
Infrastructure and Transport Committee

Te Komiti Tuaapapa me ngaa Waka

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure and Transport Committee held in Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link , Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 20 July 2023 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr Maxine van Oosten
Heamana Tuarua

Members: Mayor Paula Southgate
Cr Moko Tauariki
Cr Mark Donovan
Cr Louise Hutt
Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf
Cr Andrew Bydder
Cr Geoff Taylor
Cr Sarah Thomson
Cr Emma Pike
Cr Anna Casey-Cox

In Attendance: Andrew Parsons - General Manager Infrastructure and Assets
Chris Allen – Executive Director, Development
Eeva-Liisa Wright – Executive Director, Infrastructure Operations
Michelle Hawthorne - Governance & Assurance Manager
Martin Parks – Public Transport & Urban mobility Manager
Gordon Naidoo – City Transport Unit Director, Infrastructure Operations
Kelly Stokes – Capital Projects Director
Tania Hermann – Unit Director, Resource Recovery & Sustainability
Lauradanna Radesic – Communication and Engagement Manager
Mathew Leach – Relationship and Engagement Lead

Governance Staff: Amy Viggers – Governance Lead
Nicholas Hawtin and Arnold Andrews – Governance Advisors

Cr Tauariki opened the meeting with a Karakia Tiimatanga.

1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O’Leary/Cr van Oosten)

That the apologies for absence from Cr Wilson and Cr Huaki are accepted.

Cr Hamilton’s Extended Leave of Absence was approved 6 July 2023.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O’Leary /Cr Casey-Cox)

That the agenda is confirmed noting that Item 8 (Climate Emergency Response Fund Transport Choice Package – Delivery Update) will be taken before Item 7 (2024-34 Hamilton City Council Waste Assessment).

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

Cr van Oosten and Naidoo-Rauf declared an interest in Item 8 (Climate Emergency Response Fund Transport Choice Package – Delivery Update). They noted they were not conflicted and would participate in the discussion and vote on the matter.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

Warren Gumbley – spoke to Item 8 (Climate Emergency Response Fund Transport Choice Package – Delivery Update) concerning Hayes Paddock being closed into a Cul-de-sac. Spoke against the Cul-de-sac noting the negative impacts on the area.

Graeme Eagar-Savage – spoke to Item 8 (Climate Emergency Response Fund Transport Choice Package – Delivery Update) concerning Plunket Terrace at Hayes paddock being closed into a Cul-de-sac. Noted their disapproval of the consultation process, the lack of sufficient options and the use of public funds.

David Williams – (Forest Lake Gardens Residents Committee) spoke to Item 9 (Infrastructure and Transport Activity Report) request for additional access for the Metlifecare Forest Lake Gardens village onto Minogue Drive. The need for greater accessibility and emergency access and for the Sway beside the facility to have greater maintenance.

Liam Carter – (Ride Your Trike NZ) spoke to Item 8 (Climate Emergency Response Fund Transport Choice Package – Delivery Update) spoke to the Heaphy Terrace upgrade and the need for greater separated cycleway the whole terrace to raise safety.

Gary Farrow – spoke to Item 8 (Climate Emergency Response Fund Transport Choice Package – Delivery Update) spoke for the need of upgrades to the Gallagher Drive & Kahikatea Drive cycling upgrades and the need for a raised berms for cycling safety.

Melissa Smith – (Bike Waikato) spoke to Item 8 (Climate Emergency Response Fund Transport Choice Package – Delivery Update) gave their support for all upgrades noted. Noted the continued need for transport mode choice and closing the gaps across the city.

Stephanie Chernishov – spoke to Item 8 (Climate Emergency Response Fund Transport Choice Package – Delivery Update) gave their support for all upgrades noted. Noted the dangers of biking within the city and the need for a continued drive for improving biking/walking infrastructure.

Karen Gunderson – Spoke to Item 8 (Climate Emergency Response Fund Transport Choice Package – Delivery Update) spoke against the double cycle lane being implemented into the Bader street shops. Noted the option for the cycle lane to be put on the opposite side of the road and remove the berms, highlighting that the opposite road would prevent a bus stop within the proposed cycle lane.

Nick Willemse – Spoke to Item 9 (Infrastructure and Transport Activity Report) and against the raised crossing and restriction of traffic flow which is increasing congestion and the Peach grove cycleway update.

Written submissions were received from Phil Evans and where circulated to elected members prior to the meeting. A copy is included as Appendix at the end of these minutes.

5. Confirmation of the Infrastructure and Transport Committee Open Minutes - 30 May 2023

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O'Leary/Cr Hutt)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Infrastructure and Transport Committee Meeting held on 30 May 2023 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

The Chair introduced her report highlighting parking enforcement, recent weather events and the response from staff. She responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the collaboration and response of Hamilton City Council and neighbouring District Councils during the recent weather events.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O'Leary/Cr Hutt)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee receives the report.

7. Climate Emergency Response Fund Transport Choices Package - Delivery Update

The Public Transport & Urban mobility Manager took the report as read. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning climate change advisory and the governments criteria for climate funds, local government climate change criteria, Hayes Paddock upgrade discussion, Hayes Paddock upgrade, engagement process, alternative options, drainage issues and impact on emissions. Killarney Road rail safety crossing, Heaphy Terrace questions, Horsham Downs Road information process and engagement options, in lane bus stop, in carpark bus stop and safety views,

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to report to Elected Members regarding the concerns raised by the public in relation to Hayes Paddock area and driver behaviour.*

Motion: (Cr Thomson/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee approves the macroscope of **Project 15** - Hayes Paddock upgrade: **Option 2** with a two-way exit from Plunkett Terrace onto Jellicoe Drive.

Amendment: (Cr Hutt/Cr van Oosten)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee approves the macroscope of **Project 15** - Hayes Paddock upgrade **Option 1**.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment: Councillors Casey-Cox, Hutt and van Oosten.

Those against the Amendment: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors Bydder, Pike, Naidoo-Rauf, Taylor, Thomson, Donovan and Tauariki.

The Amendment was declared LOST.

The Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Deputy Mayor O’Leary)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee approves the macroscope of **Project 15** - Hayes Paddock upgrade: **Option 2** with a two-way exit from Plunkett Terrace onto Jellicoe Drive.

Those for the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O’Leary,
Councillors Casey-Cox, Pike, Hutt,
Thomson, van Oosten and

Those against the Motion: Councillors Bydder, Naidoo-Rauf,
Donovan, Taylor and Tauariki

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O’Leary/Cr Hutt)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the macroscope of the following projects outlined in this report;
 - (i) **Project 3** - Gallagher Drive & Kahikatea Drive cycling upgrades;
 - (ii) **Project 4** - Heaphy Terrace cycling upgrades (between Boundary Road and Brooklyn Road);
 - (iii) **Project 9** - Killarney Road rail level crossing upgrade, subject to KiwiRail approval;
 - (vi) **Project 28** - Claudelands rail level crossing upgrades, subject to KiwiRail approval; and
- c) notes and approves inclusion of **Project 29** in the Climate Emergency Response Fund Transport Choices Programme to the value of \$120,000 for bike parking in schools to be 100% funded by Waka Kotahi;
- d) notes and approves the revised overall funding total for the Climate Emergency Response Fund Transport Choices Programme as \$37.12M; and
- e) notes some reallocation of overall programme funding between projects will be required to address forecast overs and unders and that staff will work with Waka Kotahi to reallocate funding where necessary but keep within the overall CERF budget allocation.

Resolved: (Cr Hutt/Cr Thomson)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee approves the macroscope of **Project 21** - Horsham Downs Road public transport improvement.

Those for the Motion: Councillors Casey-Cox, O’Leary, Hutt,
Thomson, van Oosten and Tauariki

Those against the Motion: Councillors Bydder, Pike, Naidoo-Rauf,
Southgate, Taylor and Donovan

The Motion was declared equal.

The Chair exercised her casting vote and the Motion was declared CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned 11.50am to 12.35pm during the discussion of the above item.

8. 2024-34 Hamilton City Council Waste Assessment

Unit Director, Resource Recovery & Sustainability took the report as read. No questions were taken from the elected members.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O’Leary/Mayor Southgate)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) delegates authority to Deputy Mayor O’Leary as Chair of Infrastructure and Transport to approve the final Hamilton Waste Assessment to be submitted to the Medical Officer of Health as required under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008;
- c) notes that staff will provide an update on any feedback received from the Medical Officer of Health to the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Working Group and circulate the final waste assessment via an Executive Update to Elected Members; and
- d) notes that a statement of proposal and consultation plan for the draft 2024-30 Waste Management and Minimisation Plan will be provided at a future Infrastructure and Transport Committee meeting.

9. Infrastructure and Transport Activity Report

Executive Director, Infrastructure Operations took the report as read. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the bus level of service improvements, Swale maintenance, raised safety platforms and safety audits, engagement with Peach grove shops, car share improvements, Metlifecare accessibility options and costs.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O’Leary/Cr Taylor)

That the Infrastructure and Transport Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the final submission to Parliament’s Justice Committee on the *Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill*;
- c) approves the final submission to the Ministry of Transport the *Proposed Amendments to the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Exhaust Emissions 2007*;
- d) approves the final submission to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on the *Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices (Bilingual Signs) Amendment 2023 - Draft for Consultation*;
- e) notes the Committee’s support for the Metlifecare Forest Lake Gardens village onto Minogue Drive to move *existing pedestrian gate and form footpath over existing grass berm to connect to existing footpath on Minogue Drive*;
- f) delegates authority to the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee to consider and approve the “key decision-making principles” to inform the Three waters Connections Policy Review included within the following:
 - i. Connections approval process;
 - ii. Wastewater and water supply technical capacity criteria;
 - iii. Draft Three-Waters Connections Policy (for public consultation); and
- g) notes that following approval of f) above that the Infrastructure and Transport Committee will continue the review the process of the Three Waters Connections Policy as per delegation.

The meeting was adjourned 2:15pm to 2:23pm during the discussion of the above item.

10. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Casey-Cox)

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

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.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Confirmation of the Infrastructure and Transport Committee Public Excluded Minutes - 30 May 2023) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Partial Land Sale		

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:

Item C1.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C2.	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)

The meeting was moved into public excluded session at 2:25pm

The meeting was declared closed at 2:27pm

Appendix 1



Plunket Tce/Jellicoe Dr intersection layout

Up to 2013

We had real safety issues then

Plunket Tce/Jellicoe Dr intersection layout

2013 - now

Traffic island with pedestrian crossing



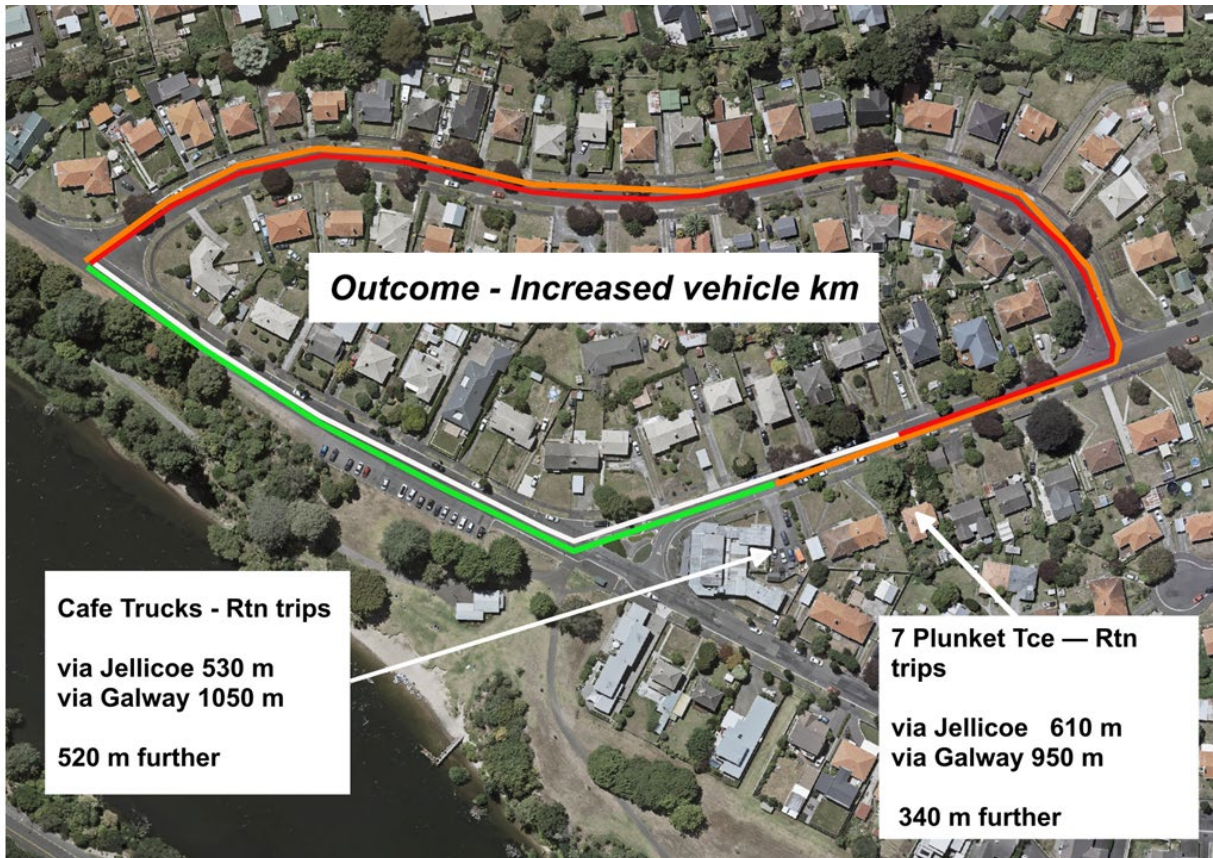
Addressed safety issues

- Calmed speed significantly
- Stopped boy-racers
- Fixed a confusing intersection
- Remedied pedestrian crossing problems

Av. speeds now

- Plunket Tce 35 km/h
- Jellicoe 40 km/h

Raised crossing over Jellicoe Tce?



From HCC letter to residents 13 July 2023

- The main reasons for supporting the cul-de-sac option were:
- it enables a larger (and therefore, better) community space
 - it will be a safer environment for everyone with lower traffic volumes and reduced vehicle speeds
 - the space will be more friendly towards pedestrians and people on bikes
 - it will create a quieter neighbourhood for people to live in
 - it will make the community space safer with drivers not moving around or through the space
 - Plunket Terrace does not need to be a through road with other accesses available
 - it will create a nicer and more attractive area
 - it will be less confusing for drivers with a simpler road layout.

We have a traffic island – it works well and has remedied the dangers in 2013.

Closing Plunket Terrace will not make it safer for pedestrian and cyclists – they use the river track not Plunket Tce.

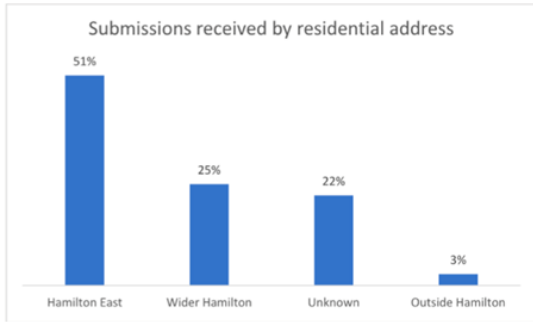
It will make residents, visitors and delivery vehicles drive further.

It will increase traffic flows on Galway Ave.

It will increase parking issues on Jellicoe, especially in summer.

The current layout is not confusing for drivers, cyclists or pedestrians.

Is this a beautification project?

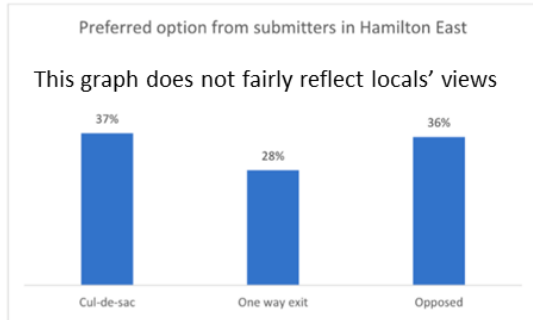


Consultation

Stacked and manipulated to achieve Option1

This was a theatre of consultation.

None of the criticism offered by residents in submissions or at the focus groups is represented in the report to the committee.



The two options directed people to least bad (including me), and significantly skewed responses

Design was a major component of the focus groups indicating predetermination.

Results were not filtered to represent residents views But unfairly weighted to favour non-residents who will not have to live with this.

Public Forum Submission - Infrastructure & Transport Committee Meeting - 20th July 2023

Good morning everyone.

This submission speaks to **Item 8, the CERF Projects Update**.

Firstly I will continue to fully support every one of the 29 projects, and great to see Waka Kotahi adding another \$120,000 for bike parking facilities in schools.

So many great projects front and centre, and all planned for completion by June next year is fantastic. I've provided feedback for some of the projects when that has been requested through social media. Some of the small alteration suggestions I made have been incorporated into the plans, so it is good to see that providing feedback can have a positive effect.

While all these new projects are great, I will continue my call for direct and hard hitting driver education around bike lanes and people on bikes. You talk about bringing everyone along on the journey, but there is almost nothing coming from Council, Waka Kotahi or the Police directed at drivers, and how they should be driving around us, and how they should be using our roads.

I want to ask that staff are given more specific direction regarding the information that is made available to the public on the CERF and all other transport projects' changes that are taking place across the city. Raised safety platforms, in lane bus stop and bike lanes etc.

Easy to read and understand statements and descriptions that can help counter the often hostile driver comments on social media, the dangerous driving out on our roads, as well as countering the conspiracy theory nonsense that is increasingly permeating online discussions about these issues. And please don't always use the climate change angle to promote these changes. Most people don't care. Reducing congestion must be given equal weight. Getting people to change to different modes of transport is a must have requirement, with the three major growth areas over the next 20-30 years. Peacocks, Rotokauri and north of Enderly will see upwards of 60,000 vehicles over that time, and the result will be total gridlock unless active measures are made to make buses fully reliable, and with a fully connected and safe cycleway network.

I really hope those in leadership positions can fully understand that, and not contribute to the misinformation that is spreading fast.

Riding a bike needs to be as safe as it possibly can be. That involves educating and informing drivers about why these are vital in the coming years.

I will be pushing for additional funding for driver education in the LTP, but if Council is serious about bringing the public along on the journey, they need to actually be doing that regularly. The messaging needs to be ramped up significantly now. All those safety improvement projects are vital, and so is driver education.

Please do something about this.

Phil Evans
Bike ACTION Hamilton
Advocating for Safer Cycling in Hamilton