

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING NO. CL23-10  
HELD IN THE BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1 ELIZABETH STREET,  
TAURANGA ON TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 2023 AT ON CONCLUSION OF THE BAY OF PLENTY  
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING STARTING 3.16PM**

## **1 PRESENT**

Mayor J Denyer (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour, Cr R Crawford, Cr G Dally, Cr M Grainger, Cr A Henry, Cr M Murray-Benge, Cr D Thwaites and Cr A Wichers.

## **2 IN ATTENDANCE**

J Holyoake (Chief Executive Officer), G Allis (Deputy CEO/General Manager Infrastructure), G Golding (Governance Manager) and C Irvin (Senior Governance Advisor).

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

#### Tauranga City Council

A Tolley (Commissioner)

Elected Members

Staff

#### Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Elected Members

Staff

Members of SmartGrowth

## **3 APOLOGIES**

### **APOLOGY**

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#### **RESOLUTION CL23-10.20**

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr R Crawford

That the apology for absence from Councillor Coxhead, Councillor Joyce and Councillor Sole be accepted.

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**CARRIED**

#### 4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

#### 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

#### 6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

#### 7 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

#### 8 REPORTS

##### 8.1 WAKA KOTAHI (NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY) TAURIKO STATE HIGHWAY 29 NETWORK CONNECTIONS

The Committee considered a report dated 27 June 2023 from the Deputy CEO/General Manager Infrastructure who took the report as read and provided the following information:

- Resolution 2.2 of the report was slightly different for Western Bay of Plenty District Council because Ōmokoroa had been designated a growth area under SmartGrowth in the early 2000's. Since that time, Council had been working to achieve that housing growth. Takitumu North, Stages 1 and 2, supported that growth.
- The funding commitment for Takitumu North was previously committed by the New Zealand Transport Association, and the project was to have been finished by 2015.
- At the moment, Stage 1 was underway, however Council and Ōmokoroa still needed Stage 2, which supported housing growth in Ōmokoroa now, which also supported improved commuting and public transport (once in place) to and from Tauranga.

The Chairperson advised the recommendations would be taken in two parts as follows:

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#### RESOLUTION CL23-10.21

##### PART 1

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Mayor J Denyer

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1. That the Deputy Chief Executive & General Manager Infrastructure Group report dated 27 June 2023 titled 'Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) Tauriko State Highway 29 Network Connections' be received.
2. That Council:
  - i. Agrees that a delegation of Mayor, Chairs and a Tangata Whenua representative meet with Ministers to discuss priority projects for the sub-region:
    - Takitimu North Link - Stage 2;
    - Tauriko Network Connections; and
    - Connecting Mount Maunganui (Hewletts, Hull, Totara).
  - ii. Endorses the Tauriko Network Connections Business case being submitted to Waka Kotahi for its approval, noting that the Takitimu North Link – Stage 2 is of equal priority for the sub-region, and noting the urgency of the Ōmokoroa /SH2 interchange in particular.

**CARRIED**

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## RESOLUTION CL23-10.22

### PART 2

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Mayor J Denyer

That Council:

- iii. Support Tauranga City Council's position that there is a strong preference and need for the State Highway 29 project to be delivered in a single stage within a decade (by 2034) as opposed to the proposed staged delivery over many years potentially extending until 2050 given the significance of the corridor locally and nationally.
- iv. Recommends to Waka Kotahi that the next stage of the Business case delivery, including Detailed Design development, identify solutions to improve the performance of identified future 'pinch points' at Cameron Road / Barkes corner and Takitimu Drive/SH29/SH29a/SH36 to ensure satisfactory Levels of Service and futureproofing.
- v. Recommends to Waka Kotahi that a 4-lane bridge over the Omanawa stream is constructed in Stage 2, rather than the proposed 2-lane replacement bridge, to integrate with 4-lane sections of state highway to be constructed either side of the bridge and to support the function of this inter-regional freight route.

**CARRIED**

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**9 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT**

Nil

**10 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 3:38pm.**

**Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Council meeting held 20 July 2023.**



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Mayor J Denyer  
**CHAIRPERSON / MAYOR**