

Franklin Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Franklin Local Board held via Microsoft Teams videoconference on Monday, 1 July 2024 at 9.30am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Acting Chairperson	Alan Cole, Deputy Chair
Members	Malcolm Bell JP Sharlene Druyven Gary Holmes Andrew Kay (from 9.45am) Amanda Kinzett Logan Soole

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Chairperson	Angela Fulljames
Member	Amanda Hopkins

1 Nau mai | Welcome

The meeting opened and the Chair welcomed everyone present.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number FR/2024/82

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

That the Franklin Local Board:

- a) **whakaae / accept the apology from Member Fulljames and Member Hopkins for absence**
- b) **whakaae / accept the apology from Member Kay for lateness.**

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/2024/83

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Cole, seconded by Member S Druyven:

That the Franklin Local Board:

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday, 25 June 2024, 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

There were no deputations.

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

There was no public forum.

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

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

Bruce Thomas, Elected Member Relationship Manager Auckland Transport, was online to speak to this report.

Responses to the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2034 in template format were reviewed at the meeting and are attached to the minutes. These are available on the Auckland Council website as a Minutes Attachment.

Resolution number FR/2024/84

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Cole, seconded by Member G Holmes:

That the Franklin Local Board:

- a) **whakarite / provide responses to questions on the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2034 using the template provided by Auckland Transport in Attachment A to this report.**
- b) **whakarite / provide additional feedback, by Franklin Local Board Plan 2023 advocacy priority (page 58 of the Franklin Local Board Plan 2023) on the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan as follows:**

Road maintenance

- i) **tautoko / support the increase to road maintenance budgets**
- ii) **tono / recommend that the anticipated increase in funding allocation for road maintenance is proportionately applied to rural roads, noting**
 - A **the increased growth and traffic volumes**
 - B **that over 16% of Auckland's roads are in the Franklin Local Board area**
 - C **that local roads in Franklin support activities critical to Auckland's productivity i.e. movement of aggregate essential for housing and infrastructure development, freight critical to food supply and with 20% of the nation's fresh produce distributed from the wider Pukekohe area**
- iii) **tono / recommend that road maintenance programmes should prioritise areas where the design and maintenance approach for roads is no longer fit for purpose i.e. areas of significant green-fields growth, or where vehicle use (trucks) creates safety issues for other users and cost implications for maintenance**
- iv) **tono / recommend that Auckland Transport improves supervision of contractors to ensure renewal and reseals are high quality and to specification, and so that maintenance tactics are fit for purpose**
- v) **tono / recommend that Auckland Transport allocate sufficient funding to enable improvements to the annual maintenance of roadside drains in all rural areas, and investigate ways improve the performance of private landowners in maintaining roadside drains**

Road improvements & safety

- vi) **tono / recommend specific inclusion of the Clevedon Town Centre road corridor and safety improvements project to align with Auckland Council led Town Centre/Growth prompted improvements (Clevedon Village Heart Project), noting that aligning these projects will deliver cost efficiencies, mitigate delivery impact on the local community and address risk associated with growth**
- vii) **tono / recommend that Auckland Transport prioritises the safety projects listed in the Franklin Local Board Plan 2023 (page 58), noting that these local priorities address Auckland Transport's wider challenges, specifically in terms of supporting Auckland's productivity and response to growth. This includes the intersection of Blackbridge Road and State Highway 22 which is a site of significant safety concern for the community**
- viii) **tautoko / support the inclusion of the \$124m unsealed roads budget, noting that this allocation should enable the sealing of Fitzgerald Road and Ōtau Mountain Road in Franklin.**
- ix) **tautoko / support the progression of the Mill Road (Papakura-Drury) project and believes it is critical that the entire Mill Road corridor be formally designated without delay to protect the corridor, to provide certainty to residents, the wider public and community**
- x) **tono / recommend that Auckland Transport allocate sufficient funding to enable improvements to the annual maintenance of roadside drains in all rural areas, and investigate ways improve the performance of private landowners in maintaining roadside drains**
- xi) **tono / recommend that AT investigate options for traffic management and road safety that are sustainable and cost effective eg rubber roundabouts and traffic calming infrastructure instead of traditional raised crossings**

Projects supporting growth

- xii) **tono / request that funding allocation enables a review of urban design standards for greenfield developments to reflect the availability of non-private vehicle transport options**
- xiii) **tono / request investment in the Hingaia-Linwood Road network to accommodate and anticipate growth from private development and Special Housing areas e.g. for replacing the Hingaia bridge and four-laning Linwood Road to accommodate growth and effective Public Transport to the south-west, and completing stage two of the four laning of Hingaia Rd**
- xiv) **tono / recommend prioritising funding to enable a review of the rural standards through the Regional Land Transport Plan as a growth and planning response**
- xv) **tono / recommend enabling a focus on South-East Auckland in terms of traffic and transport management in the context of Plan Change 88 – Beachlands South. The board notes that there are significant congestion, safety, placemaking and funding implications from this proposed development on Beachlands, Whitford and the wider south east Auckland roading network, as well as for public transport investment (ferry and bus) that must be anticipated by Auckland Transport in terms of funding and scheduling**
- xvi) **tautoko / support continued planning for projects led through the Supporting Growth Alliance in Pukekohe and Drury as outlined in the Franklin Local Board Plan 2023 (page 59)**

- xvii) **tautoko / support investment into developing time of use (congestion) charging, noting that an effective road network is critical to Auckland's economy and the well-being of car-dependent residents (those without transport choices) in the Franklin Local Board area**
- xviii) **tono / recommend as a matter of priority that Auckland Transport allocate sufficient funding to enable an upgrade of the Designs Standards Manual to incorporate appropriate standards from the rural and semi-rural environments e.g. greenfield developments and to enable sufficient resource to ensure design standards are implemented in a way that delivers fit for purpose development**

Funding

- xix) **tautoko / support the re-instatement of the Local Board Transport Capital Fund as proposed, noting that this is an important mechanism for addressing projects of local importance**
- xx) **tono / request that programme funding allocations be adjusted to reflect actual population growth across Auckland, noting that growth in Franklin is 12.5% higher than previously forecast, and 25% higher in Papakura than forecast. New population statistics should be considered, in particular in terms of footpaths budget, walking and cycling investment, and public transport services, and planning with Beachlands-Maraetai, Clevedon, Waiau Pa-Clarks Beach, Glenbrook Pukekohe (growth areas as identified in the Franklin Local Board Plan) as a focus**

Climate Change, Footpaths, Walking and Cycling

- xxi) **tautoko / support the inclusion of a \$186 million flood response budget**
- xxii) **tono / recommend allocation of Auckland Transport funding to the delivery of the Franklin Paths programme in the spirit of partnership and to extent the value of the Franklin targeted rate funded programme**
- xxiii) **tono / recommend that Auckland Transport provide sufficient funding and resource to enable the vulnerability of Auckland Transport assets to be assessed, starting with Auckland's vulnerable coastal roads and areas prone to flooding and slips, including Papakura-Clevedon Road, Clevedon roads, Maraetai Coast Road, Āwhitu, Hingaia road, Linwood Road and Hingaia Bridge**
- xxiv) **tono / recommend investment in projects and initiatives that enable walking and cycling in Franklin's town centres, villages and settlements so that those without transport choices are supported to travel without using private vehicles for local trips**
- xxv) **tautoko / support the inclusion of a footpaths budget of \$55m, and recommend that projects that address gaps in footpath networks are prioritised e.g. in growth areas such as Glenbrook Beach, Beachlands-Maraetai, Waiau Pa-Clark's Beach and Clevedon**

Public Transport

- xxvi) **tautoko / support the inclusion of \$506m for new rail stations and note that the scope of these projects should include maximum capacity for Park and Ride facilities at Paerātā, Drury and Ngākōroa stations, given these stations service the North Waikato and areas within Auckland that do not have public transport options**
- xxvii) **tautoko / support amendments to bus services to reflect the opening of a new train station at Paerātā**

- xxviii) tautoko / support the inclusion of the Clarks Beach to Papakura bus service, however recommend investigating routing bus services from both Waiuku and Clarks Beach into Paerātā Train Station as an alternative connection point noting the connection to Papakura Train Station is vulnerable to traffic bottlenecks on Hingaia Road
- xxix) tono / recommend inclusion of sufficient funding to enable bus services that connect into Pine Harbour-based ferry services
- xxx) tono / recommend inclusion of resource to plan for enhanced ferry services from Pine Harbour including options for a fit for purpose ferry terminal that can accommodate anticipated growth at Beachlands South (enabled by Plan Change 88) and that would offset pressure on the south-east roading network
- xxxi) tono / recommend inclusion of public transport services in the south-east connecting Clevedon and Beachlands to public transport networks (Pine Harbour Ferries, Botany’s eastern busway and Papakura Train Station) noting that this will enable these communities to connect to critical facilities, services and employment hubs including Middlemore Hospital and Auckland Airport
- xxxii)tono / recommend allocating resource to investigate unlocking the potential of the Manukau Harbour for passenger transport.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 1st July 2024 Franklin Local Board -responses to the Draft Auckland Regional Transport Plan 2024-2034

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

9.47am

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:.....