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# Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board held in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Office, 1-7 The Strand, Takapuna on Thursday, 27 June 2024 at 10:00 am.

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### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Toni van Tonder
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Terence Harpur
<b>Members</b>	Peter Allen Gavin Busch George Wood, CNZM

### TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

<b>Members</b>	Melissa Powell
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## 1 Nau mai | Welcome

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	Cease o winds from the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	Cease o winds from the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta	Bring calm breezes over the land
Kia mātaratara ki tai	Bring calm breezes over the sea
E hī ake ana te atakura	And let the red-tipped dawn come
He tio	With a touch of frost
He huka	A sharpened air
He hau hū	And promise of a glorious day.
Thei mauri ora	

## 2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number DT/2024/104

MOVED by Chairperson T van Tonder, seconded by Member P Allen:

**That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:**

- a) **whakaae / accept the apology from Member M Powell for absence.**

**CARRIED**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

## 5 Views on the Draft Auckland Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2034

A document was tabled. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and are available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number DT/2024/105

MOVED by Chairperson T van Tonder, seconded by Deputy Chairperson T Harpur:

**That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:**

### **Lake Road**

- a) **note the Board's disappointment that the Lake Road/Esmonde Road upgrade has been funded in outer years of the RLTP, noting that it was prioritised for delivery in the first three years of the 2021-2031 RLTP and has been a priority project for the DTLB since 2016.**

- b) request that the Lake Road/Esmonde Road upgrade be funded in the first 3 years of the RLTP noting the already significant investment, with \$2million spent, and multiple rounds of community consultation completed.
- c) note that the distance between the DBC completion and the construction date proposed to commence FY 2028/2029 is so great, that the majority of the work completed may need to be redone and reconsulted upon.
- d) note that the Local Board considers there to be a high risk that Lake Road will not get delivered as proposed in this RLTP as it will be subject to another RLTP refresh and reprioritisation in 2027. This creates further uncertainty and scepticism in the community and corrodes public confidence in Auckland Transport and Auckland Council.
- e) note that a lack of trust in Auckland Transport and Auckland Council was repeatedly mentioned in the Local Board feedback.
- f) note that the Local Board is of the firm belief that there are a range of quick, easy fixes that can be delivered in the immediate at low cost, and request that Auckland Transport make use of the Board's local knowledge to see those improvements funded and delivered (refer to attachment A).

#### Safety

- g) request to see the inclusion of policies and guidelines that provide for electric scooter safety, noting that this form of micro-mobility poses significant risk to the user, pedestrians and traffic and at present appears to be an unregulated mode of transport.
- h) request that where there has been a Death or Serious Injury (DSI) on the roading network, Auckland Transport deliver all safety measures recommended by coroner's reports and other accident reports conducted, noting the DTLB has had to employ its own LBTCF budget to improve safety in a location where there was a pedestrian fatality.
- i) support the proposed investment in street lighting, CCTV and safety improvements: noting the importance of quality lighting along common commuter routes to RTN stations, and consider this funding should be brought forward to year one.
- j) support the safe speeds programme and request that the Auburn Street raised table near Como street in Takapuna be delivered earlier, noting community demand and the need to improve pedestrian safety in this area.

#### Local Board Transport Capital Fund (LBTCF)

- k) supports the return of the full LBTCF Budget of approx \$22m per annum.
- l) request that previous year LBTCF allocations that have been lost to savings be reinstated to Local Boards, noting the DTLB had saved its LBTCF to deliver a significant active modes pathway Francis to Esmonde Link. In February 2020 the DTLB had \$3,811,069 which was lost in the Emergency Budget. In July 2021 DTLB put \$1,200.00 towards that same project, and this was lost again to savings at the end of the financial year. The Local Board wishes to have those funds reinstated to support a pathway for delivery as this project is now entirely unfunded.
- m) request that the LBTCF can be carried forward across Local Board terms to support the delivery of larger, well-supported community transport projects, without running the risk of losing that fund to savings.

### Ferries

- n) support for the funding allocated to stages 1 & 2 of the decarbonisation of the ferry fleet, and the installation of charging infrastructure at wharves.
- o) support for the funding allocation to address wharf arrangements at Bayswater Marina, and a new ferry terminal to accommodate low emissions ferries.

### Rapid Transit Access

- p) support capacity improvements to meet growing demand for the Northern Busway, stressing in particular that Sunnynook Bus Station access is difficult for those with mobility challenges, and that the overbridge to Link Drive requires redesign to improve pedestrian access.
- q) recommend funding be brought forward for the above project.

### Urban and Cycleways

- r) support the lower cost cycleways programme, but do not support a reduction in cycle safety projects. Noting that a lower cost approach to cycleway installation will enable a larger programme of delivery that can be achieved faster.
- s) request that the Northern Cycleway be included as a key cycle project.
- t) request that the Francis-Esmonde link be included in the list of proposed cycleway projects.

### Local Views

- u) note that 6.17% of total responses on the draft RLTP came from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area.
- v) note that 81% of responses felt that the RLTP captured the challenges adequately.
- w) note that 39% of submissions placed 'a transport system that is fast & connected' above all other priorities.
- x) note that 30% of submissions felt that sustainability was the least important priority.
- y) note that 31% of submitters felt there were missing priorities and listed those as; improving private vehicle use (23 submissions), public transport affordability (20 submissions), and specific projects including 24 submissions on Lake Road, 22 submissions on active modes over the Harbour, and 22 submissions on the Additional Waitematā Harbour connections.
- z) note the following projects types were ranked in priority order: Public Transport, Local Roads, Safety, Walking & Cycling, State Highways.
- aa) note that additional comments regarding the draft RLTP included: that PT is important and should be prioritised (35 comments), active modes are important and should be prioritised (25 comments), Lake Road should be brought forward (21 comments).
- bb) provide thanks to the 806 local submitters for providing their views on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan.

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A 27 June 2024 - Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Extraordinary Business Meeting - Item 5: Views on the Draft Auckland Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2034 - Additional points for Auckland Transport June 2024

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

The Chairperson closed the meeting with a karakia

Unuhia, unuhia	Draw on, draw on
Unuhia mai te urutapu nui	Draw on the supreme sacredness
Kia wātea, kia māmā,	To clear and to set free
te ngākau te tinana, te hinengaro	the heart, the body and the inner essence
i te ara takatū	In preparation for our pathways
Koia rā e Rongo	Let peace and humility
e whakairia ake ki runga	be raised above all
Kia tina! Haumi e!	Manifest this! Realise this!
Hui e! Tāiki e!	Bind together! Affirm!

10.25 am

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 DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA  
LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....