern Busway, Electric Trains and Stabling, other City Rail Link Day 1 works and Road Corridor Improvement projects, as well as operational expenditure for additional bus services on the Eastern Busway and additional train services (utilising the new trains) along the Eastern, Western, and Southern lines.
- d) ohia / endorses the continuation of the allocation of the Regional Fuel Tax funding for the following contractually committed projects:
 - i) Completion of Eastern Busway stages 2 and 3 (\$210 million),
 - ii) Electric Trains and Stabling (\$75 million).
- e) tuhi-ā-taipitopito / notes that any allocation of any remaining Regional Fuel Tax will need to be aligned to the yet to be enacted Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill, noting this will be a combination of other City Rail Link Day 1 works Road Corridor Improvement projects, Eastern Busway Stage 4 and operational expenditure for new Eastern Busway and Electric Train services.
- f) tuhi ā-taipitopito / notes that AT will carry out a rapid review of the capital programme, and will reprioritise implementation, to reflect reduced capital funding and pending funding impacts from the GPS – Land Transport, which may result in non-RFT funded projects also being descoped, deferred or stopped, reporting the findings of that rapid review to council to enable its decision-making on the long-term plan.

The meeting adjourned at 12.18pm and reconvened at 12.23pm

Resolution number TICCC/2024/15

MOVED by Cr J Fairey, seconded by Cr A Dalton an amendment by way of replacement:

- d) ohia / endorse the continuation of allocation of the Regional Fuel Tax funding for the contractually committed Electric Trains and Stabling project (\$75m) and support the Completion of Eastern Busway stages 2 and 3 (\$210m) and seek that it be fully funded by central government.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Abstained</u> |
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| Cr J Bartley | Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher | Mayor W Brown |
| Houkura Member B Brown | Cr D Newman | Cr G Sayers |
| Cr A Dalton | Cr S Stewart | Cr W Walker |
| Cr C Darby | Cr K Turner | |
| Cr J Fairey | Cr J Watson | |
| Cr A Filipaina | Cr M Williamson | |
| Cr L Fuli | | |
| Cr S Henderson | | |
| Cr R Hills | | |
| Cr K Leoni | | |
| Houkura Member P Renata | | |

The motion was declared CARRIED by 11 votes to 6.

CARRIED

The substantive motion was put.

Resolution number TICCC/2024/16

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher, seconded by Cr C Darby:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the update from Auckland Transport on the implications of the removal of the Regional Fuel Tax and proposed next steps for reprioritisation of Auckland Transport's capital programme.**
- b) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / notes the remaining Regional Fuel Tax funding available for allocation is approximately \$360 million.**
- c) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / notes the legislation enables allocation to Eastern Busway, Electric Trains and Stabling, other City Rail Link Day 1 works and Road Corridor Improvement projects, as well as operational expenditure for additional bus services on the Eastern Busway and additional train services (utilising the new trains) along the Eastern, Western, and Southern lines.**
- d) **ohia / endorse the continuation of allocation of the Regional Fuel Tax funding for the contractually committed Electric Trains and Stabling project (\$75m) and support the Completion of Eastern Busway stages 2 and 3 (\$210m) and seek that it be fully funded by central government.**
- e) **tuhi-ā-taipitopito / notes that any allocation of any remaining Regional Fuel Tax will need to be aligned to the yet to be enacted Land Transport Management (Repeal of Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill, noting this will be a combination of other City Rail Link Day 1 works Road Corridor Improvement projects, Eastern Busway Stage 4 and operational expenditure for new Eastern Busway and Electric Train services.**

- f) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / notes that AT will carry out a rapid review of the capital programme, and will reprioritise implementation going forward, to reflect reduced capital funding and pending funding impacts from the GPS – Land Transport, which may result in non-RFT funded projects also being descoped, deferred or stopped, reporting the findings of that rapid review to council to enable its decision-making on the long-term plan.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 7 March 2024, Transport and Infrastructure Committee: Item 10 - Implications of Removal of Regional Fuel Tax, Presentation

The meeting adjourned at 12.52pm and reconvened at 1.22pm.

Houkura Member B Brown and Houkura Member P Renata were not present.

11 Preparatory Work for the Auckland Integrated Transport Plan

A PowerPoint presentation was given in support of the item. A copy has been attached to the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Houkura Member B Brown returned to the meeting at 1.25pm.

Houkura Member P Renata returned to the meeting at 1.25pm.

Resolution number TICCC/2024/17

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher, seconded by Mayor W Brown:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) **ohia / endorse the scope of work (as described in paragraphs 17 and 18 in this agenda report) to help Auckland Council develop its view of the medium to long-term transport network, in preparation for discussions with central government on an Auckland Integrated Transport Plan.**
- b) **note / tuhi ā-taipitopito that the existing Auckland Integrated Transport Plan Political Reference Group will provide direction to staff throughout the duration of this work.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 7 March 2024, Transport and Infrastructure Committee: Item 11 - Preparatory Work for the Auckland Integrated Transport Plan, Presentation

Note: The chairperson accorded precedence to Item 17.1 – Brief Update on the Draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024, at this time.

17 Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Item

17.1 Brief Update on the Draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024

Council staff provided a verbal update on the recently released draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024

This brief update outlined the key points within the GPS and noted the planned process for the development of Auckland Council's submission.

Supporting documents have been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number TICCC/2024/18

MOVED by Cr J Watson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee;

- a) **whiwhi / receive a verbal update on the recently released draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024**
- b) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the committee will consider the council's submission to the draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024 at a subsequent meeting.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 7 March 2024, Transport and Infrastructure Committee: Item 17.1 - Brief Update on the Draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024
- B 7 March 2024, Transport and Infrastructure Committee: Item 17.1 - Brief Update on the Draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024, Presentation

12 KiwiRail Update - March 2024

A PowerPoint presentation was given in support of the item. A copy has been attached to the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Cr K Turner left the meeting at 1.54pm.

Cr A Dalton left the meeting at 1.58pm.

Cr M Lee left the meeting at 2.00pm.

Resolution number TICCC/2024/19

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the March 2024 update from KiwiRail on its Auckland programme.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 7 March 2024, Transport and Infrastructure Committee: Item 12 - KiwiRail Update - March 2024, Presentation

13 City Rail Link Update - March 2024

A PowerPoint presentation was given in support of the item. A copy has been attached to the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Deputy Mayor D Simpson returned to the meeting at 2.24pm.

Cr K Turner returned to the meeting at 2.25pm.

Cr C Darby retired from the meeting at 2.29pm.

Cr M Lee returned to the meeting at 2.42pm.

Resolution number TICCC/2024/20

MOVED by Cr J Watson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the March 2024 update on the City Rail Link project.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 7 March 2024, Transport and Infrastructure Committee: Item 13 - City Rail Link Update - March 2024, Presentation

14 Review of the Forward Work Programme - Transport and Infrastructure Committee

Resolution number TICCC/2024/21

MOVED by Cr J Watson, seconded by Cr J Fairey:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive and arotake / review the progress on the 2024 forward work programme as appended in Attachment A of the agenda report.**
- b) **whakaae / approve the updated forward work programme for the Transport and Infrastructure Committee.**

CARRIED

15 Summary of Transport and Infrastructure Committee information memoranda, workshops and briefings - 7 March 2024

Resolution number TICCC/2024/22

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher, seconded by Cr S Henderson:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the Summary of Transport and Infrastructure Committee information memoranda and briefings – 7 March 2024.**

CARRIED

Cr K Turner returned to the meeting at 2.21pm.

16 City Rail Link Maungawhau development update

Resolution number TICCC/2024/23

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher, seconded by Cr J Watson:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the decision-making report on this agenda is confidential due to the commercial information it contains.**

CARRIED

Note: Item 17.1 - Brief Update on the Draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024 - was considered prior to Item 12 - KiwiRail Update - March 2024.

18 Te Mōtini ā-Tukanga hei Kaupare i te Marea | Procedural motion to exclude the public

Resolution number TICCC/2024/24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Cr J Watson:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) **whakaae / agree to exclude the public from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.**
- b) **whakaae / agree that John Bridgman, Board Chair of the City Rail Link Limited and Sean Sweeney, Chief Executive Officer, City Rail Link Limited be permitted to remain for Confidential Item C1: City Rail Link Maungawhau development update, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of matters which will help the Transport and Infrastructure Committee in its decision-making.**

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 CONFIDENTIAL: City Rail Link Maungawhau development update

| 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. | s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. In particular, the report contains confidential property valuation information | s48(1)(a) 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. |

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

2.56pm 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.

3.18pm The public was re-admitted.

RESTATEMENTS

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

C1 CONFIDENTIAL: City Rail Link Maungawhau development update

Resolution number TICCC/2024/25

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson C Fletcher, seconded by Cr J Fairey:

That the Transport and Infrastructure Committee:

- d) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the agenda report and resolutions will remain confidential until reasons for confidentiality no longer exist.

3.18pm

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

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....