

SmartGrowth Partnership Reports

November 2018



This report is divided into two sections.

Section 1: SmartGrowth Partnership

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

Section 2: SmartGrowth Partner Forums

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

Section One

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

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

SLG Priority SmartGrowth Strategy/Action Link Ongoing Actions	November 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: November</p> <p>CEAG & SSG met on 1 November for a joint meeting. The next joint meeting will take place on 4 December. SmartGrowth progress on key projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Future Development Strategy and Other Projects• Transport• TIG for National Policy Statement coordination/Settlement Pattern Review projects is meeting monthly, chaired by strategic advisor Ken Tremaine.

<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: November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October SmartGrowth newsletter published. SmartGrowth Newsletters http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/
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<p>SLG Priority SmartGrowth Strategy/Action Link Ongoing Actions</p>	<p>November Progress Update</p>
<p>7. Strengthen visionary leadership and collaboration</p> <p>SmartGrowth Action 7A1: SmartGrowth Partner Forums</p> <p>Support for seven established forums</p>	<p>Update: November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Development Strategy Proposed document in draft stages Consultation process has taken place across the region. Strong community response which is now being viewed by SLG Committee. • Forum bi-monthly meetings supported across all seven forums. Each forum submitted final submission on the FDS&TUS.

SmartGrowth Action 7C3



Health in All Policies

Over the last few months the DHB and Toi Te Ora Public Health have been invited to provide input and advice to the SmartGrowth Partners to support significant planning and policy decisions including the Future Development Strategy and Tauranga Urban Strategy. We believe this has resulted in some mutual benefits. It has enabled us to provide a population health lens and support for decision-makers and planners to consider how the built environment can positively influence health or highlight where there are risks of poorer health outcomes and increased inequalities. It has meant we have been involved earlier in the process rather than solely relying on undertaking a formal submission process within tight time frames.

Via this mechanism we have been able to gain more understanding about the complex local government environment better and can see further opportunity to collaborate, support and advise Council. We believe there is still much work required to further embed the importance of applying this health/equity lens at the start of planning and policy decisions, and that our hope is that that this becomes a standard consideration of all Partners. But we would also need to better understand the resource and time

	<p>impacts of continuing to do this. We would welcome a conversation with the Partnership on how the process could be improved for other policy areas to ensure we are planning and resourcing appropriately and the benefits of doing so are fully realised.</p> <p>Planning for Health Services</p> <p>One of the advantages for the DHB in being involved in the structure planning for the Eastern and Western Corridors is that we have access to relevant information to help us determine the best mix of health services that will be needed for a community and the population that will settle in these growth areas.</p> <p>We have been approached by a number of private developers with an interest in providing accident and medical type facilities in Eastern Papamoa given its geographical location and distance from Tauranga Hospital in peak traffic times. We are in the early stages of undertaking our investigations. More information is needed on the design and type of services, funding streams, anticipated volumes of demand for the area and future forecast. We see it as a collaborative process with Primary Health Organisations, General Practice, private investors and potentially Accident</p>
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	<p>Compensation Corporation. We will keep in touch as discussions progress.</p>
<p>SmartGrowth (SG) Strategy Action 7I Reporting and monitoring SLG priority: Reporting/ monitoring Effectively reporting, measuring and monitoring the implementation of the SG Strategy is a priority.</p> <p>Develop monitoring and reporting framework with key indicators as part of producing the next 'progress report'. Use this mechanism to see 'gaps' in priorities and use for future planning.</p>	<p><u>Project Outcomes Checklist Tool</u></p>

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<p>9. Build the Community</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Priority Action 9A Build and value partnership with the community. Ongoing communication and engagement with the community 9A2 Ongoing communication and engagement with the community Lead agency: SmartGrowth Partnership Office</p> <p>Measure of success is that community awareness and understanding of SmartGrowth is improved and maintained. 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 Effectiveness in the social sector 9A3</p>	<p>Update: November 9A2 Community Conversations took place at various locations throughout the region to engage and gather feedback from the community on the Future Development Strategy and Tauranga Urban Strategy. Valuable feedback gathered. Digital strategy update: Continued increase in new subscribers to the SmartGrowth newsletters throughout the Future Development Strategy & Tauranga Urban Strategy Consultation period. SmartGrowth Newsletters</p> <p>SocialLink social sector mapping project completed. Working on Implementation of the research findings to improve Social wellbeing in the western Bay of Plenty.</p>

<p><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.</p>	<p>SocialLink has undertaken 14 presentations to disseminate the Mapping the Social Sector findings to the social sector, funders and stakeholders. SocialLink is starting to work with segments of the social sector (e.g. disability providers) to discuss findings specific to their area of work to encourage collaboration and to inform discussions about improving the effectiveness and efficiency of their sector in order to improve outcomes. SocialLink is grateful to SmartGrowth for further funding to complete the Mapping the Social Sector project, due to be finished by May 2019.</p>
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<p>10. Grow a Sustainable Economy</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 10D1 SLG priority: future thinking 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>Housing Affordability Forum (HAF) pilot project.</p> <p>Update: Housing Needs Assessment completed Full research report on link below <u>SmartGrowth Housing Need & Demand Report</u></p>

<p>11. Recognise Tangata Whenua cultural identity and change</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Actions</p> <p>11A-C</p> <p>Actions 11A and 11B and 11C</p> <p>Priority actions 11A1; 11A2; 11B1; 11B2; 11C1</p>	<p>Combined Tangata Whenua Forum (CTWF)</p> <p>Meetings to discuss key areas: Including Maori Housing Project Scope, Action 11.A 4 – Sub-Regional Tangata Whenua Consultation Policy for Resource Consent Processing, Future Development Strategy, Te Tumu and Tauriko development areas. - prelim discussions taken place</p> <p>Action 11A1 & 11A2</p> <p>Partner Councils are reviewing the project heritage database project plan to assess potential changes to enable to project to progress.</p> <p>Action 11A4</p> <p>Council Maori policy staff and the Tu Pakari Advisor engaged with iwi and hapū across the sub-region to map their tribal areas.</p>
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	<p>Action 11A7 TCC and WBOPDC Maori policy staff assessing internal cultural awareness programmes for partner organisation.</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. A review of the Maori and tangata whenua demographic information will be reviewed following the 2018 census.</p>

<p>SmartGrowth Strategy Part C: 21 Integrated planning and settlement pattern SmartGrowth Strategy Actions 21A to 21G</p> <p>SLG priority: NPS-UDC co-ordination; co-ordinating subregional spatial planning</p> <p>TIG - A cross-council, cross-implementation partner Technical Implementation Group (TIG) for Future Development Strategy (FDS) 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>Update: November Housing and Business capacity assessment has been completed. Quarterly monitoring is ongoing.</p> <p>TIG has been leading the FDS work. The Strategy has been publicly notified and consultation has occurred. Workshop will be held with SLG in December to discuss the outcomes of the consultation.</p> <p><u>SmartGrowth Development Trends Report</u></p>
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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



Kia Tu Pakari ai Tatou

Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group



Property Developers Forum



Social Infrastructure Providers Group



Social Sector Forum



Strategic Partners Forum



Partner Forums Key Agenda Item Discussed	<p>Future Development Strategy & Tauranga Urban Strategy consultation period was 5 October – 5 November 2018, each forum discussed and Lisa Hickling from Calibrate Consultancy took notes to form the submission on behalf of each forum. These were presented to SmartGrowth Leadership Group on 31 October 2018.</p> <p>Recommendation from Strategic Partners Forum: That the SmartGrowth Leadership Group note the nine key points made in the SPF submission to the Future Development Strategy & Tauranga Urban Strategy.</p> <p>Recommendation from all forums: That the SmartGrowth Leadership Group receive the forums submission to the Future Development Strategy & Tauranga Urban Strategy</p>
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Growth Projects October Monitoring Report (DC315)

Audit, Finance, Risk & Monitoring Committee

Date: 24 October 2018

Objective ID No: A9245598



Executive summary

Recommendation	(a) Receive the Growth Projects October 2018 Monitoring Report
Summary of issue	Tauranga City is continuing to experience rapid growth. Managing this growth is a significant issue for Council. This report enables Elected Members to monitor progress on key projects related to facilitating growth.
Broader benefit / impact	Elected Members are informed of the progress on key projects being undertaken to facilitate growth.
Strategic context	These key projects facilitate growth and provide the basis for sound city foundation.
Next steps	Council will continue to progress the projects and works identified.

Discussion

1. Tauranga City is continuing to experience rapid growth. Managing this growth is a significant issue for Council.
2. The attached report outlines the progress being made in relation to a number of projects necessary to facilitate this continued growth. This information is also regularly reported to the SmartGrowth partners and the SmartGrowth Forums.

Options

3. There are no options; this report is presented for information only.

Significance and engagement

4. While growth is a significant issue for Tauranga City, this report does not require any decisions and is not significant in itself.

Next steps

5. No further action is required. Council will continue to progress the projects and works identified.

Growth Monitoring Report – October 2018

Appendices

No.	Title
A	Attachment A: Growth Monitoring Report - October <i>Objective: ID: A9245523</i>

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Project	Current Update (key matters)	Next Steps and Identified Risks
Specific SmartGrowth Endorsed Growth Projects		
Te Tumu Structure Plan/Rezoning <i>This project involves the delivery of a new greenfield urban growth area of approximately 7,700 dwellings, 60 hectares of employment land with an adjoining town centre located in Wairakei. The project will go a significant way to meeting National Policy Statement development capacity requirements. It involves significant transport, waters, reserves and social/community infrastructure planning and delivery. The project is working on a timeframe of notifying a plan change to rezone the area for urban development in mid-2018 and the first houses being built in 2021. The council is working with the government to deliver infrastructure to the growth area boundary through the Housing Infrastructure Fund.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression of internal mid-block archaeological assessment. • Flood modelling and risk assessment. • CIA engagement with Tangata Whenua. • Planning for future open days. • Te Okuroa Drive Key connection between landblocks design, noting Boulevard is now preferred route for starting corridor due to provide for improved public transport planning (associated transport planning required with this process). • Re-initiation of master planning to provide updated master plan to reflect technical assessments. • Progression of stormwater strategy to completion. • Completion of outstanding technical reports. • Cultural and heritage assessment underway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression of internal mid-block archaeological assessment – likely December. • Flood modelling and risk assessment. • CIA delivery (October through November) • Completion of stormwater strategy. • Re-initiation of master planning to provide updated master plan to reflect technical assessments. • Completion of outstanding technical reports. • Completion of Cultural and heritage assessment underway. • Infrastructure and funding agreement development. • Engagement on Maori land leasehold options. • Maori Land Court hearing outcomes (potentially November).
Tauriko West Structure Planning/Rezoning (including associated link transport and boundary adjustment) <i>This project involves the delivery of a new greenfield urban growth area of approximately 3,000 dwellings. The project will go a significant way to meeting National Policy Statement development capacity requirements. It involves significant transport, waters, reserves and social/community infrastructure planning and delivery. The project is working on a timeframe of notifying a plan change to rezone the area for urban development in late-2018 and the first houses being built in 2021.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master planning continues; • Technical working group to progress stormwater planning, flood modelling and ecological planning outcomes underway. • BoPRC Urban Limits Line Change, via Stream Lined planning process continues. • Preparation for boundary alteration by WBoPDC progresses. <p>NZTA re-evaluation process continues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of master planning document. • Technical working group to progress stormwater planning, flood modelling and ecological planning outcomes progresses. • BoPRC Urban Limits Line Change – decision from Minister. • Lodgement of boundary alteration by WBoPDC. • NZTA re-evaluation process continues.

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Specific SmartGrowth Endorsed Growth Projects		
<i>The project also involves changes to the urban limits under the Regional Policy Statement and a boundary alteration with the WBOPDC as well as integration with NZTA on the planning and delivery of an upgraded SH29 corridor through Tauriko.</i>		
Tauranga Urban Strategy <i>This strategy and related projects are focused on the delivery of a more compact urban form for the city via redevelopment and intensification of the existing urban area. Higher density greenfield outcomes can also contribute toward compact city aims.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Tauranga Urban Strategy is out for consultation from 5 October – 5 November. Consultation on the Future Development Strategy and the Tauranga Urban Strategy is being undertaken at the same time. Following feedback from consultation, the Urban Strategy is proposed to be revised and finalised by February or March 2019. An external TUS advisory group has been set up to rationalise and refine the TUS (focussing it more on key urban form outcomes). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There may be some confusion as a result on consulting of both strategies together. This could cause some negative feedback to Council. This is being mitigated by seven consultation events (on both strategies) and a social media strategy that is focussing just on the Urban Strategy. The TUS Advisory group is meeting monthly until the final version is approved in December 2018.
Tauranga Urban Strategy Implementation projects	<p>A number of projects are being scoped that seek to give effect to the Tauranga Urban Strategy. This recognises the length of time required to advance plan changes. The following plan changes are underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the City Living Zone (the zone adjacent to the CBD). Changes to the City Plan objectives and policies to give effect to the centres-based growth principle in the TUS. Smith's Farm Plan Change involving the rezoning of Smith's Farm (a Council owned Special Housing Area in Bethlehem) from rural residential to residential in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City Planning Team is currently scoping up plan changes that will help enable the TUS. Wider planning is also underway on scoping the Te Papa intensification project.

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Specific SmartGrowth Endorsed Growth Projects		
	<p>order to enable medium density housing outcomes in the short to medium term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation of growth and intensification of centres on the Te Papa peninsula. A city-wide stormwater plan change to address the stormwater implications of intensification and the management of existing flood risk. Plan change scopes were approved by CTC on 3 September 	
<p>Tauranga Centres Technical Assessment</p> <p>This project involves an assessment of the role and function of all commercial centres within the city from the city centre down to small local centres, including recommendations for future development of current and new centres.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final report has been received. Project has been signed off. The finalisation of the project was mentioned in the lead officer report in 28 June CTC. It was stated that the project has been completed and that work will not 'stand on its own' but rather elements of the work will be incorporated into the final TUS and that. It will stand as technical information that will be part of a broader package of information/ evidence to be considered in the future City Plan Review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporation elements into a final TUS by end of 2018 and/or inform further work that will be conducted as part of the City Plan review and Te Papa intensification project.

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<p>Keenan Road, TBE extension & Western Corridor</p> <p><i>Keenan Rd, the extension of the Tauriko Business Estate south of Belk Rd and the wider Western Corridor present future greenfield urban growth opportunities. Some of this area is within the current urban limits and much all of the area is located in the WBOP District</i></p>	<p><u>Keenan Rd</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning work is not active on the wider Keenan Road Urban Growth Area. The draft FDS indicates that a strategic planning study is required ahead of any consideration of structure planning. Upgrades to the Kopurererua Stormwater Model are complete to enable consideration of urban development scenarios for Keenan Rd. <p><u>TBE extension</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning work is not active for the extension of the Tauriko Business Estate south of Belk Rd. The draft FDS indicates that a strategic planning study is required ahead of any consideration of structure planning. The developer of the TBE is undertaking initial thinking on how this may look and when they like to have it approved for development. High uptake of land within TBE over the last 2 years may put pressure on industrial land supply in Tauranga and require thought to be given to commencing planning work on the TBE extension in the near term. <p><u>Western Corridor Ring Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery and future proofing of the ring road section through TBE is underway. The first 700m of road are being construction this financial year. 	<p><u>Keenan Rd</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test potential development options in the stormwater model for the lower land within the Keenan Rd growth area that is located within the TCC District and the current urban limits (underway but not complete). Determine when to begin planning work for the wider Keenan Rd urban growth area. <p><u>TBE extension</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence discussion across the SmartGrowth Partnership about the right time to commence planning for this area. <p><u>Western Corridor Ring Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussions around corridor protection and potential land purchases. Determine the likely staging and timing of road construction. In this regard transport modelling has been scoped and is about to get underway. It will consider the value of early

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCC has made some strategic property acquisitions to preserve the future road corridor. Discussions underway with a range of other landowners in terms of corridor protection and potential land purchases. 	<p>delivery of part of the road to take pressure off SH29 to enable development to commence in Tauriko West.</p>
<p>Growth Related Plan Changes</p> <p><i>This relates to changes that are being made to the City Plan under the RMA to deliver on residential and non-residential growth management outcomes.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan Change 25 - was made operative in full on 11 September 2018. Now complete. Plan Change 26 Review of Objectives and Policies- Suburban Residential and Commercial Zones- scope development. Plan Change 27 Stormwater (to address flooding risks across all zones) – revise scope from broader water-based hazard scope. Plan Change 28 Review of the City Living Zone– scope development. Plan Change 29 Smith’s Farm - scope development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan Change 26 – finalise project plan with plan change work break down structure and schedule. Plan Change 27 – finalise project plan with plan change work break down structure and schedule. Revised scope to be outlined to EMs on 5 November. Plan Change 28 – finalise project plans with plan change work break down structure and schedule. Plan Change 29 – work on plan change is provisionally on hold.
<p>Special Housing Areas (Proposals and Implementation)</p> <p><i>This relates to the implementation of the Tauranga Housing Accord through the creation of SHA’s to increase the short term provision of housing in the city through a fast-tracked mechanism.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on the proposed SHA at Emerald Shores Dr is now complete. SHA was approved by City Transformation Committee on 2nd October Continue to work with developers and landowners to progress the other SHAs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council will make a decision on Emerald Shores SHA on 16th October. Continue to work with developers and landowners to progress other SHAs. The last tranche of SHA will be consulted in Feb/Mar to ensure recommendations are made the Minister prior to the legislation being repealed.

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Wairakei/Te Tumu Framework Plan <i>This relates to the delivery of an overall plan for the development of the Wairakei town centre and its integration with commercial, employment and social/community facilities in the adjoining Kaituna 14 block in Te Tumu.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The existing PEI Aimsun micro-sim transport model has been re-scoped to encompass the Framework Plan spatial area so that fine-grained decisions regarding access, signal timing, high occupancy vehicle/bus lane configurations and staging can be explicitly modelled. Working with landowners of Town Centre and within Te Tumu regarding potential to progress the Blvd as the first roading corridor into Te Tumu. Regular meetings to progress planning established. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with landowners of Town Centre and within Te Tumu regarding potential to progress the Blvd as the first roading corridor into Te Tumu. Regular meetings to progress planning established. Likely lodgement of consent by developed for town centre, pre Christmas (comprehensive consent). Modelling of roading corridors, and progression of PT discussions along Blvd corridor is underway.
Infrastructure Planning		
Project	Current Update (key matters)	Next Steps and Identified Risks
Infrastructure Development Code (IDC) Review <i>The IDC sets the standards for infrastructure built by developers that will be vested to the Council as well as infrastructure that the Council builds itself. This project is aimed at improving the IDC and its implementation to achieve better infrastructure outcomes.</i> Workstream 1 - Identifying Issues & Changes to the IDC This workstream is to address prioritised problem areas in terms of implementation of the existing IDC. There is engagement with the development & consultant sector	Workstream 1 Prioritised issues and current status include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilities corridor (Interim Utilities tool published). 	Workstream 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue progress on resolving issues.

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<p>and industry professionals from around NZ are providing expertise into the project. The issues in this workstream are mainly technical in nature.</p> <p>Workstream 2 – Transport Provisions Update Workstream 2 is focused on creating new transport approaches, with a focus on placemaking, relevant to medium density within the IDC and other frameworks where required.</p> <p>The project will look nationally and internationally at medium density development and what is aspired to in terms of the infrastructure to support that. It will include areas such as road and intersection cross-sections, walking & cycling, public transport etc. The intention is that this project will align with the structure plan work to create an IDC framework that will be able to be utilised for Te Tumu and Tauriko West.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressure Pipe testing (Drafting documents). • Pavement design guidelines (Discovery). • Street tree spacing (Changes to IDC published). • Street tree species (Discovery). • Retaining wall design considerations (Discovery). • Road width (T116 and T117) (Discovery). <p>Workstream 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project team (H&G and Mott Macdonald) have completed two rounds of engagement since last update. One in late August and early October. Sessions were held with TCC staff, Utilities Companies, Property developers and more targeted session with developers and project team of Te Tumu and Tauriko West. • Project has agreement from steering group on core principles for street design. Most recent workshops involved workshopping the concept of 'Link and Place' which will form part of the design guide. 	<p>Workstream 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further workshops with Te Tumu and Tauriko West development team to ensure consistency between growth area designs and Transport Provisions project. • Stage 1 of project will go to City Transformation Committee for Endorsement in December with Stage 2 (technical detailing) to follow.

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Workstreams 4 & 5 – Internal / External Compliance with the IDC These workstreams will commence when work in the other three project workstreams are further advanced.	Workstream 4 & 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft IDC Departure documents complete and example developed. 	Workstream 4 & 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue for informal consultation.
Tauranga Transport Model Review <i>This project involves the development of new detailed tactical (meso-/microscopic) transport network supply and route assignment models that are best-practice. They will use travel demands forecast by the strategic (macroscopic) Tauranga Transport Model, which will be updated after the 2018 census to address significant shortcomings (such as not explicitly being able to model public transport, walking and bicycling).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical Model Specification Report document was finalised. Data collection plan was executed during the last 2 weeks of August 2018. Additional scoping was conducted to expedite a Public Transport capability as well as Home-based education trip purpose into TTM (originally planned for 2019). The Household Travel survey supplement is underway which will inform PT and carpool forecast capabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop on Draft business case for 10 year transport model improvement programme and will be held with other territorial partners. Outcome will be a revised Heads of Agreement between transport model partners based on Business Case recommendations. Initial Aimsun model network coding has begun and progress will be demonstrated to stakeholders at the above workshop. Next step is mesoscopic calibration, followed by microscopic calibration of peninsula area pockets. Contract variation to expedite Public Transport capability in Tauranga Transport Strategic demand model is underway.
Housing Infrastructure Fund Application <i>This project involves the development of detailed business cases to secure 10-year interest free loans from the government to assist in the delivery of the Waiari water treatment plant, upgrades of the Te Maunga wastewater treatment plant and infrastructure to enable development in the Te Tumu urban growth area.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HIF loan agreements for TeMaunga Wastewater Treatment Plant and Waiari Water Treatment Plant have been signed by TCC and the Crown. Te Tumu HIF was considered by NZTA Board and decisions made on level of funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will look to prepare our first drawdown of HIF funds in October (based on expenditure to end of September). Work continues on Te Tumu HIF bid. The transportation funding confirmed by NZTA, while being significantly higher than earlier discussions, was well below what was included in our application. We are continuing to work through this with NZTA before coming back to Elected Members.

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Welcome Bay/Ohauti Planning Study <i>This project involves revisiting the planning for these suburbs to determine whether existing issues can be overcome (transport and waters capacity, retail provision, education provision etc) and whether additional growth could be accommodated.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters have been sent to landowners within the study area. There are some discussions with multiple owned Maori landowners to be held. The infrastructure capacity assessments (modelling scenarios) have been agreed. Consultant has been engaged to progress a commercial assessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All consultants have now been engaged and modelling is underway for infrastructure capacity assessments. Draft commercial assessment due in the next 2 weeks. Draft Social infrastructure assessment due by the end of October. Draft three waters assessments due by the end of November. Draft transport assessment due by the end of November but may require further modelling of options.
Rural land Planning Study <i>This project involves the review of the over 2,000ha of rural land remaining in the city boundary to determine whether any of it is suitable for future urban development.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence project. Project Management Plan drafted. Draft assessment of the first catchment complete (Bethlehem). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise the Project Management Plan. Work through each rural land area within the City. Complete report.

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External Community and/or Stakeholder Discussions		
Growth related Community and/or Stakeholder discussions (this includes community infrastructure issues)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the Long Term Plan enables a number of cross-organisational initiatives to commence. These initiatives will be reported to the Community & Culture Committee through 2018 and 2019. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community infrastructure citywide stocktake project underway Land acquisition project for TCC Community Infrastructure (Library, community centre and aquatic centre) at Tauranga Crossing Discussion on impact investment fund project held with external parties. Proposed fund would have a housing (social and affordable) focus.

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

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Specific SmartGrowth Growth Projects		
<i>Housing Action Plan</i> <i>This project is Council's response to the Housing Demand and Needs Assessment, aligning to the Smart Housing Action Framework.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The housing action plan was updated by the Policy Committee on 18th October. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of council-owned land that may be available for affordable housing development. Scoping for pensioner housing review. Work continues on review of Post-harvest zones in the District Plan (seasonal worker accommodation) Scoping work for understanding social housing needs in Te Puke, with the Te Puke Co-Lab network.
<i>Omokoroa Structure Plan</i> <i>Omokoroa has less than 9 years zoned and serviced land for residential development. To meet the requirements of the NPSUDC (10 years supply plus 20%), further land is required. A structure plan is being prepared for the remainder of the peninsula covering the area from SH2 to the railway.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four draft structure plan layout options were consulted on with landowners, the community and stakeholders. 	<p>A technical workshop is being held on 28 November to develop a preferred option. This will be presented to a Council workshop on 29 November for direction to then prepare a detailed structure plan including accurately defining location of main land uses (schools, reserves, town centre etc), infrastructure schedules, development feasibility, and district plan rules.</p>
<i>Housing Affordability Forum (HAF) Pilot Project</i> <i>This is a SmartGrowth project being facilitated by HAF. The purpose is to showcase an affordable housing development that can be done within the current market using innovative design and construction. Land is being made available at market price within the Omokoroa SHA. The project involves going to the market and selecting a partner to undertake the</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change since last report. The original site in the first stage of the SHA is not being pursued because of the requirement for retaining walls. Alternative site B (adjoining the railway) is now being progressed. Analysis and research is being undertaken to assess the financial viability of the alternative site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has entered into an agreement with HAF and SHA developer to facilitate access and services to the new site.

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<i>development.</i>		
<p>Katikati Urban Growth area review</p> <p><i>In theory Katikati has sufficient land to meet the requirements of the NPSUDC. However, two of the remaining landowners do not wish to sell or develop their land. Thus there is only 3 years supply remaining and further land is required. Although land on Busby Road is within the RPS Urban Limits, this may not be the best option. This project is to look at all the options before deciding on the preferred location.</i></p>	<p>Meetings were held with landowners of the two preferred Busby Road and Pukakura Road areas to discuss the options in more detail before making a final decision on the preferred location.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing a report to Council to select the preferred option. • Pukakura Road option is outside the current urban limits, and will need a change to the RPS in due course if the decision is to proceed with this option. • There is a risk on the level of support from Pukakura Road landowners. • There is a challenge to balance the current population projections with the capacity of and cost of upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant.
<p>Tauriko West TLA Boundary Change</p> <p><i>This project is part of the overall Tauriko for Tomorrow workstream to establish a new urban growth area at Tauriko West. The project follows the change in the RPS Urban Limits line and is to alter the Western Bay/Tauranga City territorial boundary so that the whole of the growth area is within the City boundary for planning, servicing and administrative purposes.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBOPDC Policy Committee on 6 September 2018 approved the draft application to the LGC to go to TCC and BOPRC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following endorsement of the final proposal from both TCC and BOPRC throughout October, WBOPDC resolved to adopt the proposal for lodgement with the Local Government Commission. • Proposal for boundary alteration now with LGC.

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Papakāinga Development (Joint Agency Group) <i>Facilitate the development of papakainga.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource consent to develop Ngapeke 6C has been issued by WBOPDC. Te Puni Kokiri has verbally confirmed infrastructure funding support for at least the first 3 whare. Kainga Whenua loan funding pre-approvals have also been obtained for these homes. JAG facilitator assisting Ngapeke with a further application to TPK for funding to support a more sophisticated wastewater treatment system that could, in time, service 10 homes. Manawa treaty settlement subdivision has allocated up to 30% of the project for affordable Nga Potiki housing. 16 whanau at a point of readiness for approval from Nga Potiki Board to offer sites in Manawa for house and land packages. The trust will continue to work with and support another 15 whanau to get them to a point of readiness to secure bank finance. Shared equity scheme (in partnership with Westpac Bank) announced. National Science Challenge funding secured to undertake case study research on papakainga in the Western Bay sub-region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for key projects continues through design, consent, build process. Noting the "Housing Need and Demand Report in Tauranga & Western Bay" report did not consider Maori housing need in any great depth, the JAG are exploring funding options for bespoke Maori housing needs research across the Western Bay sub-region. WBOPDC progressing discussions with a Te Arawa iwi regarding opportunities for comprehensive development (including papakainga) on post-settlement land. WBOPDC (and JAG) to meet with Te Arawa Lakes Trust to discuss the opportunity to develop 'at scale' papakainga on local TALT land in Maketu.
Other growth related projects		
Omokoroa Road <i>Omokoroa is a rural road that is in need of substantial rehabilitation and upgrade. The section from SH2 to Goldstone Road is being upgraded to a high level rural arterial standard, with the addition of new intersections and utility infrastructure to service new residential development.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHA/Goldstone RAB construction is complete. Neil Group intersection construction is completed. SH to Goldstone Road has had its first seal coat with the second coat planned for November 2018. Intersection street lighting is still to be completed. The urban section is currently in its design stage. A new industrial road running off Omokoroa Road between SH2 and Prole Road is being designed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second coat seal on the SH2 to Goldstone Road stretch is to be applied. Cycle way is currently under construction. Anticipate completion of the rural length by the end of this year except for a section of sewer main. Stage 2 urban section is expected to be built over two years.

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<i>The second stage of the project is to upgrade the stretch from the Western Avenue to Tralee Street to an urban arterial.</i>		
Omokoroa Special Housing Area (SHA) <i>This is a Joint Venture between Council and Classic Builders on Council-owned land at Omokoroa.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change since last report. There are 20 homes under construction at this point in time, in various stages of completion. First homeowners will move into their houses within the month. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further Stages will be opened in response to the market.
SH2 Safety Reviews: Waihi to Omokoroa, Omokoroa to Te Puna <i>This project is NZTA lead and is to provide safety improvements for SH2 from Te Puna to Waihi.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project is now progressing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracts to be let for the various components. Likely to be split into 3 and done concurrently: Waihi to Athenree, Athenree to Katikati, Katikati to Omokoroa.
Project Wai Ora <i>Multi-agency initiatives to assist 5 identified communities with water and wastewater solutions.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WBOPDC and Otawhiwhi Marae Committee submitted to BOPRC's Long Term Plan, requesting a funding contribution towards the reticulation of Otawhiwhi Marae and kohanga reo, in accordance with BOPRC's Third Party Infrastructure Funding Policy. The funding request was approved, with BOPRC committing \$100,000 towards the work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council is now working with Otawhiwhi Marae to progress the reticulation. There will be further issues to resolve around the rates impact – as the Marae and Kohanga Reo will come under Council's 'multiple pan' rate.

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Biodiversity/Margins/Land Management - Tauranga and Kaituna Catchment	<p>Details of the Kaituna River Re-diversion and Ongatoro/Maketu Estuary Enhancement Project can be found at the following link: http://www.boprc.govt.nz/environment/coast/kaituna-maketu-and-pongakawa-waitahanui-catchments/kaituna-river-re-diversion-and-ongatoromaketu-estuary-enhancement-project/</p> <p>Kaimai Catchments Forum work ongoing. More than 90 percent of waterways throughout the Tauranga Moana catchments have now been protected from access by farm stock.</p>	Kaituna River re-diversion restoration works continue. Work is ahead of schedule.	<p>Public access to Te Tumu Cut will be made available over Christmas period.</p> <p>See BOPRC website for any road, stop bank and boat ramp closures adjacent to the lower Kaituna River.</p>
Regional Coastal Environment Plan	<p>16 Environment Court appeals received. Court proceedings are ongoing.</p> <p>Resolution of appeals and whole plan becoming operative delayed due to continuing litigation.</p> <p>Court of Appeal has granted leave to Attorney-General and Motiti Rohe Moana Trust to appeal the High Court's decision on fisheries declaration matter.</p>	<p>Council adopted the Pre-operative Regional Coastal Environment Plan on 30 October 2018. The Plan will now be sent to the Minister of Conservation for approval to become operative.</p> <p>There are two remaining appeal matters not yet fully resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matakana Island barrier arm landscape schedule - waiting on final decision of Environment Court) • Motiti marine spatial planning – waiting on Court of Appeal hearing in 2019 to resolve jurisdiction issue between RMA and Fisheries Act. 	<p>A decision from the Minister is expected to take 4-6 months. Once approval has been given the Plan can be made Operative.</p> <p>Court of Appeal hearing indicatively May 2019.</p>
On-site Effluent Treatment Regional Plan	Proposed Plan Change 14 (OSET). New provisions for on-site effluent treatment systems. The change is part of an overall plan simplification and amalgamation process. The plan change affects un-reticulated areas only, with a simplified approach to rules.	Draft Plan Change 14 (On-Site Effluent Treatment - OSET) is available for comment from Tuesday 31 July 2018 to Friday 26 October 2018.	A Proposed Plan Change will be developed using the community feedback and further staff work. It is expected that the Proposed Plan Change will be publically notified for submissions in mid-2019.

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Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement	The Kaituna River Document was gazetted on 1 August 2018.	At their meeting on 30 October the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee approved the timeframes and process for preparing Draft Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the RPS.	Proposed Change 5 to the RPS will be drafted to recognise and provide for the Vision, Objectives and Desired Outcomes of the Kaituna River Document. Public notification of Proposed Change 5 is expected in 2019. The change will be developed in tandem with the Regional Natural Resource Plan Change for the Kaituna River and Rangitāiki River Water Management Areas.
Kaituna-Pongakawa-Waitahanui Water Management Area (National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management implementation)	Work continues on the contaminant calibrations within our Catchment Model for Kaituna-Pongakawa-Waitahanui which includes nitrogen, phosphorus, suspended sediment and E. coli.	Modelling is now largely complete. Receiving environments likely to drive water quality requirements. Community group meetings held in September 2018.	Coastal Receiving Environment work being completed describing nutrient limits required to support the ecological health of Maketū and Waihi estuaries. Discussion documents on policy options for meeting water quality and quantity limits to be prepared for consultation in February/March 2019.
Tauranga Harbour Water Management Area (National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management implementation)	Process to set objectives, limits and methods for quality and quantity under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management in the Tauranga Moana Water Management Area (aka Plan Change 16) has started. The current focus is to build an information base and agree an approach to working together with Tauranga Moana iwi and hapū.	Staff are focussed on preliminary information gathering and intend to meet with councils and other groups as they start to plan forward work in more detail. Within the Tauranga WMA there is also a need to consider the geothermal water resource. Meetings with Tauranga Moana Advisory Group (TMAG), SmartGrowth Combined Tangata Whenua Forum, Ngā Potiki, Ngāi Te Ahi, Ngāi Tamarawaho, Ngāti Pūkenga, Ngāti Ranginui and Ngāi te Rangi representatives have occurred. Meetings with councils in progress.	Information gathering will take until 2019, with plan development between 2020 and 2023, the statutory process in 2024 and implementation from 2025. Recent iwi-led water hui held at Wairoa Marae may help inform process.

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Proposed Change 4 (Tauriko West Urban Limit) to the Regional Policy Statement	<p>Twenty submissions received. Majority of submission points support, or are neutral to, Proposed Change 4.</p> <p>Hearing was held on Monday 6 August 2018. Panel heard from 11 submitters; five in support, three neutral, and three oppose/oppose in part.</p> <p>Te Kauae a Roopu hui held 9 July and 13 August.</p>	<p>On 20 September 2018 Minister for the Environment issued his decision to approve Change 4.</p> <p>Decision publically notified 23 October 2018.</p> <p>Change 4 made operative 30 October 2018. Media release and articles in SunLive and Bay of Plenty Times.</p>	<p>Key risk in completing structure planning and progressing Tauriko West rezoning, given uncertainty with State Highway 29 and upgrading of transport network required to enable growth in the Western Corridor.</p>
Climate Change	<p>Council's Long Term Plan 2018-2028 process considered climate change as a strategic issue. Council has also made commitments under the Local Government Leaders Climate Change Declaration.</p> <p>Funding has been provided in Year 1 of the LTP to enhance Council's responsiveness to the challenge of climate change.</p> <p>The Productivity Commission released its draft report 27 April 2018 on how to transition to a carbon neutral economy by 2050.</p>	<p>The Government has signalled that it will introduce a Zero Carbon Bill in late-2018 to provide a vision for how we transition to a sustainable and climate resilient future.</p> <p>The Bill will see New Zealand set an emissions reduction target into law, and establish an independent Climate Change Commission to keep us on track to meet our goals. Consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill discussion document was carried out in May 2018.</p>	<p>Council's current priority is the development of a climate change action plan. This action plan will cover a wide range of activities and will provide an initial framework for making future decisions. Over time it is expected that the action plan will develop and evolve as the focus on climate change expands.</p>

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Freshwater Futures/Water Quantity	<p>Council hearings on Proposed Plan Change 9 (Region wide water quantity) were held 14-16 March 2018.</p> <p>There is still some confusion about the role of PC9 as an interim measure vs other parts of the water program. Appeals have the potential to draw resources away from PC12 and other Water Management Area work.</p>	<p>Plan Change 9 recommendations from Hearing Panel were reported to Council on 18 September.</p> <p>Council adopted the panel's recommendations and notified as Council's decisions on 9 October 2018. The appeal period closes on 21 November 2018.</p> <p>Key aspects of Council's decisions include retention of specific provisions to support municipal water supply, retaining a special time limited rule to bring existing dairy shed water takes into compliance and retaining limits to allocation with a policy to generally decline new applications to take water above those limits.</p>	<p>Appeals to Plan Change 9 decisions close on 21 November 2018.</p> <p>A new tool is being developed to allow customers to view live information about groundwater availability. As part of the development of this tool science advice was reviewed and allocation information reassessed. As a result water availability estimates in some areas have changed.</p>
Regional Land Transport Plan	<p>Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan approved by the Regional Council in June 2018 and submitted to NZTA. The Approved Plan and information can be found at https://www.boprc.govt.nz/landtransportplan</p>	<p>The Government's Position Statement has seen a new focus on the region's agreed transport projects.</p>	<p>NZTA released the National Land Transport Programme at the end of August 2018.</p>
New Tauranga and Western Bay bus network	<p>New item</p>	<p>The new Western Bayhopper network will begin on 10 December 2018. The new network will improve travel and journey times with more direct and regular buses, new technology to provide users with better information, and bus lanes for faster journeys.</p>	<p>Council is currently communicating the new network ahead of the new service beginning in December 2018.</p>

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Regional Air Plan	<p>Proposed Plan Change 13 (Air Quality) to the Regional Natural Resources Plan notified for submissions 27 February 2018. There were 79 submissions received.</p> <p>Key aspects of the plan change include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open burning – banned in urban areas • Agrichemical spraying – sprayers to use a risk management approach to spraying • Methyl bromide and fumigants – all fumigants used for shipping discretionary activity, methyl bromide use with recapture discretionary, without recapture non-complying • Mount Maunganui – expanded monitoring and if necessary, additional rules to manage air discharges will be introduced in the future • General – new crematoria need consent, free-range and intensive farms need consent, pet food manufacture needs consent. <p>Further submissions process closed on 30 July 2018.</p>	Hearings held 15-17 October and 25-26 October 2018.	Deliberations scheduled for 7-8 November 2018.

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1. TARGETED ENHANCED FUNDING ASSISTANCE RATES (TEFAR)

- There is more money in the 2018–21 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) to deliver even more transport projects in communities during the next three years.
- We have more money to improve safety on local roads, to support walking and cycling, expand public transport services, build resilience into the local transport system and make improvements to local roads.
- Projects rated as high or very high in delivering on these new transport priorities and community outcomes will be eligible for additional funding assistance through a Targeted Enhanced Fund Assistance Rate (TEFAR).
- The TEFAR is set halfway between a council's normal FAR and 100 percent, but is capped at 90 percent. The extra funding will enable funding for additional transport projects during the next three years, providing communities with even better transport outcomes.
- To qualify for the TEFAR, projects need to be rated as high or very high, and need to commit to spend any “savings” on additional transport projects. All projects will be considered on a national basis to ensure the extra funding is used to achieve the best outcomes for all New Zealand.
- Our local government teams will be meeting with council staff before the end of the year to discuss opportunities within the regions to bring brought forward transport projects under the National Priority Programmes.
- We recognise additional support may be required to ensure successful delivery of these projects during the next three years while the TEFAR is available. We will be working closely with councils to provide that support.
- If you have any further queries about the National Priority Programmes and TEFAR, please contact the Transport Agency's Director Regional Relationships to discuss.

2. SAFE NETWORKS

- We're underway with the Safe Network programme which will use the Safe System approach to save lives and reduce serious injuries by focusing on safe roads and roadsides, safe and appropriate speeds and safe rail crossings to make our roads more forgiving of human error.

- In the first year three priority regions; Auckland, Waikato and Canterbury, are being supported to develop regional Safe Network plans covering both local roads and state highways.
- Speed management is an important part of the Safe Network programme and the Transport Agency will continue to work with Road Controlling Authorities and proactive communities to progress speed management opportunities around the rest of New Zealand.
- We expect applications for the funding of road safety activities will be focused on effective safety interventions that achieve value for money. To support this, we have developed a set of standard safety treatments and a Standard Interventions Toolkit to use when developing safety programmes. The Toolkit is designed to help streamline the investment pathway and sets out a number of safety interventions that are proven Safe System countermeasures to deliver the best safety outcomes.
- We will work closely with you and our road safety partners to prioritise and deliver the programme across the entire transport network.

3. BUSINESS CASES

Re-evaluation process

- The Transport Agency has been re-evaluating 12 state highway corridors across New Zealand to ensure the plans align with the priorities for our transport network.
- The Transport Agency has now agreed the general approach for future plans Otaki to North of Levin, Whangarei to Te Hana, SH2 Waihi to Tauranga and SH29 Tauriko, and expect to have recommendations on SH1 Cambridge to Piarere, SH2 Pokeno to Mangatarata and SH29 Piarere to Tauriko by the end of November 2018. These prioritise the Government's vision for a safer transport network free of death and injury, accessible and affordable transport, value for money and reduced emissions.
- The plans include delivering short and medium term safety improvements while continuing to plan and protect land for new routes in the long term.
- In December, the funding allocations for the 12 re-evaluated corridors across the country will be considered against funds available nationally and the timing of the programme will be confirmed and we will have an update in early-2019.

Tauriko Network Plan (SH29 / SH29A)

- Following the re-evaluation, the Tauriko Transport Network detailed business case (DBC) has restarted.
- The focus is on supporting housing & business growth by providing safe access and transport choice for Tauranga's Western Corridor (SH29 / SH29A).
- A long-term multi-modal package of co-investment is required from Tauranga City Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and the Transport Agency.
- The Transport has short-listed three transport investment scenarios which cover a range of public transport and roading options, and we are now testing these with partners, stakeholders, Iwi and the public during November and December.
- Once feedback is received, further investigation and refinement of the options will take place to develop a recommended package of investment for the area.

Te Tumu (HiF) Business Case

- The Transport Agency has started work on a business case to upgrade the TEL toll system to incorporate the planned Papamoa East Interchange in order to maintain equity for all users of the Tauranga Eastern Link Toll Road.
- Further work is needed to complete an integrated, multi-modal transport investment for Te Tumu, particularly bus service investment to use the proposed boulevard busway.

4. PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION

Baypark to Bayfair Link (SH2 and SH29A)

- The second major traffic switch on the project occurred in late-October 2018, shifting the lanes of traffic across to allow work to get underway on the east-bound Maunganui Road lanes.

- In response to the change in GPS, a scope change to Bay Link to provide new full width underpass has been approved. Additional work continues to investigate options for High Occupancy / Special Vehicle efficiency improvements.

SH2 Speed Review

- The Transport Agency will begin engagement on the speed review for SH2 between Katikati and Bethlehem in 2019.

Maungatapu underpass/Hairini link (SH29A)

- Welcome Bay Lane was closed in October 2018 as the speed restriction measures had not improved the safety for cyclists through the area.
- A number of recommendations were made in the cycleway review and Tauranga City Council and the Transport Agency are working with cycle advocacy groups on the solutions. Some improvements, such as the crossing of Welcome Bay Lane, are already underway.
- We have received reports that the Hairini Street bus lane works well in supporting bus prioritisation. Access remains closed to other vehicles.
- The Transport Agency and Tauranga City Council are looking at additional network changes (adjacent to the project extents) that could alleviate pinch points around the Maungatapu and Hairini roundabouts during peak times.

Low Cost Low Risk programme

- There are a number of small projects (under \$1 million) being carried out under the Low Cost Low Risk programme.
- The current construction programme includes ramp metering at Elizabeth Street (SH2) and Barkes Corner (SH29A) as well as upgrades to SH5 Maraeroa/Oturoa intersection and SH30 Owkata roundabout; and installation of VMS at SH5 Hemo Gorge (north and south bound) and SH30 Tikitere (westbound)

- Other projects include the SH29 speed review between Thorn Road and Tauriko, safety improvements at Pyes Pa School (SH36), upgrade of active warning signs at Kaimai School (SH29) and designing the upgrade of SH2/Arawa St intersection. Also investigations at SH2 Hewletts Rd/ Aerodrome Rd and Maru St intersections to improve traffic flows at peak times.

Waihi to Omokoroa Safety Improvements (SH2)

- Delivery of the first section of safety improvements along SH2 between Waihi and Trig Road is underway. This includes upgrading five intersections (with SH2; Heath, Crean, Baxter, Ford and Trig roads); road and shoulder widening, wide centreline, and installing roadside safety barriers and a right turn bay for Waimata School.
- The remaining nine sections are; Trig Road to Mathers Road, Mathers Road to Athenree Gorge, Athenree Road to Tanners Point Road, Tanners Point Road to Kauri Point Road, Kauri Point Road to Lindemann Road, Wharawhara Road to Sharp Road, Sharp Road to Sargent Drive, Wainui South Road to Esdaile Road and Esdaile Road to Omokoroa Road.
- The next two sections, north and south of Katikati to start construction are expected to start mid to late 2019.

Weather Activated Variable Speed Limit signs (SH29)

- The Transport Agency has carried out independent research to examine how the public perceive the operation of the Weather Activated Variable Speed Limit signs, how well they understand the messaging, and what improvements they think could be made. This research is currently being reviewed and will be used to assist with an operational review to determine what improvements can be made.
- The weather-activated signs with adjustable speed limits, went live in November 2015, remind drivers to slow down during adverse weather. The research will also look at whether the signs could be attributed to a reduction in crashes resulting in deaths or serious injuries on both sides of the Kaimai Range.
- The final report is expected late-2018, at which stage the Transport Agency will implement any changes and continue monitoring the effectiveness of the signs.

Te Ngae Junction to Paengaroa safety improvements (SH33)

- A proposal has been drafted to carry out a speed limit review in Paengaroa, and from Okere Falls to Rotorua Airport. The proposal is awaiting approval, and if approved, engagement will be carried out with key stakeholders as the next step. The local community and iwi are very supportive of a review in these areas.
- Construction of the project has been split into three stages. Stage one will mostly be completed by Christmas. The maintenance contractor will finish by resealing parts of the area and do the final line marking. Work between Mourea and Okere Falls will be put on hold during the holiday season, to minimise disruption in this busy area. The team will be re-visiting the plans through this area once the speed limit review has been completed and to work in with the planned cycleway.
- Design work is underway for stages two and three. Subject to obtaining funding, stage two is planned for construction start in 2019 and stage three is expected to start late 2019 and all going to plan this project will be finished mid-2021.