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For our District

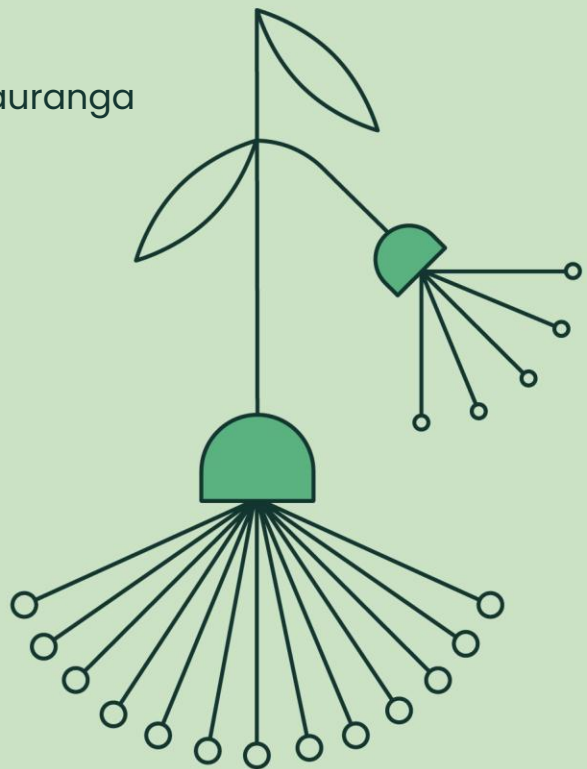
Strategy and Policy Committee

Kōmiti Rautaki me Kaupapa Here

SPC25-4

Thursday, 8 May 2025, 9.30am

Council Chambers, 1484 Cameron Road, Tauranga



Strategy and Policy Committee

Membership:

Chairperson	Mayor James Denyer
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Murray Grainger
Members	Cr Tracey Coxhead Cr Grant Dally Cr Anne Henry Cr Rodney Joyce Cr Margaret Murray-Benge Cr Laura Rae Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour Cr Allan Sole Cr Don Thwaites Cr Andy Wichers
Quorum	Six (6)
Frequency	Six weekly

Role:

- To develop and review strategies, policies, plans and bylaws to advance the strategic direction of Council and its communities.
- To ensure an integrated approach to land development (including land for housing), land use and transportation to enable, support and shape sustainable, vibrant and safe communities.
- To ensure there is sufficient and appropriate housing supply and choice in existing and new urban areas to meet current and future needs.

Scope:

- Development and review of bylaws in accordance with legislation including determination of the nature and extent of community engagement approaches to be deployed.
- Development, review and approval of strategies and plans in accordance with legislation including

- determination of the nature and extent of community engagement approaches to be deployed.
- Subject to compliance with legislation and the Long Term Plan, to resolve all matters of strategic policy outside of the Long Term Plan process which does not require, under the Local Government Act 2002, a resolution of Council.
- Development of District Plan changes up to the point of public notification under the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Endorsement of the Future Development Strategy and sub-regional or regional spatial plans.
- Consider and approve changes to service delivery arrangements arising from service delivery reviews required under the Local Government Act 2002 (provided that where a service delivery proposal requires an amendment to the Long Term Plan, it shall thereafter be progressed by the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan Committee).
- Where un-budgeted financial implications arise from the development or review of policies, bylaws or plans, recommend to Council any changes or variations necessary to give effect to such policies, bylaws or plans.
- Listen to and receive the presentation of views by people and engage in spoken interaction in relation to any matters Council undertakes to consult on whether under the Local Government Act 2002 or any other Act.
- Oversee the development of strategies relating to sub-regional parks and sub-regional community facilities for the enhancement of community wellbeing of the Western Bay of Plenty District communities, for recommendation to Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council.
- Approve Council submissions to central government, councils and other organisations, including submissions on proposed legislation, plan changes or policy statements.
- Receive and make decisions and recommendations to Council and its Committees, as appropriate, on reports, recommendations and minutes of the following:
 - SmartGrowth Leadership Group
 - Regional Transport Committee
 - Any other Joint Committee, Forum or Working Group, as directed by Council.
- Receive and make decisions on, as appropriate, any matters of a policy or planning nature from the following:
 - Waihi Beach, Katikati, Ōmokoroa, Te Puke and Maketu Community Boards.
 - Community Committee.

Power to Act:

- To make all decisions necessary to fulfil the role and scope of the Committee subject to the limitations imposed.

Power to Recommend:

- To Council and/or any Committee as it deems appropriate.

Power to sub-delegate:

- The Committee may delegate any of its functions, duties or powers to a subcommittee, working group or other subordinate decision-making body subject to the restrictions within its delegations and provided that any such sub-delegation includes a statement of purpose and specification of task.
- Should there be insufficient time for Strategy and Policy Committee to consider approval for a final submission to an external body, the Chair has delegated authority to sign the submission on behalf of Council, provided that the final submission is reported to the next scheduled meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee.

Notice is hereby given that a Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, 1484 Cameron Road, Tauranga on: Thursday, 8 May 2025 at 9.30am

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1 KARAKIA

Whakatau mai te wairua	Settle the spirit
Whakawātea mai te hinengaro	Clear the mind
Whakarite mai te tinana	Prepare the body
Kia ea ai ngā mahi	To achieve what needs to be achieved.
Āe	Yes

2 PRESENT**3 IN ATTENDANCE****4 APOLOGIES****5 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS****6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest that they may have.

7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS**8 PUBLIC FORUM**

A period of up to 30 minutes is set aside for a public forum. Members of the public may attend to address the Board for up to five minutes on items that fall within the delegations of the Board provided the matters are not subject to legal proceedings, or to a process providing for the hearing of submissions. Speakers may be questioned through the Chairperson by members, but questions must be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker. The Chairperson has discretion in regard to time extensions.

Such presentations do not form part of the formal business of the meeting, a brief record will be kept of matters raised during any public forum section of the meeting with matters for action to be referred through the customer relationship management system as a service request, while those requiring further investigation will be referred to the Chief Executive.

9 PRESENTATIONS

10 REPORTS

10.1 SUBMISSION ON THE REGIONAL SPEED LIMIT REVIEW – TE MOANA A TOI-TE-HUATAHI – SH2 KATIKATI TO TE PUNA

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For the information of the Strategy and Policy Committee, this report presents the submission made by Western Bay of Plenty District Council on the following matter:

- (a) Regional Speed Limit Review – Te Moana a Toi-te-Huatai – SH2 Katikati to Te Puna

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Senior Policy Analyst's report dated 8 May 2025 titled 'Submission on the Regional Speed Limit Review – Te Moana a Toi-te-Huatahi – SH2 Katikati to Te Puna' be received.
2. That the following submission, shown as **Attachment 1** to this report, be received by the Strategy and Policy Committee and the information noted.
 - a. Submission on the Regional Speed Limit for SH2 Katikati to Te Puna dated 13 March 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Submission on Speed Limit Review for SH2 Katikati to Te Puna** 
2. **Strategy and Policy Committee – Workshop Notes – 12 March 2025** 



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13 March 2025

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Tēnā koe Sir / Madam,

Western Bay of Plenty District Council submission on the Regional Speed Limit Review - Te Moana a Toi-te-Huatahi - SH2 Katikati to Te Puna

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Speed Limit Review in Te Moana a Toi-te-Huatahi / Bay of Plenty region. Our submission relates to State Highway 2 (SH2), Katikati to Te Puna. We do not wish to speak to our submission.

We **oppose** retaining the current speed limit of 80km/h through the SH2 corridor between Katikati and Te Puna and endorse the return of a speed limit of 100km/h in this location.

Why do we think this?

SH2 is a primary route to access the Waikato, Auckland and wider New Zealand for much of our district. It is also a key entry point to the Bay of Plenty for freight, particularly to the Port of Tauranga, and for visitors, as well as an important commuter route into Tauranga for many of our residents.

An efficient route is a necessity for economic and social wellbeing and should be a matter of national importance.

Te Kaunihera a rohe mai i ngā Kuri-a-Whārei ki Ōtamarākau ki te Uru

A 100km/h limit for SH2 aligns with the 100km/h speed limit on most of our rural roads across the Katikati to Te Puna corridor. We had intended for our local roads to be reduced down to 80km/h, which would have aligned with the current SH2 limit, but this was denied. Consequently, it is illogical for the speed limit on local roads to remain greater than that of the State Highway on to which they feed.

An increase in the speed limit to 100km/h acknowledges the safety improvements made in recent years, including widening the road, and safer junctions. Western Bay of Plenty District Council will continue to advocate for safety improvements where appropriate.

Western Bay of Plenty District Council submitted against the reduction to 80km/h in 2019 prior to the lower speed limit being introduced. This submission is broadly consistent with our earlier position.

Council also feels that State Highways should have a consistent speed limit of 100km/h (i.e. the open road speed limit), unless there are good reasons to deviate from this. Noting this, SH2 north of Katikati has a limit of 100km/h, as does SH29 to the west and SH2 east of the Tauranga Eastern Link.

I would like to express that safety remains an important concern for our Council and we are open to working with NZTA on any proposals to improve safety on this section of SH2 in the future.

Yours faithfully,



James Denyer

Mayor

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

DATE:	12 February 2025 at 10.50am
HELD:	Council Chambers
TOPICS:	NZTA/ Waka Kotahi Regional Speed Limit Review – Submission
GENERAL MANAGER RESPONSIBLE:	R Davie Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community
FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mayor J Denyer, Cr G Dally, Cr T Coxhead, Cr M Grainger, Cr A Henry, Cr R Joyce, Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour, Cr D Thwaites, Cr M Murray-Benge, Cr L Rae and Cr A Wichers.
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:	R Davie (Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community), C Crow (General Manager Infrastructure Services), E Watton (Director Strategic Policy and Planning Programme Direction), R Gallagher (Policy and Planning Manager), J Patterson (Transportation Strategic Advisor), D Leslie (Senior Policy Analyst), R Garrett (Governance Manager), H Wi Repa (Governance Systems Advisor) R Leahy (Senior Governance Advisor)

NZTA/ Waka Kotahi Regional Speed Limit Review – Submission

The Senior Policy Analyst supported by the Transportation Strategic Advisor and Policy and Planning Manager facilitated a discussion regarding the NZTA/Waka Kotahi Regional Speed Limit Review.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the workshop was to ascertain direction on NZTA/Waka Kotahi Regional Speed Limit Review for State Highway 2 between Katikati and Te Puna.

SUMMARYSpeed Limit Review for State Highway 2 Katikati – Te Puna

The Committee discussed their position on the NZTA speed limit review for the State Highway 2 corridor between Te Puna and Katikati, currently set at 80 km/h. The majority of Councillors supported returning the speed limit to 100 km/h, citing several reasons including alignment with local road speeds, recent safety improvements, its status as a key commuter and freight route and that Council never agreed to reducing the speed limit to 80 km/h in the first place. The Committee preferred to submit in opposition to maintaining the 80 km/h limit. It was acknowledged that Cr Thwaites would make a personal submission on this matter that differed to Council's position.

DIRECTION

The Committee preferred to make a submission to the NZTA Speed Limit Review that opposed retaining the speed limit on SH2 between Katikati and 80km/h.

RESPONSIBLE

Senior Policy Analyst