

# Regional Council

## Open Minutes

- Commencing:** Tuesday 27 June 2023, 3.05 pm
- Venue:** Council Chambers, Regional House, 1 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga and via Zoom
- Chairperson:** Chairman Doug Leeder
- Deputy Chairperson:** Deputy Chairperson Jane Nees
- Members:** Cr Malcolm Campbell  
Cr Stuart Crosby  
Cr Matemoana McDonald  
Cr Kat Macmillan  
Cr Ron Scott  
Cr Ken Shirley  
Cr Paula Thompson  
Cr Lyall Thurston  
Cr Andrew von Dadelszen  
Cr Te Taru White
- In Attendance:** Fiona McTavish – Chief Executive, Namouta Poutasi – General Manager Strategy & Science, Mike Seabourne – Director Public Transport, Tone Nerdrum Smith – Committee Advisor
- Apologies:** Cr Toi Kai Rākau Iti and Cr Kevin Winters

### Opening Statement by Chairman

Chairman Leeder noted that the procedural matters had been covered by Tauranga City Council Commission Chair Anne Tolley, who noted that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded: [27 June 2023 Joint Council Zoom Meeting - YouTube](#) (ref 1:05.20 – 1:15.25).

### 1. Apologies

#### Resolved

#### That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Accepts the apologies from Cr Iti and Cr Winters for absence tendered at the meeting.**

**Leeder/Nees  
CARRIED**

## 2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

## 3. Reports

### 3.1 Tauriko SH29 Network Connections Detailed Business Case

Fiona McTavish – Chief Executive and Mike Seabourne – Director Public Transport presented this item.

*Minute Note: Prior to this meeting, a presentation was provided by Waka Kotahi on the Tauriko SH29 Network Connections Detailed Business Case.*

#### **Key Points:**

- Highlighted key aspects of the business case
- Noted that the business case represented an increased level of service for public transport
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) staff supported that the business case be submitted to the Waka Kotahi Board for approval, and further supported Tauranga City Council's position that there was a need for the project to be delivered in a single stage within the next decade
- Recognised the close co-operation between Waka Kotahi and Council staff in prioritising public transport services within the business case to increase their accessibility, reliability and attractiveness to the region
- The proposal was projected to have a positive impact on freight movements across the region
- The proposal had a great potential for mode shift, in particular due to its connectivity to the Kāinga Ora developments in the area.

#### **Key Points - Members:**

- Noted that the business case assumed delivery of the public transport reference case hybrid network, and that this would rely on modification of the Western Bay of Plenty Public Transport Services and Infrastructure Business Case. These pieces of work would require resourcing and commitment with the 2024-34 Long Term Plan
- Recognised the strength of the business case, but would like to see it being more aspirational, incorporating additional funding streams and innovative thinking to make significant changes and improvement to the delivery of transport in the future
- For clarification, it was noted that Cr McDonald was present and voting as a Regional Councillor, rather than the Chair of the SmartGrowth Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum, as that meeting was yet to be held
- Recognised the significant transport challenges facing Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty.

### **Resolved**

#### **That the Regional Council:**

- 1 Receives the report SH29 Network Connections Detailed Business Case;**
- 2 Endorses in principle the Tauriko SH29 Network Connections business case;**

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- 3 Recommends that Council's SmartGrowth Members support the recommendations in the SmartGrowth report (attached as Appendix 1 to the Council agenda).**

**Thompson/von Dadelszen  
CARRIED**

**3.15 pm - the meeting closed.**

**CONFIRMED**

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Chairman Doug Leeder  
Chairperson, Regional Council