

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

OF

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Time: 2:00 pm
Date: Thursday, 16 April 2020
Venue: Virtual meeting

PRESENT

Mayor Foster (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Calvert (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Condie (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Day (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Fitzsimons (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Foon (via audiovisual link)
Deputy Mayor Free (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Matthews (via audiovisual link)
Councillor O'Neill (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Pannett (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Paul (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Rush (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Sparrow (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Woolf (via audiovisual link)
Councillor Young (via audiovisual link)

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The chairperson opened the meeting at 2:01 pm with the following karakia:

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,	Cease oh winds of the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.	and of the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta,	Let the bracing breezes flow,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.	over the land and the sea.
E hī ake ana te atākura.	Let the red-tipped dawn come
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.	with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
Tihei Mauri Ora!	a promise of a glorious day

1.2 Apologies

No apologies were received.

1.3 Announcements by the Mayor

The Mayor acknowledged the residents who were affected by the incredibly powerful waves that hit Wellington's South Coast the day before, and thanked Wellington City Council staff, NZ Police, Fire Services and other emergency services who did a great job clearing up the area, keeping people safe and their bubbles respected.

1.4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Condie

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 9 April 2020, having been circulated, and that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

None

Majority Vote: 15:0

Carried

1.6 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

1.7 Public Participation

1.7.1 Peter Barlow

Peter Barlow spoke about bicycle infrastructure in Wellington.

Tabled documents at public participation

Attachments

- 1 Bicycle Count 2019 MASTER summary
- 2 Bicycle Count 2019 MASTER summary 2018-19
- 3 Bicycle Count 2019 MASTER summary 2019-20
- 4 Innovating Streets for People Pilot Funds
- 5 Innovating-Streets-pilot-projects-fund-leaflet
- 6 Scoop Councils can apply now

Suspension of standing orders

Note: In accordance with standing order 2.5 a motion to suspend standing orders requires a 75% majority in order to be carried.

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Day

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Temporarily suspends the following standing order/s:
 - a) Standing order 16.5 (Members to speak in place and address the chairperson), to allow members to remain seated when speaking at a Council meeting.
 - b) Standing order 27.7 (Division), to allow divisions be recorded by a show of hands rather than taking down names by the Chief Executive.

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Against:

None

Majority Vote: 15:0

Carried

2. General Business

2.1 Sewerage Repairs - Mt Albert Tunnel

Moved Councillor Rush, seconded Councillor Foon

Amended Officers' Recommendation/s

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the uncertain environment in which Wellington Water Limited (WWL) is operating.
3. Note the risks that WWL has identified associated with the repairs.
4. Note the WWL revised estimate ranges of \$4m-\$5m repair cost and \$8.7m-\$11.1m trucking cost, assuming repairs are effected by mid to late May 2020.
5. Note that each week beyond mid-late May WWL will incur an estimated trucking cost of around \$650k.
6. Agree to fund WWL for repair and transport costs based on WWL's estimates above.
7. Agree to fund this unexpected but unavoidable cost through debt, in order to spread the cost across ten years.
8. Note that WWL has commissioned a wastewater sludge minimisation project for Wellington City, aimed at fundamentally changing the management of sludge and possible utilisation as a resource, and intends to brief Council when work is complete in September 2020.
9. Note that transporting of sludge by truck is a high carbon-emitting activity.
10. Note that the wastewater sludge minimisation project includes alignment with the Council's Te Atakura/First to Zero Strategy.

Secretarial note: With the leave of the meeting, clauses 8, 9 and 10 were added to the original motion.

Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor Condie, the following amendment

Resolved

That the Council:

14. Note Mana Whenua's connection with te mana o te wai, and that Wellington Water Limited and Council officers will provide Mana Whenua with information and the opportunity to have input prior to decisions being made.
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Against:

None

Majority Vote: 15:0

Carried

Moved Councillor Fitzsimons, seconded Councillor Matthews, the following amendment

Resolved

That the Council:

11. Note that if option 2 is required, then subject to final confirmation of application details, Council officers will provide a permit for a period not exceeding six months to enable the repair of the sewer infrastructure in accordance with the Wellington Town Belt Act.
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Against:

None

Majority Vote: 15:0

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Moved Councillor Rush, seconded Councillor Foon, the following substantive motion

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Against:

None

Majority Vote: 15:0

Carried

3. Public Excluded

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Rush

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

General subject of the 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
3.1 Appointment of external member to Finance, Audit and Risk Subcommittee	7(2)(a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	s48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

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Against:

None

Majority Vote: 15:0

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 2:40 pm.

The meeting returned from public excluded session and concluded at 2:45 pm with the reading of the following karakia:

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	Draw on, draw on
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua	Draw on the supreme sacredness To clear, to free the heart, the body and the spirit of mankind
I te ara takatū	
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Kia wātea, kia wātea	Let this all be done in unity
Āe rā, kua wātea!	

Authenticated: _____

Chair

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MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Bicycle Count 2019 MASTER summary V5

Counter	Source Wellington City Council												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Adelaide Rd							9,287	10,149	9,556	9,212	9,989	7,735	55,928
Airport Tunn	10053	12261	11895	8174	11535	8956	8163	9478	9414	8721	10566	8684	117900
Aro Street	4870	4863	5219	4109	5368	4205	4354	4433	4585	4676	4973	4304	55959
Basin Reserve		8887	7291	3013	9874	8363	8559	8579	8803	9429	10047	6836	89681
Brooklyn Road		3872	4208	3202	3922	3272	3627	3768	3856	3982	4202	3390	41301
Burma Rd			7083	5262				6978	7033	7140	8335	5725	47556
Cobham Drive							10365	11192	11206	11366	10746	7762	62637
Crawford Rd					7696	6060	5801	6179	6510	6668	7378	5607	51899
Evans Bay	8854	8698	9195	5468	6767	5838							44820
Glenmore Street		9012	9235	6646	8832	7277	7298	7043	6989	7296	8055	5608	83291
Hutt Road	18812	21047	21199	14705	19972	15510	16488	17400	18597	18478	20155	14748	217111
Karori Tunne	9987	11211	6245	5080	12106	10726	11619	12139	12093	12191	13077	9432	125906
Mt Vic Tunnel		13119	14161	10469	13829	11003	11608	11856	11553	12035	12864	9664	132161
Oriental Parz	33802	32825	30920	23030	35325	30018	29833	31006	28631	28453	32564	28914	365321
Salamanca Rd				4702		4845	5137	5379	5349	5119	5777	4126	40434
Seatoun Tun	3986	4374	4444	1408	2084	1739		3156	2601	3208	3385	2618	33003
Tasman St				15,436	20,862	15,774	16,751	17,567	17,679	14,984	19,658	14,773	153,484
Ara Tawa	8477	3081	7647		5860	3182	1589	4872	5561	6274	6617	6637	59797
Thorndon Q	24,242	28,131	28,797	20,566	27,706	20,998	22,373	23,231	24,129	24,390	13,209	9,151	266,923
Willis St		3131			3033	3315	3685						13164
Willowbank Road		5043	4683	3670	4694	3750	3723	4124	4268	4491	5054	3860	47360
Total	123083	169555	172222	134940	199465	164831	180260	198529	198413	198113	206651	159574	2105636

Counter	2018												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Airport tunnel					8819	6855	6918	8146	7966	9316	9548	8030	65598
Aro Street					4544	3655	3742	3978	3940	4674	4396	4317	33246
Evans Bay					4859	4022	4368	5072	4926	6539	6410	6909	43105
Hutt Road					15481	11457	12875	14232	14318	18068	17642	13856	117929
Karori tunnel					9671	7686	8005	8487	7918	10173	10431	8280	70651
Oriental Parade									13947	22766	23159		59872
Ara Tawa									1989	5213	5326	6727	19255
Thorndon Quay					23157	17682	19870	22274	20244	25119	24312	19325	171983
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Counter	2019												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Adelaide Rd							9287	10149	9556	9212	9989	7735	55928
Airport Tunnel	10053	12261	11895	8174	11535	8956	8163	9478	9414	8721	10566	8684	117900
Aro Street	4870	4863	5219	4109	5368	4205	4354	4433	4585	4676	4973	4304	55959
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Brooklyn Road		3872	4208	3202	3922	3272	3627	3768	3856	3982	4202	3390	41301
Burma Rd			7083	5262				6978	7033	7140	8335	5725	47556
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Tasman St				15436	20862	15774	16751	17567	17679	14984	19658	14773	153484
Ara Tawa	8477	3081	7647		5860	3182	1589	4872	5561	6274	6617	6637	59797
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Airport tunnel					30.80%	30.65%	18.00%	16.35%	18.18%	-6.39%	10.66%	8.14%	15.12%
Aro Street					18.13%	15.05%	16.35%	11.44%	16.37%	0.04%	13.13%	-0.30%	10.98%
Evans Bay					39.27%	45.15%							41.93%
Hutt Road					29.01%	20.47%	28.06%	22.26%	29.89%	2.27%	14.24%	6.44%	20.30%
Karori tunnel					25.18%	39.55%	45.15%	43.03%	52.73%	19.84%	25.37%	13.91%	32.18%
Oriental Parade									51.27%	-10.74%	6.17%		10.25%
Ara Tawa									1.86%	20.35%	24.24%	-1.34%	11.94%
Thorndon Quay					19.64%	18.75%	12.60%	4.30%	19.19%	-1.07%	10.18%	-4.53%	10.18%
Total					25.44%	29.97%	22.54%	16.74%	30.74%	-2.81%	12.97%	4.25%	

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	Percentage change	#DIV/0!

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Adelaide Rd	8770												8770
Airport Tunnel	9804												9804
Aro Street	4814												4814
Basin Reserve	8074												8074
Brooklyn Road	4070												4070
Burma Rd	6924												6924
Cobham Drive	11661												11661
Crawford Rd	6634												6634
Evans Bay													0
Glenmore Street	6074												6074
Hutt Road	5045												5045
Karori Tunnel	11385												11385
Mt Vic Tunnel	10783												10783
Oriental Parade	37087												37087
Salamanca Rd	4857												4857
Seatoun Tunnel	3102												3102
Tasman St	17795												17795
Ara Tawa	8483												8483
Thorndon Quay													0
Willis St													0
Willowbank Road	4820												4820
Total													

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Aro Street	-1.15%												
Evans Bay													
Hutt Road	8.44%												
Karori tunnel	14.00%												
Oriental Parade	-12.74%												
Ara Tawa	0.07%												
Seatoun Tunnel	-22.18%												
Thorndon Quay													
Total	-2.78%												

Innovating Streets for People Pilot Funds

Launched by NZTA in September 2019

90 % funding by Government

Up to \$1m on one project In total \$7m nationally.

Deadline for Application

Round one Closes on : **8th May 2020**

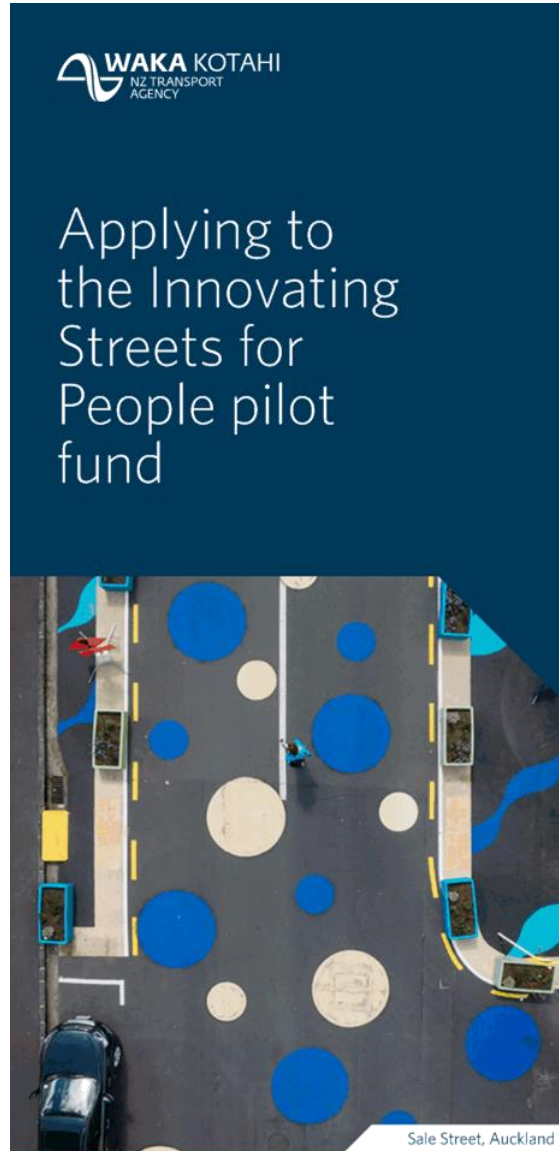
Round Two **8th July 2020.**

To be implemented by **30 June 2021**

“By testing physical changes to streets with local communities, councils can gain invaluable feedback on what will make their spaces more people-friendly before committing to a major investment. This knowledge will be shared so councils can learn from each other.”

Government is one of the many partners involved in ‘city-making,’ and we need to work collaboratively to create great places for people to live. The Innovating Streets programme will help to create vibrant neighbourhoods where more people can choose to walk, cycle and use public transport and feel safe and comfortable.”

WLLINGTON CITY COUNCIL 16 APRIL 2020 Public session
Peter Barlow



New Zealand Government

Many of us in towns and cities want to live in vibrant neighbourhoods, where we can easily get to work, and access shops and services. We want to feel safe and comfortable moving around, in ways that are good for our health and take care of the planet.

The Innovating Streets for People pilot fund supports projects that transition streets to be safer and more liveable by building sector capability in 'tactical urbanism'.

The fund offers at least \$7 million in 2020/21 to co-fund projects from councils (with a 90% Funding Assistance Rate) so they can test out transitional street changes that support great quality of life and reduce the dominance and dependency on private vehicles in our towns and cities.

Tactical urbanism projects designed as part of a Covid-19 response package can be considered immediately, on a case by case basis. This involves projects that could be delivered in a short time frame to support social distancing on footpaths and cycle lanes, and the temporary use of streets for physical activity.

The fund will help to increase the pace of change across the country and support safety, social and environmental outcomes outlined in the government's road safety strategy - Road to Zero - and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's mode shift plan - Keeping cities moving. We can help to solve these difficult challenges through innovation and ingenuity.

The fund is administered by Waka Kotahi via the National Land Transport Fund.



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

To be successful, applicants must demonstrate how their project:

- fits with the Innovating Streets and council plan objectives
- can be implemented by 30 June 2021
- demonstrates good value for money
- is testing something that can help accelerate future permanent changes

Detailed criteria is available at www.nzta.govt.nz/innovating-streets



Andrews Ave, Lower Hutt



'Here comes the sun'
play street, Pt Chevalier, Auckland



The Octagon, Dunedin

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

Projects using tactical urbanism techniques such as pilots, pop-ups and interim treatments that make it safer or easier for people to move around or access community spaces. This could be anything from pop-up community-led street events to piloting a new walking or cycling facility, to a low-traffic neighbourhood to reallocating more street space for people to connect with each other. It could also include emergency bike lanes or footpath expansions to make more space for people.

We don't want projects that create more space for cars, or any that are permanent in nature.

HOW MUCH CAN BE APPLIED FOR?

There is a maximum of \$1 million for projects although we expect most projects to be significantly less than this.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The fund is open to all councils that are approved to receive funding from the National Land Transport Fund. You must be an approved organisation in Transport Information Online (TIO).

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Read more at www.nzta.govt.nz/innovating-streets
- Fill in a simple application form
- Submit your application form with any supporting material

WHEN DOES THE FUND OPEN AND CLOSE?

There will be two rounds of applications for the fund. The first round closes on Friday 8 May. The second round opens on Monday 8 June and closes on Wednesday 8 July.



FIND OUT MORE

Visit the Waka Kotahi website:
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Councils can apply now: govt money for wider footpaths and temporary cycleways

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The Government will provide extra funding to help councils expand footpaths and roll out temporary cycleways to help people keep 2 metres of physical distance after the Alert Level 4 lockdown, Associate Minister of Transport Julie Anne Genter announced today.

“When people begin to return to city centres following the lockdown we want them to have enough space to maintain physical distance,” said Julie Anne Genter.

“Some of our footpaths in busy areas are quite narrow. Temporary footpath extensions mean people can give each other a bit more space without stepping out onto the road.”

Funding will come from the [Innovating Streets for People pilot fund](#), part of a wider programme that supports projects using ‘tactical urbanism’ techniques such as pilots and pop-up, interim treatments that make it safer and easier for people walking and cycling in the city.

“Footpath extensions would use basic materials like planter boxes and colourful paint to carve out a bit more space in the street for people walking, like we’ve seen on High street and Federal street in Auckland,” said Julie Anne Genter.

“A number of cities around the world, including New York, Berlin and Vancouver, have rolled out temporary bike lanes to provide alternatives to public transport, which people may be less inclined to use in the short term.

“Councils are able to use highly-visible plastic posts, planter boxes and other materials to create temporary separated bike lanes where people feel safe.

“It’s now up to councils to put forward projects if they want to take advantage of this initiative. The NZ Transport Agency will help councils implement street changes that meet the Innovating Streets

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pilot fund criteria safely and with minimal disruption. While planning can start during lockdown the rollout of temporary changes will not happen while we remain at Alert Level 4.

"Councils can apply now for funding from the NZ Transport Agency, who will cover 90 percent of the cost of rolling out temporary changes to the streetscape," Julie Anne Genter said.

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5 comments:

1. Andrew Perry, 13. April 2020, 9:59

More foot traffic means we need more distancing, as current streets aren't fit for purpose and people can't use public transport. Some streets will likely be closed as a result as well especially in Wellington CBD. *[via twitter]*

2. Paul Bruce, 13. April 2020, 11:56

Fantastic initiative. Let's hope that all arterial routes including the waterfront route are taken up by the council.

3. NigelTwo, 13. April 2020, 15:40

This will work until the first car park is removed...

4. luke, 13. April 2020, 18:29

How about a temporary pedes/cycle facility linking the existing shared path and Petone? That's 800m where vulnerable users are forced on to the hard shoulder of the motorway.

5. Peter Barlow, 14. April 2020, 16:29

It is great to see that the Council can install temporary cycle routes and would strongly suggest that they start with Adelaide Road and Thorndon Quay. This will allow viable transport options for new and existing cyclists and minimize the impact of motor vehicles in the central city. We await with interest.