



DELIVERY & REGULATORY PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Open Minutes Attachments

Meeting Date: Thursday 16 April 2026

Time: 9.30am - 10.39am (*Open*)
10.45am - 11.15am (*Public Excluded*)

Venue: Small Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

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Aftermath of Fires on Napier's Beaches

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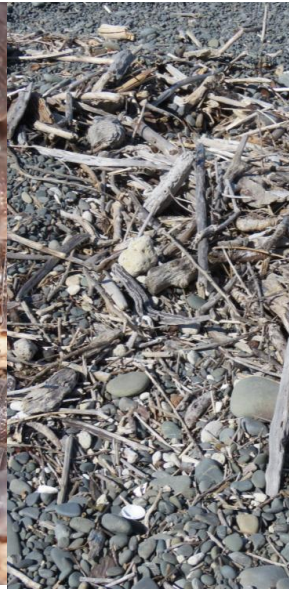
**Aotearoa
has many
varieties of
coasts and
beaches..
They are all
unique
habitats**



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In Hawke's Bay we have Shingle Beaches – they are valuable ecosystems providing habitat for many different species...



Some Species live there
.....and provide
food for other species

Other Species visit there





And some species go there to breed – no species exist in isolation.



Driftwood is an important component of the beach habitat – provides shelter, creates a habitat for camouflage and harbours invertebrates. It also stabilizes the shingle dunes.





Beaches are dynamic – forever changing – how much is too much?



South of the Aquarium - almost completely devoid of driftwood.





Looking North from Campervan carpark



Looking north from the Beach Reserve (the middle) carpark – most of the driftwood has been burnt.













Burning Driftwood and / or Treated Wood pollutes:

(ref)

Produces numerous
toxic compounds

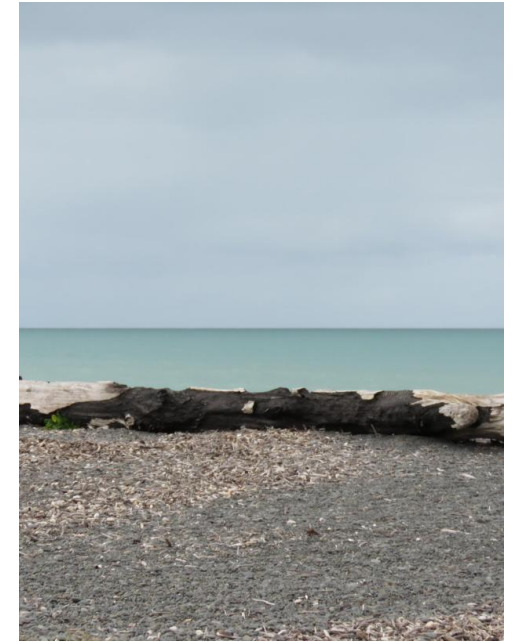
Airborne dispersion

Soil contamination

Water contamination

Bioaccumulation –
can enter food chains
and concentrate in
higher organisms e.g.
birds

Most large logs left are partially burnt





























Recent Fire – involved Fire Brigade
– considerable safety issue with nearby vegetation.



Aftermath





NCC - Fire Control Bylaw Revoked 2024

- At the end of 2024 the previous NCC revoked the Fire Control Bylaw.
- It was done very quickly and without consultation. (I was present at the time)
- My information from FENZ is: “If a local Council owns the land or has jurisdiction over the land – they are perfectly entitled to have a Fire Control Bylaw – including year round fire bans”



The Reserves Act 1977

- The Reserves Act: - It is an **offence** to light any fire on a reserve **unless it is in an authorised fireplace under the Reserves Act 1977.**
- **NCC website - Fire Rules and Restrictions:**

Every person commits an offence against this Act who, without being authorised, lights any fire on a reserve except in a fireplace in any camping ground or picnic place.

NCC Parks and Reserves Bylaw



The first sentence states that this Bylaw includes Beaches



Clauses 5.8 – 5.11 titles “Lighting Fires” states that the lighting of fires is controlled by the Fire Control Bylaw.



As it is now, NCC appears to have no authority to control fires on Napier’s Beaches. (FENZ can call a Fire Ban only if there is a risk to (human) life or property – but not to protect the environment). HBRC have airshed rules.

Rules around fireworks and bonfires in **Wellington** (WCC website)

- Bonfires / open fires are not allowed in public places except for Houghton Bay and Princess Bay below the high tide mark.
- Fireworks are not to be let off in public spaces, this includes beaches, reserves, parks and sports fields.

Dunedin Beaches and Reserves Bylaw 2017

- 10.11.1 Without the prior permission of an Authorised Officer, or Council resolution permitting the activity, **no person in a reserve or on a beach may –**
- (a) **Light or cause to remain alight, any fire**, except the use of any gas fired barbecue or other self-contained cooking device provided by the Council for that purpose is allowed;
- (b) **Set off any fireworks**

Kapiti Coast District Council Beach Bylaw 2021 (23 pages)



Guy Fawkes
in Napier?
– light a fire
anywhere on
the beach.....



Two SIVH areas on Napier's Beaches

In 2025, the previous NCC afforded two areas on Napier's beaches – one at Bayview, one at Awatoto – the highest level of environmental protection as significant habitat areas.

That was following a submission to the District Plan from “Save the Dotterels, HB” (Very grateful – many thanks)

However, those same areas are now subject to free for all fires and vehicles through them – with no protection.

If the Status Quo continues:

Please consider what our beaches might look like in 10, 20, 50 years time.

The future damage to beach ecosystems may be irreversible.

– and then become the ‘new normal’ - in some areas there is already a ‘new normal’

If ‘Napier Fire Beach Culture’ continues and spreads – it could become a problem nation wide.

We could be at a crossroads now – something needs to happen.

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A “Blue Flag” beach for Napier?

- Blue Flag beaches are an internationally recognized certification awarded to coastal sites meeting standards for water quality, safety, environmental education, and sustainability.
- Aotearoa has NO Blue Flag Beaches
- Maybe Napier could be a first??



“A beach
without life is a
beach without
soul”. (ref)



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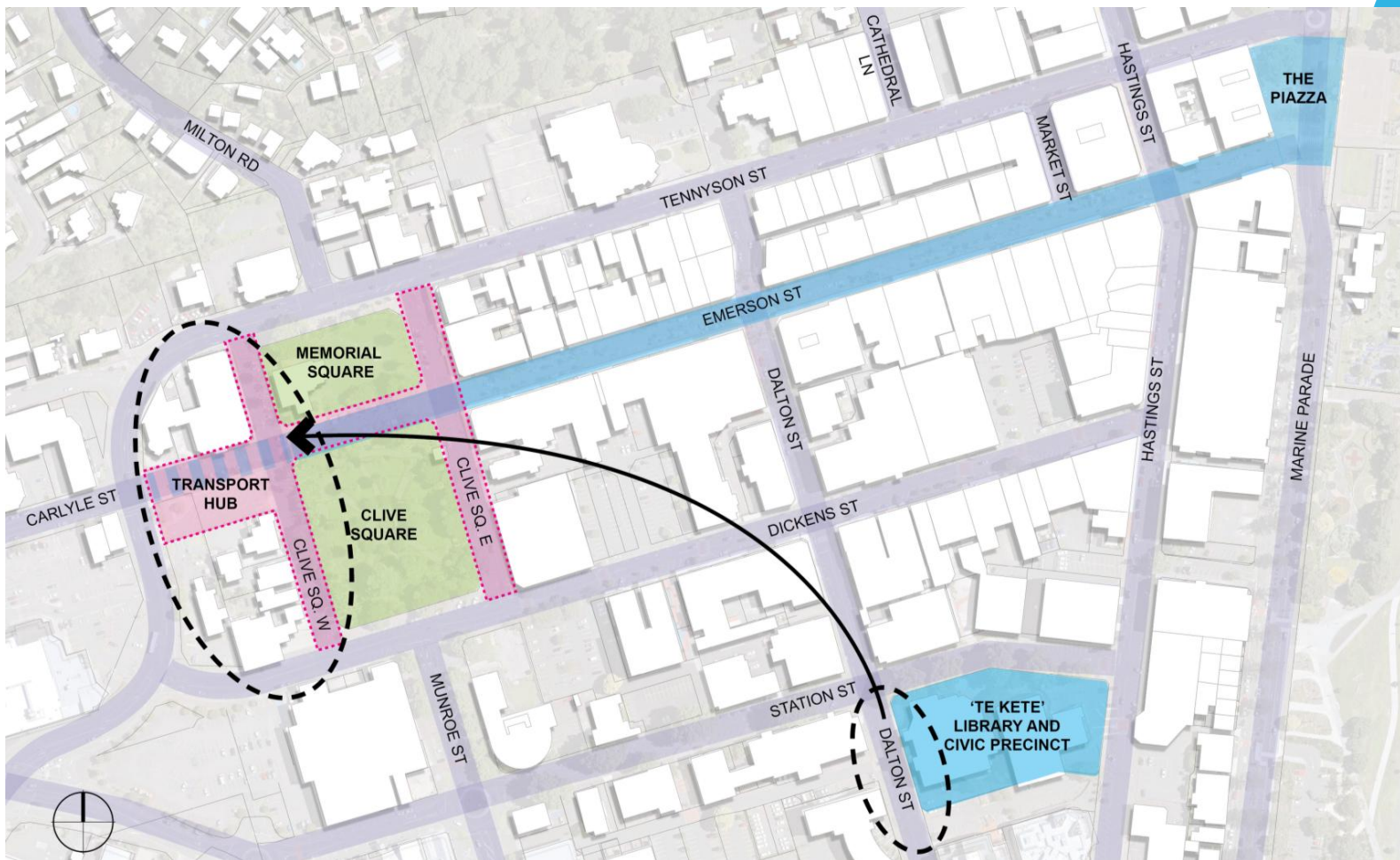
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NAPIER CITY TRANSPORT HUB STRATEGY

Purpose: To seek Council approval of the Transport Hub Strategy



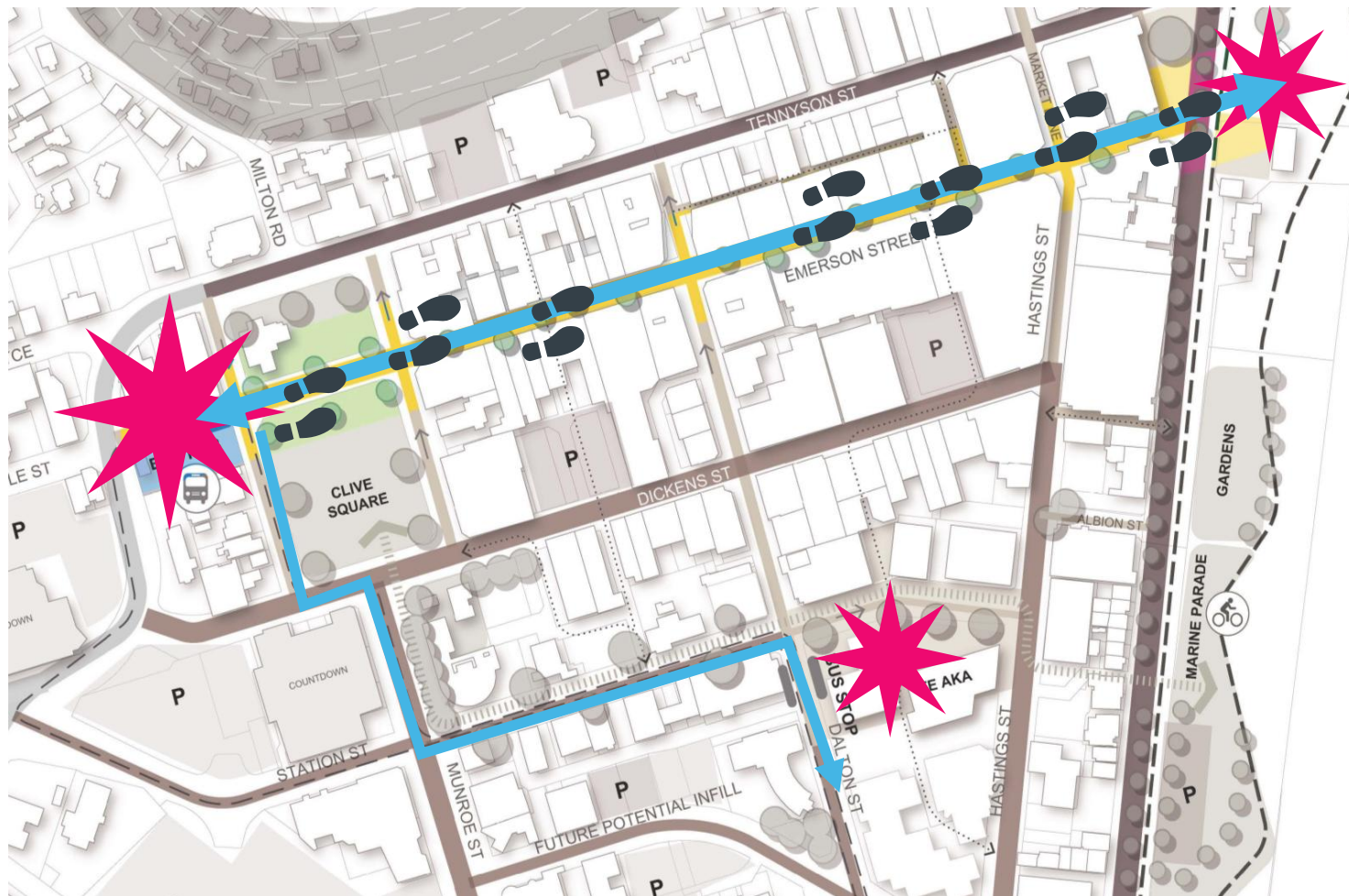
What the Strategy Does



Why Clive Square?



Key Benefits for Council and the City

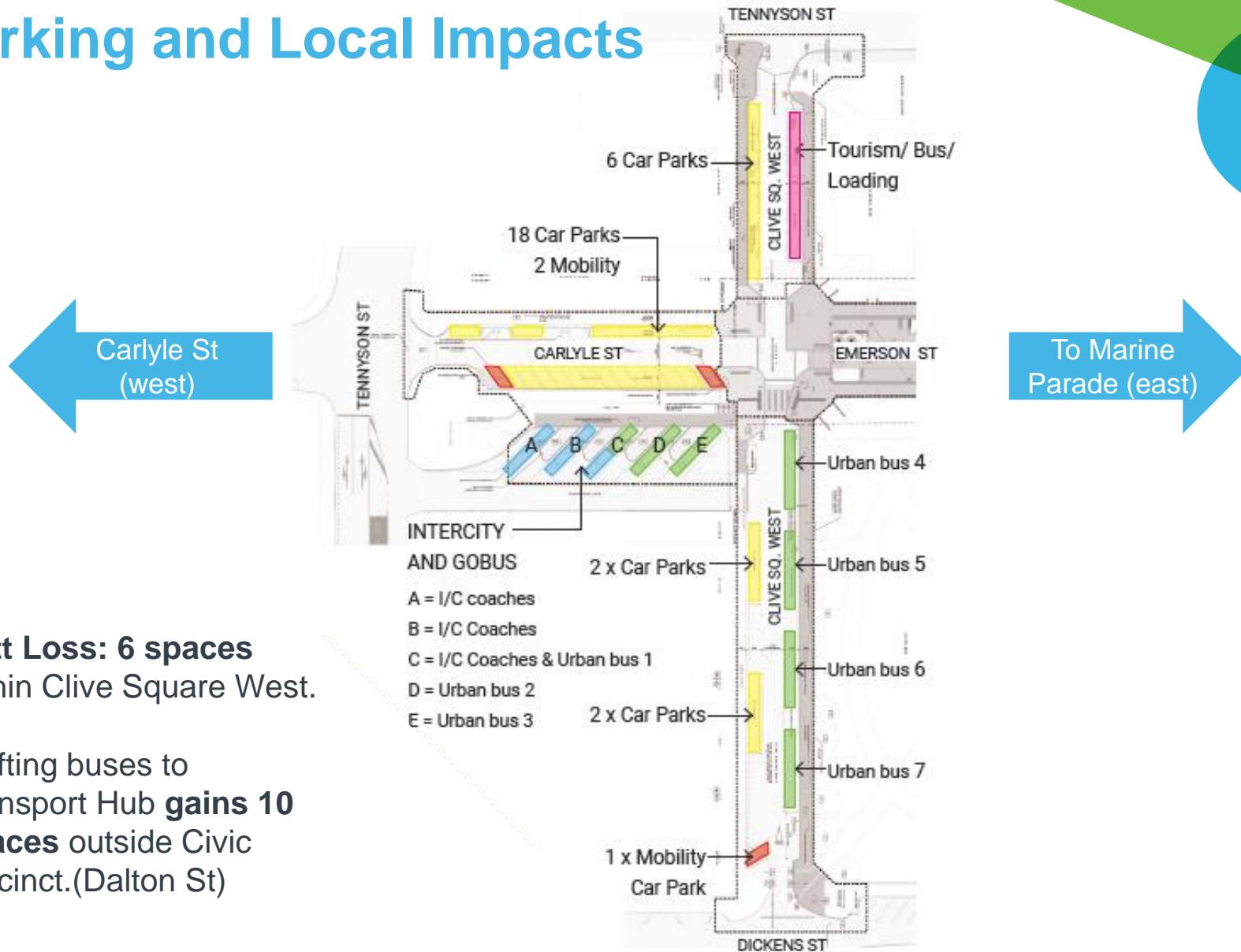


Engagement and Confidence

- *Road Safety Audit (East Cape Consulting)*
- *Traffic Modelling (Beca)*
- *Bus Manoeuvring and Route Trials (HBRC, Tranzit, goBay)*
- *Accessibility Reviews and Reporting (BarrierFree)*



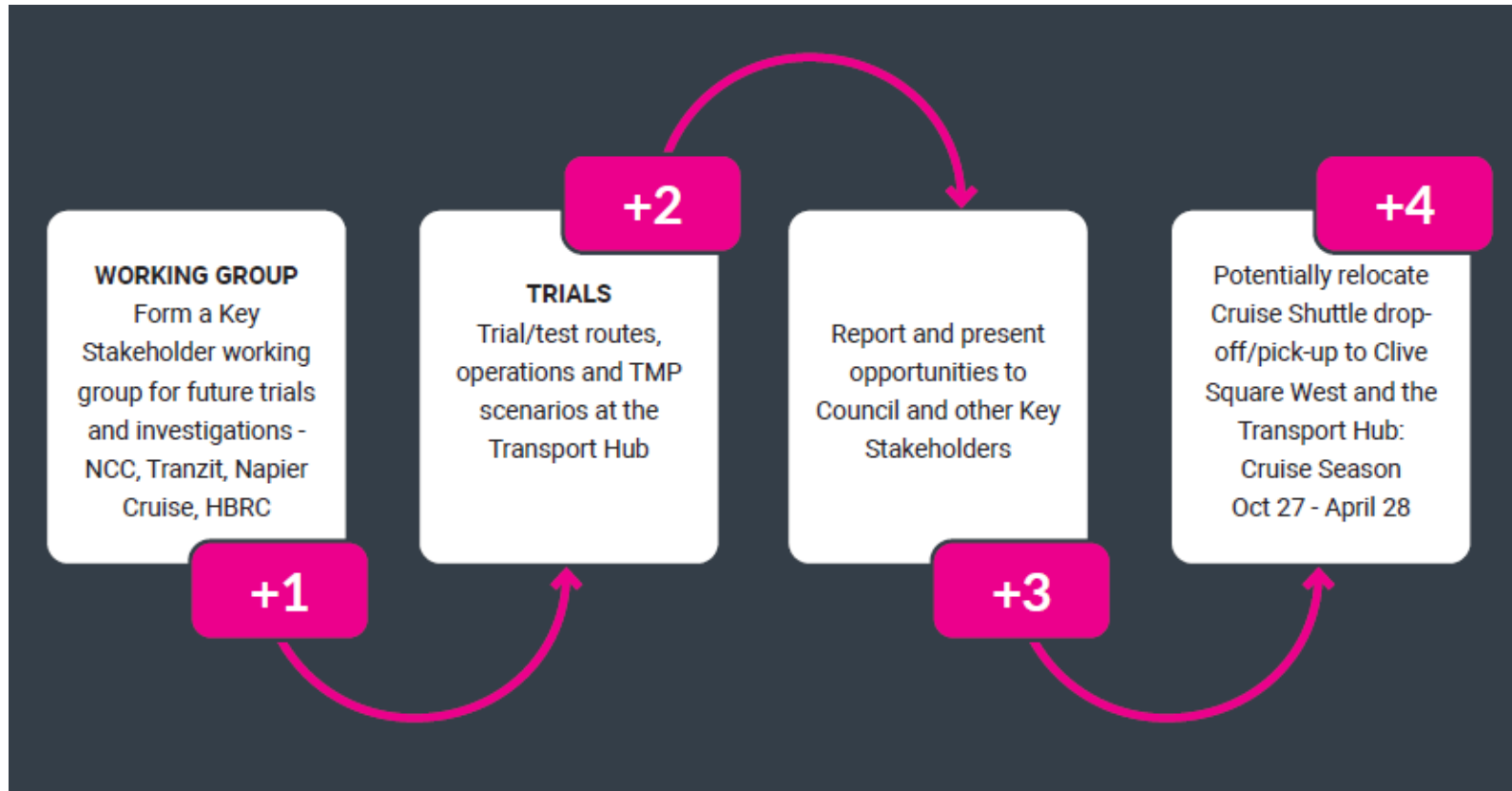
Parking and Local Impacts



Nett Loss: 6 spaces within Clive Square West.

Shifting buses to Transport Hub **gains 10 spaces** outside Civic precinct.(Dalton St)

Future Investigations – Why These Matter



The Transport Hub Strategy:

- *Activates an existing Council asset,*
- *Improves transport efficiency and city centre vitality,*
- *Aligns with major Council investments,*
- *Is low cost, evidence based, and strongly supported by stakeholders.*

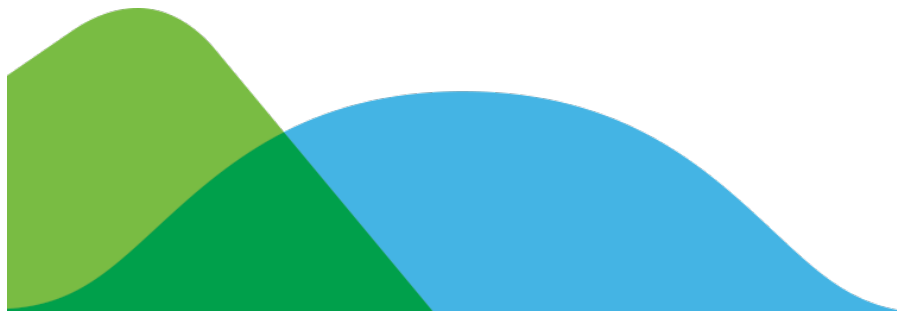
Officer Recommendations:

- *Receive and approve the Strategy, and*
- *Approve progressing future investigations.*

Note: No decision to re-route cruise shuttles is being made today



Water Services Capital Delivery Programme Update



NCC WATER SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME DASHBOARD



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ACTIVE PROJECTS

74

| Department | Annual Plan Budget 25/26 | Carry Forward budgets 24/25 | Additional requests |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Water supply | \$9,549K | \$1,400K | \$1,500K |
| Storm water | \$9,746K | \$800K | |
| Wastewater | \$8,350K | \$2,291K | |
| Total | \$27,644K | \$4,490K | \$1,500K |

ALLOCATED BUDGET FY 25/26

\$33.63M

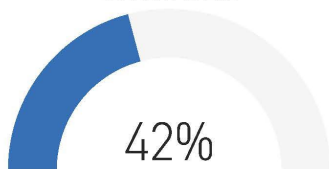
TOTAL MONTHLY SPEND - FEB 26

\$2.51M

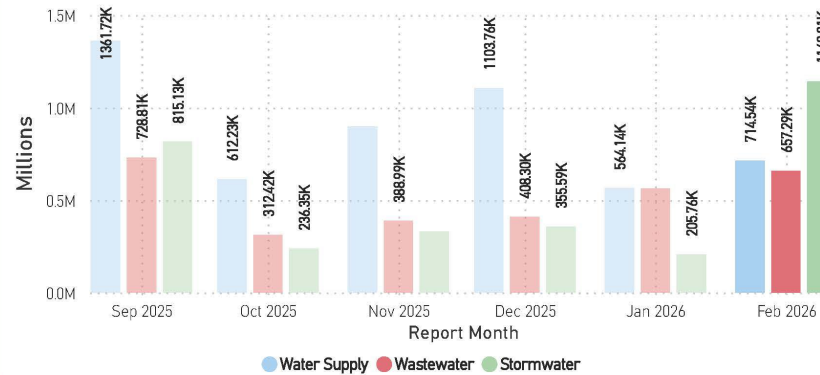
CUMULATED TOTAL SPEND - FEB 26

\$14.03M

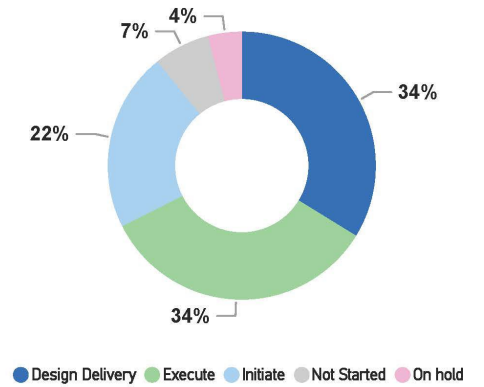
CURRENT SPEND



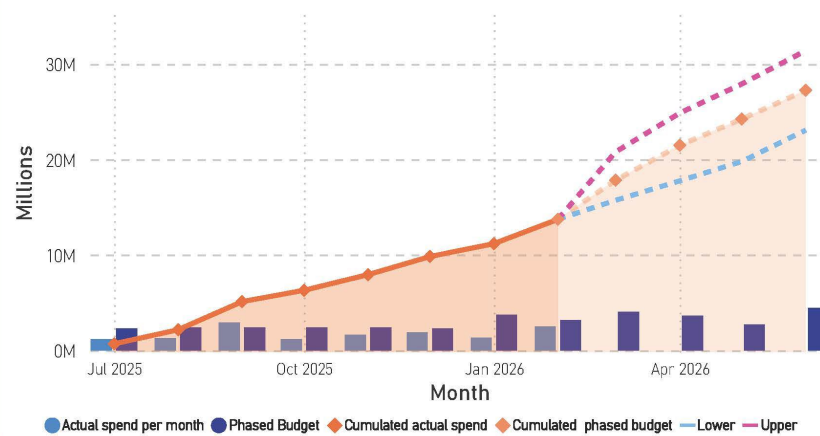
MONTHLY SPEND BY ASSET TYPE FY 25/26



PROJECT PHASE



YEAR TO DATE SPEND AND CUMULATED FORECAST - FEB 26



DEPARTMENT

NO OF PROJECTS

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| 120 - Water Supply | 28 |
| 130 - Stormwater | 31 |
| 140 - Wastewater | 24 |

17

Multiyear Projects

9

Completed Projects

8

Projects on hold / Not started

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PROJECTS COMPLETED

Capital works – Renewal

- Russell Road - 125 Main
- Taradale Road Rider main Extension work.

Capital works – Level of service

- SCADA Relocation
- Skink Enclosure on Foreshore Reserve (Awatoto)
- Lighthouse Road improvements
- Waghorne and Sea point Stormwater Improvement
- Thames Street stormwater swale construction work
- 41 Thames Street trade waste connection and flow metering
- Water Quality Monitoring Station

Latham Street Flume replacement work and Valve chamber



Taradale Culvert construction work is in progress



PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION

Capital works – Renewal

- Harpham Street - 63mm Rider Main
- Northe Street to Delhi Rd stormwater Upgrade
- 15 Enfield Road wastewater realignment
- WWTP Chamber Waterproofing
- Pipe Relining from Thompson road to Prestley road
- Water Air Valves Survey and Replacement project
- Franklin Road Reservoir Metr:Net Installation
- Purimu pump station roof remediation work

Capital works – Level of service

- Taradale & Herrick culvert project
- Latham Street Flume replacement work
- Water Supply Flowmeter installation
- Mission Hills Water Supply- Rising Main and Booster Pump Station
- Emerson Street revitalization

Onekawa Wastewater pump station upgrade work completed. The programme aims to complete upgrades for 17 pump stations.

