



Forum members were then invited to take a trip around the block with a wheelchair and blindfolds available for use to help gain a wider understanding of accessibility issues. Several stops were planned to allow time for discussion and sharing. Ms Fiona Green provided instruction on how to guide those wearing the blindfolds.

On return to the meeting room, the Chair thanked Ms Pomeroy, Ms Burdett and Ms Green for their assistance with this agenda item.

### **Passenger Transport Update**

A presentation on this topic was provided by Ms Susi Marinkovich.



Passenger Transport  
Operations update to

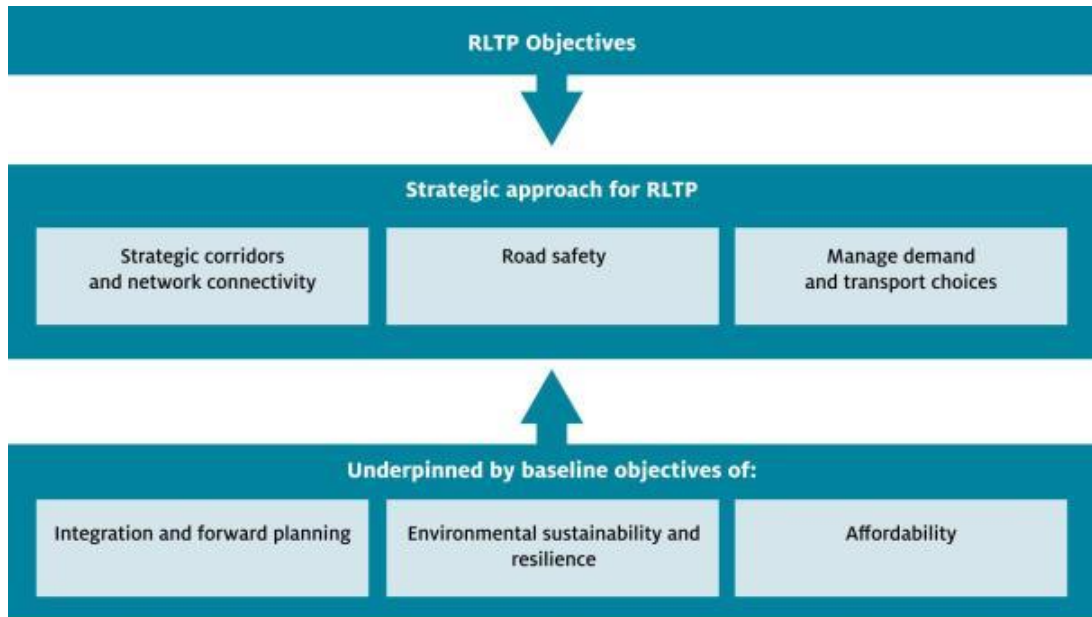
Key points from the discussion were:

- Public Transport Plan out for consultation
- No proposed public transport bus route changes in rural areas
- No proposed changes for satellite services
- Only proposed changes are for Hamilton services
- Electronic ticketing improvements being explored
- Bus passenger satisfaction surveys across the Waikato are undertaken for public bus services
- 96% were satisfied or very satisfied with their bus trip

*\*\* Post Meeting Update Note: Included in appendix one is information on the total mobility scheme provided by Ms Marinkovich\*\**

Mr Greg Morton led a discussion around the Regional Plan for Waikato Land Transport. Key highlights were:

- Explanation of the linkages between the various Waikato Regional Council transport plans
- Copies of the 'Summary of proposal' fliers for the Draft Waikato Regional Land Transport Plan, and Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan can be found at the web links below. You can also make submissions on both draft plans via these links. The regional council is keen to hear from you on what you think of these plans.
  - [Draft Regional Public Transport Plan]
  - <http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Council/Policy-and-plans/Transport-policy/Regional-Public-Transport-Plan/Draft-Regional-Public-Transport-Plan-2015-2025/>
  - [Draft Regional Land Transport Plan]
  - <http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Council/Policy-and-plans/Transport-policy/RLTP/Draft-Regional-Land-Transport-Plan-2015-2045/>
- Regional land Transport Plan (the Plan) sets a 30 year view of land transport priorities and a 6 year programme of implementation activities
- The Plan focuses on three key objective focus areas: Strategic corridor development and network connectivity, Road safety, and Managing transport demand and providing transport choices. These focus areas are underpinned by three further objective areas as represented in the diagram below:



- Rural transport is accounted for under the objective focus area of “Access and mobility” in the draft Plan, and is a consideration under the key focus area of ‘Manage demand and transport choices’
- Large roading projects such as the Waikato Expressway account for a high proportion of proposed investment in the Plan through to 2020.
- The region intends to link with the Waikato spatial plan work currently underway to confirm land transport priorities for the region after the completion of the Waikato Expressway

#### **The next meeting**

The next meeting of the forum will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2015. It is planned that this meeting will be in Paeroa. Ms Val Sparks indicated she would be able to organise a venue for the meeting. It was suggested that people planning to attend this meeting take a full day and use the opportunity to experience many of the wonders that Paeroa has to offer.

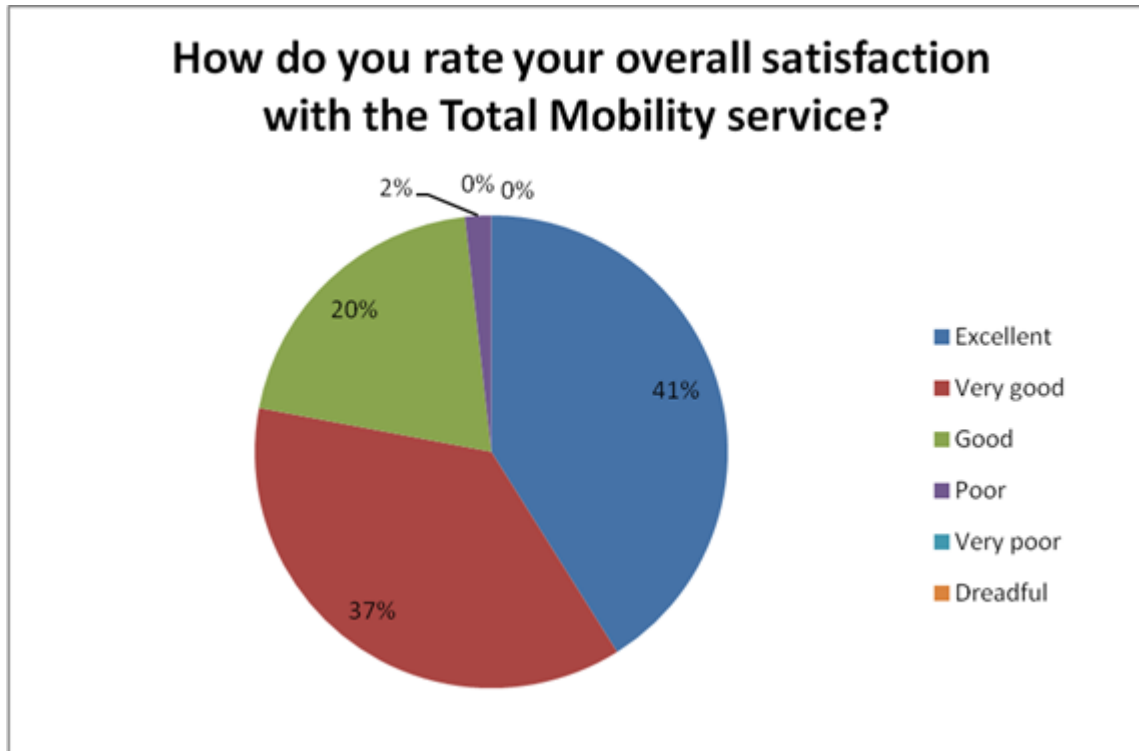
Any agenda items for the next meeting should be sent to Mr Paul Keesing.

The Chair thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 3 pm.

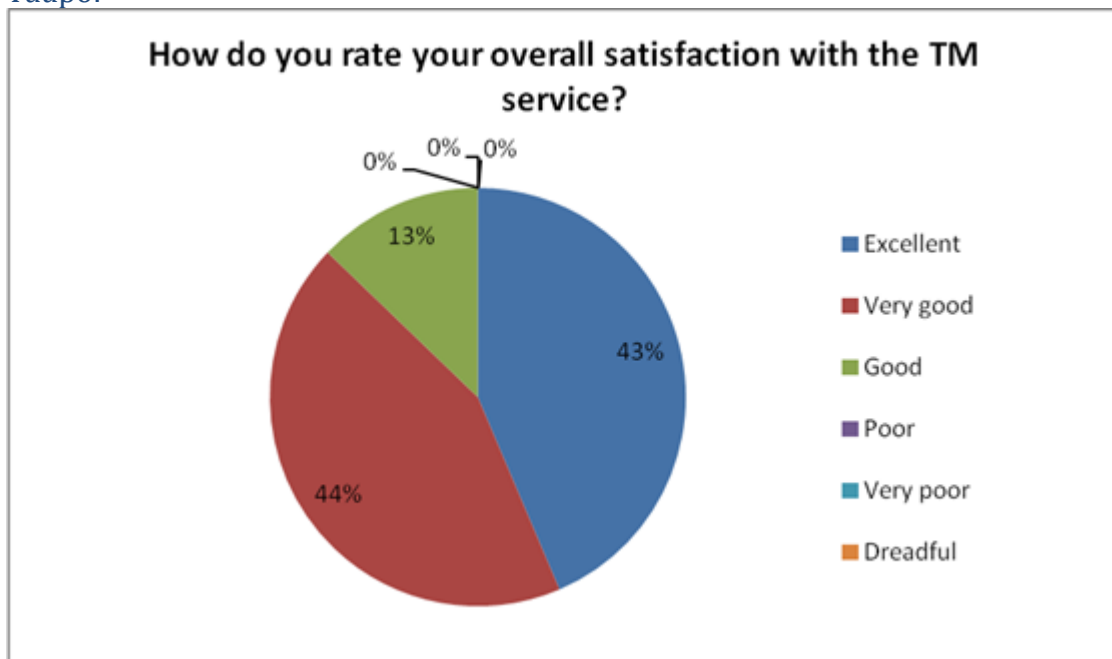
## Appendix One:

| Total Mobility monthly update |          |        |           |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------|-----------|
|                               |          | August | September |
| <b>Total members</b>          | Hamilton | 2,176  | 2,174     |
|                               | Taupo    | 311    | 314       |
|                               | Tokoroa  | 343    | 347       |
|                               |          |        |           |
| <b>New members</b>            | Hamilton | 23     | 22        |
|                               | Taupo    | 6      | 10        |
|                               | Tokoroa  | 1      | 3         |
|                               |          |        |           |
| <b>Trips</b>                  | Hamilton | 3,114  | 3,654     |
|                               | Taupo    | 593    | 540       |
|                               | Tokoroa  | 579    | 592       |
|                               |          |        |           |
| <b>Average fare</b>           | Hamilton | \$8.41 | \$8.48    |
|                               | Taupo    | \$6.52 | \$6.43    |
|                               | Tokoroa  | \$4.98 | \$4.92    |
|                               |          |        |           |
| <b>Hoist trips</b>            | Hamilton | 557    | 609       |
|                               | Taupo    | 117    | 107       |
|                               | Tokoroa  | 14     | 6         |
|                               |          |        |           |

Hamilton:



Taupo:



Tokoroa:

