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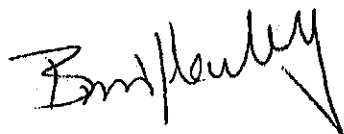
Dear Sir/Madam

Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Programme 2009/10 - 2011/12

Thank you for your submission on the draft Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Programme 2009/10 – 2011/12. The Regional Transport Committee has now considered all submissions on the draft Programme. The attached report contains the Committee's decisions on your submission points.

The final Programme and a report containing the Committee's decisions on all submissions will be available on the Environment Bay of Plenty website www.envbop.govt.nz from the 15 July 2009. You can also request a copy of the final Programme by phoning 0800 ENV BOP (0800 368 267) or emailing info@envbop.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bron Healey".

Bron Healey

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Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Programme Committee Decisions on Submissions from Submitter 33 - Rotorua Cycle Action

Chapter: Bay of Plenty Transport Priorities

Section: 3.3 Priority 3 — Optimise use of the ...

Submission Point No: 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Plan Section: Bay of Plenty Transport Priorities

Submission Summary: Cycling is a key part of Priority 3 for the region. Support the integration of walking and cycling facilities into all major transport projects. Support 20 worthwhile walking and cycling projects in various parts of the region.

Decision Sought: Retain.

Committee Decision: Accept

Committee's Response: This submission is noted. No amendment required.

Chapter: The Programme 2009/10 – 2011/12

Section: Walking and Cycling Facilities

Submission Point No: 2 **Submission Type:** Other

Plan Section: The Programme 2009/10 – 2011/12

Submission Summary: Support significant funding for walking and cycling over the next 10 years. Apparent significant imbalance in funding of walking and cycling projects between Rotorua and other parts of the region. There appears to be only limited integration of cycling opportunities and the development of facilities across the region.

Decision Sought: Retain funding.
Provide better integration of cycling opportunities and the development of facilities.

Committee Decision: Accept

Committee's Response: Rotorua walking and cycling projects in the RLTP include the CBD to Ngongotaha Cycling Route. This project appears in the list of Approved Activities Not Yet Completed rather than the three year programme because funding for the project has already been approved by the New Zealand Transport Agency. Additional funding of approximately \$1,100,000 has been budgeted for the construction phase of this project.

The implementation of the Bay of Plenty Regional Walking and Cycling Strategy includes an action to identify and prioritise improvements to the regional network. Funding has been included in the Transport Planning activity of the RLTP in 2009/10 and 2010/11 to undertake this work and the outcomes of this study can be used to identify projects for funding in future RLTPs and also to provide an overview of the network to provide the opportunity to better integrate works.

Section: Transport Planning

Submission Point No: 3 **Submission Type:** Support

Plan Section: The Programme 2009/10 – 2011/12

Submission Summary: Support the inclusion of the BOP Strategic Walking and Cycling Study.

Decision Sought: Retain.

Committee Decision: Accept

Committee's Response: This submission is noted. No amendment required.

Section: Demand Management & Community Pro...

Submission Point No: 4 **Submission Type:** Other

Plan Section: The Programme 2009/10 – 2011/12

Submission Summary: A key area requiring effort is the promotion and implementation of safer cycling for school-aged children, including safer cycling access to and from schools. Environment Bay of Plenty may also, from time to time, need to actively support cycling advocacy or the development and maintenance of regionally important cycling networks

Decision Sought: Promote and implement safer cycling for school-aged children.

Actively support cycling advocacy, and the development and maintenance of regionally important cycling networks.

Committee Decision: Accept

Committee's Response: The promotion and implementation of safe cycling for school children is funded through the Demand Management and Community Programmes activity class in the Programme. Most of the local authorities are either already funding cycle safety courses, or are intending to run these courses in the next three years and funding has been included in the Programme for this activity.

All of the local authorities have walking and cycling strategies and there are various levels of funding applied for by each of the authorities in the Walking and Cycling activity class to implement the projects in the strategies.

Section: 4.3 The prioritised list of activities

Submission Point No: 5 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Plan Section: The Programme 2009/10 – 2011/12

Submission Summary: The place of cycling is becoming more important in New Zealand society.

Decision Sought: Cycling related initiatives need a higher regional priority than they are currently given.

Committee Decision: Decline

Committee's Response: The priority for Walking and Cycling activities is based on a generic profile of HML which ranks them just below the Transport Planning activities on the region's prioritised list of activities for the region. Individual projects with clear safety gains achieved a profile of HHL. The Committee considers this to be the appropriate profile and ranking relative to the other activities on the list. It should be noted that walking and cycling facilities are also provided in conjunction with the large projects where the designs take into account all road users and provide facilities accordingly where they are considered to be warranted.