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SmartGrowth Bi-Monthly Report – highlights

Introduction

The SmartGrowth Partnership Bi-Monthly Report for August is attached.

Highlights

Key activities and achievements since the June report are:

- **July 11 Smart Talk. Future Thinking** with economist Shamubeel Eaqub on the housing challenge. Around 240 people attended.
[Videos and key message powerpoint](#) available on the SmartGrowth website.

Next steps: Commission and start work on the Housing Needs Assessment project as a priority (consultants now chosen; collaborative funding budget in place). This will give us local ‘fine-grained’ evidence and research and total picture of our gaps and needs in the social and affordable part of the housing spectrum in particular; and comprehensive suite of policy responses to the issues raised in this Smart Talk. National Policy Statement housing and business land assessment; and Future Urban Land Strategy will also pick up on policy points and market issues e.g. costs, rules and inclusionary zoning. The key challenge is that the market will not deliver to meet all our housing needs. What should be our responses working with others to co-ordinate action across the housing spectrum?

SmartGrowth has also funded a Housing Affordability Forum workshop on Shared Equity Workshop for providers and investors in Affordable Housing in Tauranga on 31 August.

- **August 10 Smart Talk. Future Thinking** with [Dr Lance O'Sullivan](#) on the future of health.
- **September 13 SmartGrowth sponsoring 'Density Done Well' Smart Talk event** as part of [Architecture Week](#) in Tauranga, in partnership with Bay of Plenty branch of Institute of Architects.
- [New housing spectrum diagram](#) published. *See Attachment 1.*
Housing Needs Assessment proposal chosen and consultants appointed.
- **Joint Forums Hui held on June 28.** Around 80 people attended. Feedback on the proposed project checklist, structure plan engagement timetable and the Long-term Plan engagement outlines was positive. Revising and amending checklist and then road testing on some case studies to see how it works. The aim is to refine how best to implement it as an effective tool based on all the feedback we received at the joint hui and from council officers.
- **Tauriko West and Te Tumu planning workshops** with Forum Chairs now timetabled – September 6 and August 16.
- ***Housing Infrastructure Fund bid success***
 - Announcement that Tauranga City Council had a successful bid with three of the bids (Waiari Water, Te Maunga Wastewater & Te Tumu greenfields). National Radio NZ coverage – [Christine Jones interview with John Campbell](#).
 - <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/1b-fund-accelerate-housing-infrastructure>
 - [Questions and Answers on bid](#)
 - Project manager and consultant to assist with detailed business case currently being procured.
- **SmartGrowth Forums Independent 'Health Check' Research Report** completed by consultants, Reputation Matters Ltd.
- **SmartGrowth chair is scoping Strategic Transport workshop** for October SmartGrowth Leadership Group meeting.
- **SmartGrowth chair met with Fire & Emergency Services** to discuss future planning and general SG direction. Community development staff also attended.
- **Mapping the social sector project interviewing progressed** – August update from SocialLink attached.
- **Housing Affordability Forum (HAF) progressing pilot project.** [Registration of Interest \(Rol\) document](#), called for parties interested in developing a proposal released. Registrations closed 31 July 2017. Shared Equity Workshop organised for August 31.

- **June 14 Environment and Sustainability Forum** hosted Rod Oram workshop on sustainability issues. SmartGrowth sponsored the cost of the venue.
- **Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group** receives [Summary Research Paper](#) from the Ageing Well Life when Renting project. This is now available on the SmartGrowth website. **District Health Board** has a new Strategic Committee for future planning.
- **Scoping of workshop on 'Future of Water'** commenced. Currently investigating alternative date to current September SmartGrowth Leadership Group workshop date to achieve attendance and input of key Regional Council staff

July 19 SmartGrowth Leadership Group workshop

PriorityOne facilitated this workshop on key industry sectors and future planning.

Summary of key themes (from speaker presentations and discussion)

- Impacted workforce, growth and changing needs of employers.
- We need to think about what we need from a demand perspective in terms of skills.
- Adapting to changing technology. Embrace it.
- How the ageing population affects us and will affect everything
- The pathway to the Port – vital part of our economy/region
- Investing in infrastructure – all kinds – to match our growth
- “We can be a microcosm of a successful New Zealand.”
“Challenges can be turned into opportunities.”
- **Future Issues**
Labour - skilled and seasonal
- Water quality and quantity
- Access to the port
- Planning
- Growth (people, infrastructure, jobs) but avoid two-tier economy – “The tide needs to lift everyone.”
- Protecting and leveraging our unique natural environment and its attractiveness.
- A differentiated innovation hub for NZ with a focus on technology as a key element to growth
- Attracting talent, cutting-edge workforce.
- Case study for a coastal smart city. Small enough to get stuff done.
- Don't be shy from attracting the talent from off shore eg: Auckland, Wellington
- Collaborative environments between education, community and business sectors
- Rail, best use of it.
- Controlling urban sprawl, loss of quality soils
- Preserving our economic diversity
- Rapidly acquired, ongoing skills development is the new labour force currency
- Short, stackable qualifications

Next steps

- SmartGrowth is taking a strategic approach to addressing the key issues.
- We might need some disruptive leadership to make some transformational shifts. Gradualism isn't going to do it for us.
- We are small enough to do stuff. Have the partnerships and relationships.
- Leadership Group has planned a Strategic Transport Workshop.
- Have a number of key SmartGrowth projects underway. It will take a bit of time to map out all our next steps and key investments and actions in response to these discussions. Needs to be a team effort.
- Councils will be looking at this too in their Long-Term Plans – funding for next 3-10 years.
- Need to tell our story strongly to everyone
- If we don't want to be like Auckland, we need to show how we are different.
- Tide does need to lift everyone. Address affordable housing.

Recommendations

That the SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG):

1. **Receive** the SmartGrowth Partnership Bi-Monthly Report for August.
2. **Refer** the report to the SmartGrowth Forum Chairs for their information.

An overview of housing in western Bay of Plenty

The current housing continuum and work across the spectrum



SOCIAL

EMERGENCY

- Women's Refuge
- Men's Homeless Shelter
- Ministry of Social Development funded 220 emergency houses
 - Tauranga Community Housing Trust (TCHT)
 - Salvation Army
 - Te Tuinga Whanau
- Te Tuinga Whanau whare
- Arndt House

SOCIAL HOUSING

- Accessible Properties
 - 1124 current dwellings
 - 152 more planned
- Housing NZ (retained approx. 220 dwellings)
- Ministry of Social Development planned 170 more social housing
- Mangatawa Papamoa Blocks Inc

AFFORDABLE

ASSISTED RENTAL

- Accessible Properties - community housing
- Nga Potiki a Tamapahore
- Western Bay District Elder Housing
- Homes of Choice Ltd
- Tauranga City Elder Housing
- Habitat for Humanity
- Te Tomika Trust
- TCHT
- Vincent House
- NZ Housing Foundation

AFFORDABLE ASSISTED OWNERSHIP

- Maori Trusts
- Housing Affordability Forum – Omokoroa project
- Community funders

MARKET AFFORDABLE

- Omokoroa Special Housing Area - affordable housing requirements
- Housing Affordability Forum - Omokoroa Pilot Project for innovative affordable housing design

MARKET

MARKET RENTAL

- Compact city
- Development community
- Greenfield growth area structure planning – Tauriko West, Te Tumu, Keenan Road
- Special Housing Areas

FULL MARKET

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RESEARCH – COMPLETE OR UNDERWAY

- National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity (NPSUDC) – Housing Assessment – Due December 2017
- Hidden Homeless – Hatch Report 2016 (Tauranga City Council, Bay of Plenty District Health Board and Our Community Project group)
- Sustainable Housing in the Bay of Plenty 2016 (Centre for Social Impact)
- Submission to cross party homelessness enquiry – Tauranga 2016 (TCHT, Tauranga Men's Night Shelter, Te Tuinga Whanau, Socialink)
- Older Persons Renting (Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group/SmartGrowth)
- Co-Housing for Older Persons
- Western Bay of Plenty District Council Seasonal Worker Accommodation Research
- Housing Our Community Needs – comprehensive housing needs analysis for sub-region due October 2017

STRATEGIES – COMPLETE OR UNDERWAY

- SmartGrowth Strategy 2013
- SmartGrowth Settlement Pattern
- NPSUDC – Housing Assessment – Due December 2017
- Tauranga Urban Strategy – December 2017
- Joint Agency Group (JAG) facilitate Papakainga housing and development on Settlement land
- Our Community Project – proposed Housing First hub for homeless people

PROGRAMMES

- Healthy Homes (COBOP, District Health Board)
- Universal Design (LifeMark)
- A Healthy Whare Project
- Project Wai Ora
- Ministry of Social Development new build social housing

SmartGrowth Partnership Report August 2017



This report is divided into three sections.

Section 1: SmartGrowth Partnership Office

Update on actions that are currently led, funded and activated by the office.

Section 2: SmartGrowth Partner Forums

Update on the actions and meetings of the forums including links to minutes from forums meetings.

Section 3: Partner Councils and Implementation Partners (NZ Transport Agency and Bay of Plenty District Health Board)

Project list and progress highlights.

These are specific SmartGrowth endorsed projects being led by partner councils and NZTA; and/or relevant to the SmartGrowth Strategy.

Section One

Actions led, funded and activated by the **SmartGrowth Partnership Office**

SMARTGROWTH STRATEGY Priority Actions: Part B: Implementation Plan and Part C Settlement Pattern Implementation Plan

SLG Priority SmartGrowth Strategy/Action Link Ongoing Actions	August Progress Update
<p>SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG) Priority: United advocacy/co-ordinated planning</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 7 Strengthen visionary leadership and collaboration</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 7B 1 and 2: Strengthen the SmartGrowth Partnership/Memorandum of Agreement</p> <p>Governance, partnership and decision-making support for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG) - Independent chair - Chief Executives' Advisory Group (CEAG) - SmartGrowth Strategic (managers) Group (SSG) - Technical working groups (TIG) 	<p>Update: August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEAG met on 12 July. Next meeting 13 September. Strategic Transport Workshop scope will be discussed. • SSG met on July 4. Next meeting 13 September. SmartGrowth work programme and strategic shifts focus under discussion as well as progress on key projects. • TIG for National Policy Statement co-ordination/Settlement Pattern Review projects is meeting monthly, chaired by strategic advisor Ken Tremaine. • SLG July workshop – key feedback and discussion points (see covering report).
<p>SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG) Priority: Future Thinking</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 7G Promote SmartGrowth as information portal for access to data, research and demographics.</p>	<p>Update: August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Smart Talk. Future Thinking' event – August 10 – the Future of Health. Keynote speaker was Dr Lance O'Sullivan. • 11 July Smart Talk highlights on the housing challenge now on website. 230+ people attended the event. • SmartGrowth sponsoring 'Density Done Well' Smart Talk event as part of Architecture Week in Tauranga in partnership with Bay of Plenty branch of Institute of Architects – September 13.

SLG Priority SmartGrowth Strategy/Action Link Ongoing Actions	August Progress Update
<p>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 Smart Talk strategic partnership with Chamber of Commerce assists with event and registration management, marketing and promotion confirmed and agreed. • June and July SmartGrowth newsletters published. Media release planned on Ageing Renters research summary. • New factsheet on housing continuum published. See attachment. • Joint Forums Hui held on June 28. Focus on discussing structure planning and land use planning; long-term planning; new project planning engagement and outcomes checklist. Forum chairs masterplan design workshop for Tauriko West set for 6 September. Te Tumu August 16.
<p>7. Strengthen visionary leadership and collaboration</p> <p>SmartGrowth Action 7A1: SmartGrowth Partner Forums</p> <p>Support for seven established forums + Social Infrastructure Providers</p> <p>Support for seven established forums + Social Infrastructure Providers</p>	<p>Update: August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SmartGrowth Forums Health Check Research report completed. (SmartGrowth Strategy Action 7A1a). Reporting back to SmartGrowth Leadership Group August 2017. • Youth engagement advice received (SmartGrowth Action 7A1e). • Forum bi-monthly meetings supported across all seven forums. • <i>See Section Two for full report on forums.</i>
<p>7. Strengthen visionary leadership and collaboration</p> <p>SmartGrowth Action 7C3</p> <p>Integration with District Health Board (DHB)</p>	<p>Update: August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHB deputy chair Ron Scott and representative on SmartGrowth Leadership Group attended Joint Forums Hui with DHB CE and Manager. • August Smart Talk held in partnership with DHB. • Senior DHB manager attended July SLG workshop and July SSG meeting.

SLG Priority SmartGrowth Strategy/Action Link Ongoing Actions	August Progress Update
<p>Implementing/reviewing communications engagement plan</p> <p>Includes leveraging off new website, other channels and new SmartGrowth programme of 'Smart Talk. Future Thinking community conversations.</p> <p>Work with council communications teams</p> <p>Effectiveness in the social sector 9A3 <i>Not a priority action in the strategy but currently funded and approved action. SSF-lead agency.</i></p> <p>Build on existing social services mapping to inform future work on improving long-term sustainable outcomes. Build collaboration.</p> <p>Mapping the social sector project. Social inventory – social services mapping. This project has been contracted to SocialLink.</p> <p>9A3 Mapping of the social sector project now led and managed by SocialLink following CEAG delegated funding decision; contract for delivery of work using SmartGrowth funding signed with SocialLink – partnership funding approach – SocialLink also contributing funding. Set up phase completed; now in data collection phase. Project report completion expected by December 2017. Regular progress reporting into SSG, Social Sector Forum and other SmartGrowth stakeholders.</p>	<p>Results of TCC residents perception survey shows just over one third of respondents (36%) have heard of SmartGrowth with nearly half of those (47%) stating that it has to do with growth planning and controls where development can happen;. New SmartGrowth factsheets well received and positive feedback. Many new people are signing up to the SmartGrowth newsletter as a result of the Smart Talks.</p> <p>Supporting Sustainable Business Network to run a one-off transport forum in partnership with PriorityOne, Chamber of Commerce and councils.</p> <p>SmartGrowth chair is scoping Strategic Transport workshop for October SmartGrowth Leadership Group meeting.</p> <p>SmartGrowth chair met with Fire and Emergency Services to discuss future planning.</p> <p>Mapping the social sector project – August update from SocialLink attached. Attachment 1.</p>
<p>10. Grow a Sustainable Economy</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 10D1 SLG priority: future thinking</p>	<p>Housing Affordability Forum (HAF) progressing pilot project. Registration of Interest (Rol) document, calling for parties interested in developing a proposal released. Registrations closed 31 July 2017. Western Bay of Plenty District</p>

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<p>Research sub-regional workforce implications of population ageing</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 10E5 Housing affordability project</p> <p>United advocacy: housing affordability 10E6 SLG priority: united advocacy The Housing We Need project</p>	<p>Council is making land available within the Omokoroa Special Housing Area for an affordable housing pilot project. Two sites have been identified, one in stage 2 for development early next year, and one for a later stage with timing dependent upon the speed of the market. Comms support from SmartGrowth for project; Rol management support from Western Bay of Plenty District Council.</p> <p>Update: SmartGrowth Partnership Office, through the independent chair, with the support of Tauranga City and Western Bay District Council, a Housing Reference Group and Social Sector and Housing Affordability forums, has scoped work on a Housing Needs Assessment, particularly focused on social and affordable housing sector. See Housing Continuum Attached to covering report. Consideration of the request for proposals is completed and this work is now underway – SmartGrowth Office will lead management of the project, funded jointly by SmartGrowth, BayTrust, Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) and Tauranga City Council (TCC).</p>
<p>11. Recognise Tangata Whenua cultural identity and change SmartGrowth Strategy Actions 11A-C</p> <p>Actions 11A and 11B and 11C Priority actions 11A1; 11A2; 11B1; 11B2; 11C1</p>	<p>Combined Tangata Whenua Forum (CTWF) Meetings to discuss key issues. Current issues include, housing affordability, BOPRC Plan Change 9 and RMA amendments, in particular Te Mana Whakahono Agreements.</p> <p>Action 11A1 & 11A2 Partner Councils are reviewing the project heritage database project plan to assess potential changes to enable to project to progress.</p>

SLG Priority SmartGrowth Strategy/Action Link Ongoing Actions	August Progress Update
	<p>Action 11A4 Sub-regional tangata whenua consultation policy for resource consent processing, has been partially complete. BOPRC will rely on contact databases and areas of interest supplied by TCC and WBOPDC. TCC and WBOPDC will develop a single tangata whenua consultation policy.</p> <p>TCC and WBOPDC Maori policy staff are continually reviewing contact and area of interest information in response to iwi and hapu.</p> <p>Action 11A7 TCC and WBOPDC Maori policy staff assessing internal cultural awareness programs for partner organization.</p> <p>Action 11B1 Project is on-going and progress has been made for papakainga within the sub-region.</p> <p>Action 11B2 Project is on-going as treaty settlements progress. Some settled iwi not in a position to articulate aspirations for property return through settlements. Nga Potiki is the only settlement group to date that have responded as at December 2015.</p> <p>Action 11BC Project is complete. CTWF have requested a parallel supplementary report to be prepared looking at issues of health and education.</p>
SmartGrowth Strategy Part C: 21 Integrated planning and settlement pattern SmartGrowth Strategy Actions 21A to 21G	<p>Update: August TIG has been workshopping with Lawrence McIlrath from Market Economics Spatial to nail down the required work for the business capacity assessment.</p>

SLG Priority SmartGrowth Strategy/Action Link Ongoing Actions	August Progress Update
<p>SLG priority: NPS co-ordination; co-ordinating sub-regional spatial planning</p> <p>TIG - A cross-council, cross-implementation partner Technical Implementation Group (TIG) for Settlement Pattern Review and National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity work is meeting monthly.</p> <p>Project plan for this work agreed with SLG, SSG and CEAG; SPR projects bi-monthly updates now going to SSG/SLG – see Part 3 of this report. Co-ordination, monitoring and alignment role for SG.</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 21A3</p> <p>Consider future housing needs – including supply and demand to cater for changing demographics</p> <p>PATAG research project – ageing well science challenge – Life when Renting Bay of Plenty case study <i>Not a priority/urgent action in 2013 strategy, but approved and funded this project to complement other NPS research now underway. Report and research will be completed July 2017. PATAG-led/SGP funded.</i></p>	<p>Critical background and guidance documents have been released by the Ministry for the Environment. Focus of this latest piece of work is to get a clear picture of what our Business Land Assessment will look like by the end of this year and the necessary inputs.</p> <p>http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/towns-and-cities/implementing-national-policy-statement-urban-development-capacity</p> <p>Summary Research Paper from the Ageing Well Life when Renting project is now available on the SmartGrowth website and well utilised by other agencies.</p> <p>http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/research/new-research/</p>

Section Two

SmartGrowth Strategy Action 7. Strengthen visionary leadership and collaboration

SmartGrowth Action 7A: Strengthen relationships with the community

SmartGrowth Forums

Environment and Sustainability Forum



Housing Affordability Forum



Combined Tangata Whenua Forum



Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group



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Partner Forum	Update summary / link to minutes on SmartGrowth website	Key messages for SmartGrowth Leadership Group
Strategic Partners (SPF)	http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/strategic-partners-forum <i>Proposed water workshop and strategic transport workshop for SmartGrowth Leadership Group discussed.</i>	<p>Next meeting is August 8. Please click on forum link for latest meeting minutes.</p> <p>This report had to be completed before the August meeting was held.</p>
Social Sector (SSF)	http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/social-sector-forum http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/social-sector-forum	Met on July 27.
Combined Tangata Whenua (CTWF)	http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/combined-tangata-whenua-forum	<p>Please click on forum link for latest meeting minutes.</p> <p>Met on 9 August.</p>
Property Developers (PDF)	http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/property-developers-forum Met August 3. Key message - Tauranga City Council and other councils to prioritise and resource future review work (Project 2 Workstream) on the Infrastructure Development Code (IDC). Sub-regional alignment. Project 2 Workstream – High Density Development / Intensification Issues <p>This project is focused on creating new approaches relevant to medium density within the IDC and other frameworks where required.</p> <p><i>Forum chair was on the Smart Talk housing discussion panel.</i> </p>	<p>The Property Developers Forum chair, Jeff Fletcher, presented to the 21 June meeting of the SmartGrowth Leadership Group on behalf of the forum in the ‘chair’s forum’ section. The forum wants to see how all the work across the councils transport, land use and planning projects integrated in a sub-regional manner.</p> <p>A ‘visual mapping’ of the sub-regional housing work has been completed. A transport equivalent is now under development. Chair has also requested the following series of one page diagrams similar to the Housing one Others (in addition to transport) that could be done include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure, land use planning and placemaking, • Water, • The Environment, • Tangata Whenua Cultural Identity and Change, • Economic Growth and a Sustainable Economy (incl Education & Tourism).

<p>Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group (PATAG)</p>	<p>http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/population-ageing-technical-advisory-group</p> <p>PATAG is exploring with the District Health Board the possibility to extend into the Eastern Bay of Plenty.</p> <p>Met on July 26.</p>	<p>Research papers from the Ageing Well Life When Renting project are now available on the SmartGrowth website. This research project is now complete including a summary of the work and recommendations for action. A presentation from the researchers will be organised for the SmartGrowth Leadership Group. Please click on forum link for latest meeting minutes.</p> <p>Chair of PATAG was on the housing Smart Talk panel.</p>
<p>Housing Affordability (HAF)</p>	<p>http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/housing-affordability-forum</p> <p>The Forum has formed a Pilot Project Steering Group that is now meeting regularly to guide the Registration of Interest. (RoI) Registrations closed 31 July 2017. The Omokoroa land for the Pilot Project has now been identified as two blocks available at different stages of the development rather than the original 400sqm in an early stage.</p> <p>The panel for assessment of the RoI is in place with a timeline of September for the announcement of the preferred projects. There are no limitations as to what and where the projects include and are situated as long as they occur in the western Bay of Plenty sub region.</p>	<p>The Housing Affordability Forum met on 11 August, after this report was completed for inclusion in the agenda. Please see the link for the minutes of the August meeting.</p>
<p>Environment & Sustainability (E&S)</p>	<p>http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/environment-and-sustainability-forum</p> <p>Met on July 18</p>	<p>The E & S Forum is engaged across a wide range of activity in the district, which is now being captured and documented for the Forum's bi-monthly meetings and is presented for inclusion in the reporting.</p> <p>Chair Jo Wills will present to the SmartGrowth Leadership Group on the forum's activities at the August meeting.</p>

		<p>The purpose of capturing this information is manyfold, but demonstrates to the SmartGrowth Leadership Group the environmental and sustainability touch points as seen by the forum for SmartGrowth planning and development processes. It highlights the position of the forum relevant to each issue, as well as bringing attention to the breadth of knowledge and expertise within the forum. It is the forum's expectation that there will be meaningful engagement throughout all SmartGrowth processes, as per the forum's scope. Forum members will add value through the utilisation of member's expertise and connections. Adding this bi-monthly activity report (Paper A) will help SmartGrowth Leadership Group members to support inclusion of the E & S forum in decision-making processes.</p>
Social Infrastructure Providers Group	<p>This is not a forum – and meets as an informal networking group. Councils are members as they are providers.</p> <p>Met in June. Discussed linkages, presentation from Ministry for Vulnerable Children; Tauranga Budget Advisory Service.</p> <p>Fire Service representatives attended Joint Forums Hui; follow up meeting held with Bill Wasley and Tauranga City community development to discuss future community planning.</p> <p>Social infrastructure providers being met with for Te Tumu and Tauriko West Structure Planning.</p> <p>No formal minutes. Position paper link.</p>	<p>Meetings have highlighted need to share project synergies e.g. Katikati Community Centre learnings.</p> <p>Need to keep focus on social infrastructure and share learnings and opportunities.</p> <p>Key question is What would Smart Growth want to know about social infrastructure providers and their aspirations, to include in future thinking and forward planning?"</p>

Section 3

Partner Councils, NZ Transport Agency, Bay of Plenty District Health Board

Settlement Planning Growth Projects and other SmartGrowth Related Projects

Partner councils or partner agencies deliver these implementation projects.

They are subject to detailed bi-monthly progress updates to the SmartGrowth Strategic (Managers) Group (SSG) as part of ensuring alignment, progress and success across the SmartGrowth Partnership and the SmartGrowth Strategy.

Managers discuss any important issues or risks and elevate to the Chief Executives Advisory Group as necessary.

The SmartGrowth Partnership Office co-ordinates this project reporting to SSG.

For more detailed updates on any of these projects, please contact the relevant SSG member.

Tauranga City Council: Michael Tucker

Western Bay of Plenty District Council: Rachael Davie

Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Fiona McTavish

NZ Transport Agency: Alistair Talbot

Bay of Plenty District Health Board: Sarah Davey

Tangata Whenua: Shad Rolleston

SSG co-ordination: Bernie Walsh, SmartGrowth Partnership Office

Partner Council/Agency Link to SmartGrowth Strategy Section/Action Projects reported on	August 2017 - progress highlights from across all project update reports
<p>TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Part C: Integrated Planning and the Settlement Pattern: Actions 21-A-G</p> <p>Build the Community Action 9F Promote and provide for walking and cycling; public transport</p> <p>SLG priority: NPS co-ordination; co-ordinating sub-regional spatial planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Tumu Structure Plan/Rezoning • Tauriko West Structure Planning/Rezoning (including associated link transport and boundary adjustment) 	<p><u>Te Tumu Update August 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of works underway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3D model development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First Stage completed, including new Digital Elevation Model. ○ Natural hazard assessments (Due August): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Geotech/Liquefaction; ▪ Coastal Erosion; ▪ Tsunami ○ Active Fault Assessment (completed). • Contaminated Land; • Coastal Storm Surge; • Flood Modelling; • Stormwater/Hydrology; • Stormwater Strategy development; • Rainfall Modelling. • Archaeological assessment. • Master Planning – to be initiated in August 2017 • Iwi and Hapu Engagement initiated. <p><u>Tauriko West Update August 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program of works underway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DEM development ○ Natural hazard assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drafts received: Geotech/Liquefaction; ○ Active Fault Assessment (stage 1 - completed). • Contaminated Land – Draft received; • Flood Modelling; • Infrastructure Planning Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water/Wastewater - underway • Archaeological assessment - completed. • Commercial/Economic Assessment – due end July • Wairakei Landscape Assessment – due end July • Master Planning – to be initiated in August 2017 • Iwi and Hapu Engagement initiated. • Community facility requirements have been determined, work commenced to determine preferred locations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compact city • Keenan Road and Western Corridor • Economic Employment Projections • Tauranga Urban Centres Technical Assessment • Growth related plan changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadened engagement with central government social and community infrastructure providers re possible facility requirements. In addition to BoPDHB and MoE engagement, CD team have connected Oranga Tamariki, NZ Police, Fire and Ambulance service into the planning process. <p><u>Compact City Update August 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1st draft of the centres technical assessment was received and members of the project steering committee have provided comments • Report on CBD Residential Intensification will be provided to the September SmartGrowth Governance Meeting. <p><u>Update August 2017</u></p> <p><u>Keenan Rd</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kopurererua flood model rebuild is continuing and is on-track for completion this calendar year. <p><u>Western Corridor Ring Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Corridor ring road investigations are progressing, including early discussion with Tauriko Business estate in terms of design and delivery of the section through their development • A report to Council in August regarding a commitment to corridor protection through the Tauriko Business Estate as it develops. <p>Tauranga Urban Centres Technical Assessment</p> <p><u>Update August 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1st draft of the centres technical assessment was received and members of the project steering committee have provided comments for the consultants • The next steps are to do an assessment of social and community infrastructure, • Undertake an assessment of current network centres against urban structure criteria, • Identify the key drivers which are influencing the outcomes in particular centres, and • Test and refine the findings with key stakeholders and combine them with a strategy for Tauranga's urban centres <p>Special Housing Areas</p> <p><u>Update August 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations for Golden Sands SHA and Chadwick Road SHA have been sent to the Minister for consideration. • A decision is expected in August 2017.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Housing Areas • Papamoa East Commercial/Employment Framework Plan 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure Development Code Review • Tauranga Transport Model Review • Housing Infrastructure Fund application • Welcome Bay/Ohauti Planning Study • Rural land planning study 	<p>Infrastructure Development Code (IDC)</p> <p>The changes to the IDC became operative on 1 July 2017.</p> <p>Housing Infrastructure Fund bid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement that TCC successful with 3 of the bids (Waiari Water, Te Maunga Wastewater & Te Tumu greenfields). • Christine Jones interview with John Campbell. • https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/1b-fund-accelerate-housing-infrastructure • Questions and Answers on bid • Project manager and consultant to assist with detailed business case currently being procured. <p><u>Update August 2017</u></p> <p>Homelessness projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Community Project multi-agency group continues to investigate partnership with an experienced homeless service provider to set up a best practice Housing First integrated homeless service hub in Tauranga. Conversations with central government regarding funding also progressing. • Addressing homeless individuals and families accommodation needs by leasing TCC properties and land to emergency housing NGOs. Opal Drive vacant land leased to Ministry for Social Development for 19 emergency housing units. <p>TCC is working with WBOPDC on the SmartGrowth led housing needs assessment project. Will be looking closely at integration of this work with NPS UDC housing demand measures work by SmartGrowth TIG. Consultant selected. Expected final report mid October.</p>
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<p>BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy 8. Actions 8A-8C Sustain and Improve the Environment SmartGrowth Strategy Part C: Integrated Planning and the Settlement Pattern: Actions 21-A-G Build the Community Action 9F Promote and provide for walking and cycling; public transport SLG priority: NPS co-ordination; co-ordinating sub-regional spatial planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tauranga Harbour (various) • Tauranga Harbour Coastal Hazard Study • Co-governance document for Tauranga Moana • State of the environment report and gap analyses for Tauranga Harbour • Build capacity for the use of Mataranga Maori for Tauranga Harbour • Regional Coastal Environment Plan (appeals) 	<p>Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group meeting held on 26 May 2017. Advisory Group now includes two representatives of the three Tauranga Moana iwi.</p> <p>State of Tauranga Harbour report due for completion by December 2017.</p> <p>Tauranga Harbour Coastal Hazards Study due for completion in mid-2018. NIWA working with Discovery Marine Limited to fill bathymetry gaps and build Tauranga Harbour hydrodynamic model. The coastal hazard mapping will be used to undertake natural hazard risk assessments as the next stage.</p> <p>Tauranga Moana settlement legislation on-hold due to Hauraki iwi cross claims. http://www.sunlive.co.nz/news/156323-iwi-blocking-harbour-entrance.html Hauraki iwi are finalising their settlements with the Crown that would recognise interests in Tauranga Moana and the Western Bay of Plenty.</p> <p>Project to implement Method 40 of the Regional Policy Statement commenced in April 2017 – development of mauri model framework. A number of hui held with interested iwi authorities across region. Final report from Boffa Miskell consultants received August 2017.</p> <p>Since last update three Environment Court decisions have been issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final decision on mangrove management topic • Interim decision on natural heritage topic • Interim decision on iwi resource management topic. <p>Forest & Bird has appealed the natural heritage decision to the High Court. BOPRC position supported by Tauranga City Council (TCC), TrustPower and others.</p> <p>Resolution of appeals and whole plan becoming operative delayed due to continuing litigation.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change • Freshwater Futures/Water Quality 	<p>Details of the Kaituna River Re-diversion and Ongatoro/Maketu Estuary Enhancement Project can be found at the following link:</p> <p>www.boprc.govt.nz/environment/coast/kaituna-maketu-and-pongakawa-waitahanui-catchments/kaituna-river-re-diversion-and-ongatoromaketu-estuary-enhancement-project/</p> <p>Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group is facilitated meeting on 10 July with three councils as part of regular six monthly meetings. BOPRC presented on natural hazards policy and adaptation to climate change. BOPRC Long Term Plan process to consider strategic response options to climate change.</p> <p>Freshwater Futures/Water Quality Regional Direction and Delivery Committee approved on 22 June 2017 the investigation into a Region-wide water quality plan change to be reported back in February 2018.</p> <p>The submissions and further submissions periods for the Region-wide Water Quantity Plan Change (Plan Change 9) have now closed. Hearings to be held in late November 2017.</p> <p>Work being done with region's territorial local authorities on risk assessment and implication for Bay of Plenty water resources from Havelock North Inquiry. Significant tangata whenua interest in the plan change with wider concerns around the future management of region's water resources.</p> <p>BOPRC issues Freshwater Flash newsletter to provide regular updates in freshwater matters. Most recent newsletter July 2017.</p> <p>Land use maps for the Kaituna Maketū, Pongakawa Waitahanui and Rangitāiki catchments are almost complete, thanks to data support and reality-checking from local industry groups including New Zealand Kiwifruit Growers Inc., Beef + Lamb New Zealand, and Horticulture New Zealand. The maps will be made available online and show what parts of each catchment are being used for growing, farming, urban or other uses.</p> <p>The maps are a key building block in the development of computerised predictions (modelling) to inform future Council decisions about new rules and methods for water management under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public transport blueprint 	<p>Leaders from primary industry, iwi, science, central and local government sectors came together to share challenges and lessons for freshwater management at the Local Government NZ (LGNZ) Freshwater Symposium.</p> <p>Audio, video and presentation links from the symposium are available on the LGNZ website, here >></p> <p>Public transport blueprint</p> <p>Proposals for changes to BayHopper and SchoolHopper bus services were consulted on in May and June. Over 1,460 pieces of public feedback were received. www.drivechange.co.nz Feedback summary out this month.</p> <p>New public transport ticketing system for western Bay of Plenty being introduced in mid-2018 which has been developed among several councils and NZTA at national level.</p> <p>Decision on changes to bus services to be considered by Regional Public Transport Committee and BOPRC.</p>
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<p>WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Part C: Integrated Planning and the Settlement Pattern: Actions 21-A-G</p> <p>Build the Community Action 9F Promote and provide for walking and cycling; public transport</p> <p>SLG priority: NPS co-ordination; co-ordinating sub-regional spatial planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omokoroa Special Housing Area • Housing Affordability Forum Pilot Project • Omokoroa Structure Plan • Omokoroa Road • Housing Infrastructure Fund • Katikati • Te Puke • Rangiuru 	<p>The Omokoroa Special Housing Area is proceeding with Stage 1 of 38 lots going on the market before the end of the year. The time it has taken to establish the SHA has resulted in significant shifts in housing costs. Thus the SHA agreement with Government is being changed to alter the price-points for affordability to enable the objectives of the original agreement to be achieved.</p> <p>Marketing has commenced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A building consent for a show home is being prepared. • At the time of writing, 10 contracts for the purchase of a house and land package have been prepared. • The new SHA reflecting new price points, has been approved. <p>Omokoroa Structure Plan</p> <p>A Project Plan will be prepared by end of June that will indicate opportunities for SmartGrowth Forum participation.</p> <p>The preparation of the Stage 2B structure plan will be part of the discussion that Council will be having with the community in conjunction with the LTP ‘awareness raising’ phase of community engagement, that commenced in May.</p> <p>Omokoroa Road from SH2 to the railway is being upgraded to cater for growth. Removal of shelterbelts and kiwifruit, and earthworks have commenced. Project is under construction and is timed for the next two years.</p> <p>There is a growing level of interest from residents at Omokoroa regarding the pace of growth on the peninsula and a real desire to influence and shape Stage 2B, more particularly in relation to town centre discussions, the need for a secondary school and other social infrastructure.</p> <p>Te Puke - Area 3 MacLoughlan Drive area structure plan is being updated to reflect growth expectations and a more cost effective provision of stormwater.</p>

<p>Partner Council/Agency</p> <p>Link to SmartGrowth Strategy Section/Action</p> <p>Projects reported on</p>	<p>August 2017 - progress highlights from across all project update reports</p>
<p>NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Part C: Integrated Planning and the Settlement Pattern:</p> <p>Action 21-E Strategic Transport Action 21G: Settlement Pattern Review project implementation</p> <p>Build the Community Action 9F Promote and provide for walking and cycling; public transport</p> <p>SLG priority: NPS co-ordination; co-ordinating sub-regional spatial planning and transport</p> <p>National Land Transport Programme 2018-21 development</p> <p>Business Case development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piarere to Tauriko (SH29) Business Case • Tauriko Business Case • Tauranga Transport Programme • Waihi to Tauranga SH2 business case <p>Implementation (Construction)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baypark to Bayfair link upgrade • Maungatapu underpass SH29A • Tauranga Northern Link SH2 • Te Puna / Minden roundabout SH2 	<p>See Attachment 2 for full report</p>

<p>BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD (DHB)</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 7. Strengthen visionary leadership and collaboration</p> <p>SmartGrowth Priority Action 7C3</p> <p>Integration with District Health Board; potential alignments between SmartGrowth outcomes/actions and the role of the District Health Board in contributing to our communities' economic and social wellbeing; top health issues for sub-region and how these can be influenced by SmartGrowth.</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy 9. Build the Community</p> <p>Priority Action 9C3 Promote inter-generational, liveable communities involving the DHB and others.</p> <p>SLG priority: united advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Health Services Plan – 10 year plan • Growth management projects (issues/opportunities); Structure planning involvement – Te Tumu • Healthy Housing Forum – established by Bay of Plenty and Lakes District Health Boards. 	<p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 7. Strengthen visionary leadership and collaboration Action 7C: Integration with District Health Board (DHB)</p> <p>August Update: The DHB Board approved the Strategic Health Services Plan (SHSP) on 19 July. Working on versions for public release currently. (SHSP) Presented to the SmartGrowth Leadership Group in June. The SHSP is a 10 year strategy that provides a shared strategic direction for further planning and action to improve the performance and sustainability of the Bay of Plenty health system, and for enhancing our partnerships with agencies from other sectors to address the wider factors that determine people's health and well-being.</p> <p>The development of the SHSP has been led by the DHB reflecting our overall stewardship role in the local health system, but has engaged many stakeholders.</p> <p>August update New DHB Strategic Committee has been set to address future planning and innovative service delivery against strategy.</p> <p>The DHB has contributed to the development of a suite of indicators to measure and monitor the performance of the SmartGrowth Strategy. The suite of indicators is in the process of being finalised. The DHB is pleased to see the breadth of the framework is broad including indicators of environmental, cultural, health, economic well-being. The DHB will provide data for three of the indicators.</p> <p>Support for SmartGrowth Forums</p> <p>Understanding population ageing in the Eastern BOP.</p> <p>The Bay of Plenty DHB and the Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group (PATAG) have been working with the Regional Council and Eastern Bay of Plenty councils and community on planning for a workshop for Eastern Bay of Plenty councils to develop a shared understanding of population ageing in the eastern Bay of Plenty.</p>
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	<p>SmartGrowth Outcome: Build the Community</p> <p>Transport Planning</p> <p>The Bay of Plenty District Health Board, through Toi Te Ora-Public Health Service, has completed a Health Impact Assessment in association with the Regional Council to inform outcomes of the western Bay of Plenty Public Transport Blueprint.</p> <p>Effectiveness in the social sector SmartGrowth Strategy Action 9A3 – mapping the social sector</p> <p>The DHB has contributed to the SocialLink mapping the social sector project through providing information on priorities for the research questions and guidance on initial scope.</p> <p>The DHB has contributed to the SocialLink project through providing information on priorities for the research questions and guidance on initial scope.</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Part C: Action 21 Integrated planning and settlement pattern</p> <p>The DHB is participating in inter-agency discussions with NZ Transport Agency and Ministry of Education to inform growth planning work being led by Tauranga City Council. The intent of the group in working together is to provide input and advice to Tauranga City Council to inform the structure planning process. Initial meetings have been an opportunity to develop a shared understanding of each agencies' long term strategic goals and how each funds their services so they have a better understanding of how they may be able to approach working together.</p>
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Mapping the Social Sector Progress Report

Milestones	Progress
Milestone 1 - Set up phase by end of March 2017: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop data protocol • Completion of database and training • Stakeholder engagement to finalise data to be collected • Develop Communications and branding • Launch project and commencement of data collection • Progress report to CEAG and SSF in March 	Completed.
Milestone 2 – Data collection Phase by end of August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake desktop research • Undertake interviews with agencies • Progress reports to CEAG and SSF in June and August • Report/presentation to Senior Leadership group and SSF in June 	<p>Desktop research commenced in May, desktop research has been completed for over 100 agencies.</p> <p>Interviews with agencies have commenced – a major milestone! Thirty interviews, over 10%, have been held or are scheduled to be held as of 1 August 2017. So far, agencies have been happy to participate and have appreciated having someone interested in ‘their story’. The agencies outside of Tauranga have particularly appreciated being contacted.</p> <p>As noted in the previous progress report there has been a 4 week delay in commencing interviewing due to the length of time it has taken to ensure the database is fit for purpose. Interviewers are also noting it is taking some time to contact the agencies, arrange a time, build rapport etc. Socialink will be allocating a student and another staff member to undertake some interviews to hopefully make up some time.</p> <p>Nevertheless it is anticipated that the delay in starting interviewing will result in a delay in being able to analyse and report the data. It is now anticipated that all of the data will be collected by the end of the year with reporting occurring early in 2018.</p>

<p>Milestone 3 – Report preparation and dissemination of research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare research reports • Develop communications plan and launch research • Undertake presentations of research to the sector, SG and stakeholders • Progress reports to CEAG and SSF in October and December 	<p>No work to date.</p>
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Report to SmartGrowth Strategic (Managers) Group

4 July 2017

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1. NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

We are currently in the development phase for the next National Land Transport Programme 2018- 21 (NLTP). The NLTP represents the investment by the Transport Agency from the National Land Transport Fund, government through Crown investments and loans, and local authorities in New Zealand's land transport system for the next three years.

NLTP Dialogues

The NLTP Dialogues have replaced our NLTP 'Investment Signals' and are an important tool for supporting councils through the Regional Land Transport Plan review process.

In May we released the next round of NLTP Dialogues. The focus is on:

- Safety and speed management
- Applying the Investment Assessment Framework (IAF) to public transport, improvement, and maintenance activities
- Walking and cycling activities
- Funding assistance rates.

The May NLTP Dialogue is available here <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/planning/201821-national-land-transport-programme/may-2017-nltp-dialogue/part-two-useful-additional-information/>

The next NLTP Dialogue is planned for August/September 2017 and is expected to cover:

- Feedback received on the draft Long Term Strategic View
- An update on the feedback received to the draft IAF
- It has also been requested that we provide an indication of the total funding 'buckets' that are available for specific activities such as walking and cycling, electric vehicles, tourism, and regional economic development.

Investment Decision Making

Earlier in the year we released for feedback, our draft Investment Assessment Framework (IAF). The feedback received (18 submissions that covered eight regions and 54 local authorities) is now being reviewed and will be responded to shortly. Feedback included the role and scope of the draft Long Term Strategic View, the Government Policy Statement, Knowledge Base updates, Regional Public Transport Plans, Electric Vehicles, the IAF, Transport Investment Online, the State Highway Investment Plan, and the Business Case Approach.

A higher level summary of the feedback is available here <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/planning/201821-national-land-transport-programme/may-2017-nltp-dialogue/part-one-responding-to-your-feedback/>

2. STATE HIGHWAY INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

We are engaging with local government on proposed activities in the State Highway Investment Proposal (SHIP) at the officer level, through existing advisory groups across all regions. We are underway with programming and national moderation of the proposed activities, which will be released in draft form in September 2017, for RTCs to consider and adopt. We will share the draft programme at the RTC meeting.

3. WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY BUSINESS CASES

Tauriko Network Plan

- Partners are working on Tauriko for Tomorrow, a collaborative project driven by Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and the Transport Agency.
- The partners are now focussed on delivering three detailed business cases:
 - SH29 Tauriko West Network Connections (between the Omanawa Road and Barks Corner intersections with SH29)
 - Tauriko Crossing (PT) Interchange
 - East-West Ring Road
- These business cases are being developed to inform the structure planning processes for the western corridor growth areas, to develop complementary transport solutions that enhance community liveability, improve road safety and enable efficient freight access to the Port of Tauranga.
- This forms one of several nationally significant programmes of transport investment for New Zealand.
- Public information days were held on 26 and 27 May 2017 with 769 people attending.
- Currently evaluating the detailed options to shortlist, for further engagement on with the community later in 2017.

Piarere to Tauriko (SH29) Business Case

- Stakeholder engagement to commence in the next couple of months with public consultation on options to follow later in 2017.
- Consultant has been procured to start work on option development.
- Business Case planned for completion by the end of 2018.

Waihi to Tauranga Corridor (SH2)

- Public information days were held on 30/31 March and 1 April in Katikati, Waihi and Omokoroa to present the short-list options for the corridor for community feedback. These options incorporated Board support for a change in programme direction to include a bypass of Katikati and investigating the acceleration of capacity improvements between Te Puna and Omokoroa.
- An implementation plan for the recommended options will be defined later this year following detailed option testing and subject to the Transport Agency Board's support. This includes safety and capacity improvements between Te Puna and Omokoroa, safety improvements between Omokoroa and Waihi, and the Katikati bypass.

4. WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY HIGHWAY PROJECTS

Baypark to Bayfair link upgrade (SH2 and SH29A)

- Sod-turning for the project was held on 16 May 2017.
- The construction team are expecting to be onsite late-July 2017 with works starting in August. Construction programme still to be confirmed.
- Ongoing work with the cycling community to explore the feasibility of options for cyclists and pedestrians (specifically around an underpass as part of the design).

Maungatapu underpass/Hairini link (SH29A)

- The second bridge will be completed and the roundabout reinstated by the end of June 2017.
- Work has started on removing material from under the completed road bridge.

- Expected project completion date is May 2018.

Poike Road overbridge (SH29A)

- Work on the footpath connecting the bridge to the Maungatapu Underpass along SH29A is ongoing but suspended during the winter.
- Works are expected to resume in October 2017.

Tauranga Northern Link (SH2)

- Geotechnical work is completed and the team are working through the specimen design and resource consents.
- The feasibility of tolling for demand management purposes has been completed. Further development of tolling demand management options is supported by the Transport Agency Board.
- Development of the revocation plan for the existing SH2 is underway and will be closely linked to potentially tolling options.

Te Puna/Minden roundabout (SH2)

- The project was originally scheduled to be finished by July 2017. However, completion has been delayed by unprecedented rainfall and the relocation of power and telecommunications cables.
- Work will continue through the winter using a lightweight concrete instead of stone for the base, and an asphalt seal instead of bitumen.
- The work that remains is the construction of the roundabout, the sealing of all sections of the road, raising the level of some lanes, completion of local road tie-ins to the roundabout, lighting, and landscaping.
- Expected completion is August 2017.