

Setting a Future-Ready Agenda for Our Incoming City Councillors

To our incoming Tauranga City Mayor and Councillors,

Tauranga is the fifth largest and fastest-growing city in New Zealand. Our future prosperity relies on elected members making progressive, quick decisions to keep the momentum of the last few years.

Our community depends on our new elected members to prioritise our infrastructure needs to build a thriving, sustainable future!

Western Bay of Plenty Infrastructure Forum

The Western Bay of Plenty Infrastructure Forum (WBOPIF) aims to tackle WBOP's significant infrastructure deficit.

We exist to identify and prioritise infrastructure projects and advocate for investment, working locally and nationally to make WBOP a priority.

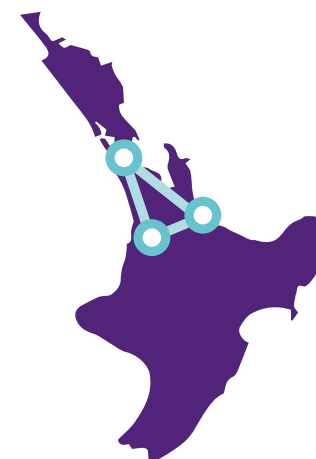
We've done the work, collaborating with businesses and communities, to identify priority infrastructure areas – and now we're asking our incoming elected members to embrace the vision and keep WBOP moving!

Action Plan

- 1 Port of Tauranga berth extension
- 2 State Highway 29 Tauriko: short-term improvements completed (by 2025)
- 3 State Highway 29 Tauriko: bypass completed (by 2030)
- 4 Connecting Mount Maunganui improvements: access to Port of Tauranga
- 5 Eastern town land zoned and infrastructure under development
- 6 Four lane roading from Hamilton to Tauranga, enabling freight access between Auckland > Hamilton > Tauranga
- 7 Golden triangle infrastructure plan, covering resilience, funding, decarbonisation, and future growth
- 8 Low emissions / transport decarbonisation infrastructure in place: EV, hydrogen, mode-shift
- 9 Talent market plan for infrastructure in place supported by funders, contractors, and consultants

Action on Key Roothing Projects

- Expedite SH29 and Hewletts/Hull/Totara projects to reduce congestion and support business needs
- Prioritise key access points for NZ's import/export trade
- Businesses have shouldered the rate increases for transport projects and now expect to see action
- Most of our congested roads are state highways funded by central government, so prioritise a productive relationship with them focused on economic outcomes



42%
of NZ's freight moves within the Golden Triangle



Alternative Funding Mechanisms

- Use alternative funding methods, like public-private partnerships (PPPs), to reduce council budget strain
- Utilise PPPs to improve delivery and accountability
- Develop funding models that enable main users to pay

“PPPs encourage innovative problem solving and improve project governance”

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Optimise Council's Investments in Infrastructure

- Move water assets off the balance sheet into a better model for long-term management
- Investing now will save costs in the long run



Least affordable place to live in New Zealand

**Source Infometrics*

Prioritising Affordable Housing by Increasing Supply

- Address the shortage of 8,000 houses
- Improve transport infrastructure to unlock land access
- Find solutions to funding challenges to carry out regional growth plans
- Focus on housing intensification and eastward expansion

Developing TCC's Infrastructure Expertise

- Improve council expertise in infrastructure to speed up delivery times, reduce costs, and increase
- Ensure elected members focus on regional prosperity by enhancing council capabilities in housing, transport, and growth projects



45 - 65%
Estimated freight growth between Waikato & WBOP by 2030

Improving Consenting

- Hold government agencies accountable for swift delivery
- Streamline processes and response times for private sector infrastructure investments

Maintain Government Relationships

- Maintain a positive relationship with central government to keep up momentum
- Emphasise Tauranga's importance to NZ's economy as our trade gateway to world, with the largest seaport, major horticulture sector, and connections to our primary production heartland



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