



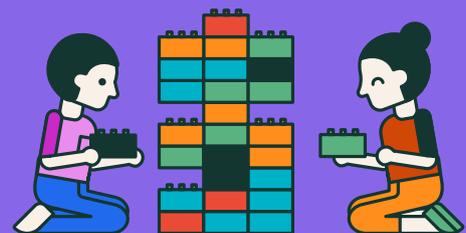
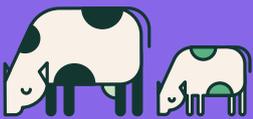
Long Term Plan

2024-2034



Social Media Sentiment

Pack 3 of 3



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- Pack 1 - Submissions received online and by way of letters received.
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- Pack 3 (this pack) - Social media sentiment.

Social Media Feedback - Pukehina Development Rate

Record type	From name	Text	Source URL
Post	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	<p>In 2000, we introduced a \$20/year targeted rate for Pukehina property owners to fund a potential wastewater scheme. After pausing this rate due to community feedback and changing government rules, we now have the freedom to decide its future.</p> <p>Here iss the current picture: - Balance of the fund: \$528,053 - Future wastewater scheme cost: \$30-\$40 million (not expected within the next 10 years)</p> <p>What do you think about: 1. Should we permanently stop collecting the Pukehina Development Rate? 2. On the basis that we permanently stop collecting the Pukehina Development Rate - What should we do with the money already collected?</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/203463489667720_857146806444871</p>
Comment	Sue Gray	<p>Stop it good luck paying it back though some payers will have passed away some moved address unknown some will have emigrated to other countries. I doubt you could pay it back.</p> <p>I'd like a footpath on the seaside of the parade.</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_325871303901263</p>
Comment	Nick Cutting	<p>Fix the the boat ramp it's always better on second or third attempt</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_1434142184652976</p>
Comment	Stuart Mallasch	<p>I believe this is for Pukehina Ratepayers only as we are the ones who have paid into this fund and so we are the ones who decide - democracy at its best</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_1436101907008831</p>
Comment	Justyne Lee Robinson-Bartells	<p>Yes stop collecting fund but Pukehina Community should be able to have opinions as to what to use on and not what is already being done by Council. Could have gone towards Community Hall repairs instead of charging on our rates</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_453858327414705</p>
Comment	Denise Awhimate	<p>Where is the ad that you want to increase our rates by 10%?</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_1280955946027516</p>

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Reply	Kiel Mans	or 13%	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_820735379614667
Comment	Myles Hill	Nicki Leinert	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_1602211240577606
Comment	Denise Awhimate	Give it to the surf club.	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_473010511881727
Comment	Denise Awhimate	Give it to the surf club.	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_473010511881727
Comment	Alf Rose	It's likely rates will increase 13.6%. Mine will go up by more than \$400. I'd prefer to stop the Development Rate and receive a cash refund. Half would pay for the increase in rates, the other half into KiwiSaver (which would attract the 50% subsidy, so an extra \$200 invested for the future). Or you could spend it with our various local business, from local tradies to the cafe. And if you're lucky enough not to need it, donate to our First Responders. Be good to have a choice on how to spend it.	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_371241515531233
Comment	Stuart Mallasch	We need to stop this rate so I encourage everybody to go online and have your say.	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_1521225095446278
Comment	Denise Awhimate	I think you should stop collecting maketu waste water rates from those of us that don't use it.	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_818061076947294
Reply	Grant Macleod	Denise Awhimate and dump rates as there is no dump at maketu any more but still paying them	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_979311110495673

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Comment	Troy K Daysh	Is Pukehina above or below the sea level when you figure this out?	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_416275424743866
Reply	Hayden JD	Who is this "They"? Oh god, The Pronoun people control the Tectonic plates?!	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_9806546982702470
Reply	Troy K Daysh	Nicola Hamon because they have control over what happens when tectonic plates shift. No model can show what's coming. Only guessing.	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_809200921164090
Reply	Nicola Hamon	https://interactives.stuff.co.nz/2022/04/sinking-cities-sea-level-rise/	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_779554137679183
Reply	Nicola Hamon	https://interactives.stuff.co.nz/2022/04/sinking-cities-sea-level-rise/	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_779554137679183
Reply	Nicola Hamon	Troy K Daysh https://interactives.stuff.co.nz/2022/04/sinking-cities-sea-level-rise/	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_422301397463580
Comment	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Side note, giving us your thoughts on social media is cool, but online is better. But hey we get it, you're busy! So we will be using social media comments as sentiment in our analysis. Other ways you can give feedback: Email us on haveyoursay@westernbay.co.nz + fill out a hard copy form from any of our libraries + come say hi to us at any of our events (check our FB events section) + get it done in 5 mins online: https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/hub-page/ltp	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_385720100599334
Reply	Sugar Leaf Labs	Western Bay of Plenty District Council side note - was an example,	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_2165586567154688
Reply	Justyne Lee Robinson-Bartells	Western Bay of Plenty District Council I tried several times to hook into site and have given up, totally agree it is not user friendly	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_764307199199668

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Reply	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Rob Clarke Jade Chalmers It's just a way for us to verify you, plus it's a formal consultation, which means we need your details so we can email you a response etc etc etc. I'll pass on your complaints to the Engagement team, Also side note - not sure what you're referring to about "\$10" ? Feel free to message me if you'd like more info or if you need to raise a service request with us.	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_1371624040154338
Reply	Hayden JD	It takes less than two minutes to make an account? Social media is fake, Most people with sense aren't on FB anymore anyway. There's no way that Councils should be using Facebook comments to judge public sentiments on things at all.	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_369180719603157
Reply	Rob Clarke	Jade Chalmers - me too. It does seem to actively discourage a response.	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_1472384770309685
Reply	Jade Chalmers	Rob Clarke I went to do it, read all the info, got to the create an account bit then put my phone down.	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_2115001315550208
Reply	Rob Clarke	Western Bay of Plenty District Council - do you guys realise that it's a real pig to click on the link and finally navigate to the feedback then get told you have to create an account. It's almost like you don't actually want feedback. (also, for crying out loud, do you even need feedback with some of this stuff? Like the one the other day about charging \$10 to everyone in different ways, does anyone really care? Just make it simpler, take our money, and stop wasting money having a discussion about rearranging the deck chairs).	https://www.facebook.com/857146806444871_964000815488829

Social Media Feedback - Should we spend less on roading?

Record type	From name	Text	Source url
Post	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	<p>We need to spend less on some roading and walkway/cycleway projects to reduce the impact on rates. What do you think? Yes? No? Maybe?</p> <p>Long story short: maintaining our roads is a top priority, but costs keep climbing higher and higher. In fact, materials for road maintenance have skyrocketed by 27% over the past three years!</p> <p>So, we're faced with a tough choice: do we keep spending as planned and have higher rates? Or do we tighten the purse strings and slow down some projects?</p> <p>We're leaning towards option two: spending less on specific projects to give your wallet a breather. This means a 13.6% rate increase in Year One, but no extra debt and no compromise on safety.</p> <p>What do you reckon? Whatever you think, tell us:https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/roading-and-walkway-cycleways</p>	https://www.facebook.com/203463489667720_842267084599510
Comment	BC Warren	Can you define what a post harvest property is in your LTP survey documents please as it needs clarifying... No one can find it	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_1816392975496131
Comment	Lou Murray	Maintenance is the key an you do zero	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_1371060216866990
Comment	Michael Edward Burke	Spend less on wages.	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_7815228821873748

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Record type	From name	Text	Source url
Comment	Debbie Duncan	Can you make forms available in your contact points, eg libraries, where people who would like to do it the old fashioned way can.	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_1422963738350976
Reply	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Debbie Duncan Already done	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_454508967126601
Comment	Kimberley Carter	Spend less on wages. You don't need all those ceo leeches who have shares which make them millions	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_793766219137565
Comment	Neil Blackstock	Wbopdc, just print off the face book comment, formal proff of comment. You could start with listening. Bigger sections, wider roads. We all know there is a need for housing but please, small sections, narrow roads is not helping safety, insurance or social costs. Don't let develop3rs drive housing. Profit before peoples needs is not helpfull. Good planning now and future is what is required.	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_789755329926909
Comment	Eruera Tuhakaraina	Stop using tier 1s that take the piss out of the rate payer coffers to keep their international owners and investors happy. Use local SME and keep our rate money local!!!	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_7881547975198091
Comment	Eruera Tuhakaraina	Stop using tier 1s that take the piss out of the rate payer coffers to keep their international owners and investors happy. Use local SME and keep our rate money local!!!	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_7881547975198091
Comment	Lynne Morrison	Yes our roads are more important	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_450425434406560

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Record type	From name	Text	Source url
Comment	Demelsa Burnand	Just don't do what Palmerston North has done on Featherston street. Disaster.	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_988518186275724
Comment	Leah Lemon	Some roading needs alot more spent on it	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_1241300363520034
Comment	Rachel Werahiko	Why do we need to create an account to have a say?	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_810161061045587
Reply	Phil Williams	Rachel Werahiko good luck having your say. You answer the questions by selecting a, b or c. Answers that guide you to the preferred response.	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_963194555814408
Reply	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Rachel Werahiko because its formal consultation. so we need your name etc :)	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_318464154629050
Comment	Sarah Jane	How much was the cycle track at te Puna /Bethlehem please?	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_7645849638841650
Reply	Jared Taylor	Sandy Ward it was and clearly is the wrong decision by weak councillors	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_1781636912326698
Reply	Sandy Ward	Jared Taylor shame as now they also hold up state highway traffic with the lights.	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_480848834373374

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Reply	Lisa Cooper	Sandy Ward because reasons explained. They didn't move it just because they "felt like it"	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_849622600328857
Reply	Jared Taylor	Sandy Ward we know why that is. They were too afraid to upset the marae so its easier and more expensive and makes less sense to do it the way it is	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_1489765974957845
Reply	Sandy Ward	Lisa Cooper yes they needed a cycle lane but why was it put on the wrong side of the bridge. Originally they were given approval to keep the lane on the same side as the tack on.	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_825804012342292
Reply	Lisa Cooper	Sandy Ward because they needed a cycle lane.	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_426789253642384
Reply	Sandy Ward	Lisa Cooper yes it was. Originally it was given the ok. If it wasn't available, why tack the cycle lane on the opposite side?	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_7998025846875544
Reply	Lisa Cooper	Sandy Ward it was all clearly explained, the land wasn't available on the other side.	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_1619985852101113
Reply	Sandy Ward	Sarah Jane and the TCC hasn't been up front as to why the cycle lane was changed from the RH side where the cycle lane goes over the bridge to spending millions more to change it to the left hand side.	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_330095660108152
Reply	Sarah Jane	Western Bay of Plenty District Council great thanks found it .	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_467553602409475

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Reply	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Sarah Jane Ah you'll have to check in with Tauranga City Council about that one, sorry! Have also found this web page if you need more info: https://letstalk.tauranga.govt.nz/projects/wairoa-cycleway	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_463878179388907
Reply	Sarah Jane	Western Bay of Plenty District Council yes please	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_986288142874768
Reply	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Sarah Jane Hey! Do you mean the Wairoa cycleway?	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_775799617659071
Comment	Lorayne Kirkwood	Concerned when I see cyclists and pedestrians on the same path, especially concerned for elderly people who may not hear a bike zooming up behind them.	https://www.facebook.com/842267084599510_850536563564505
Comment	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Side note: Facebook is great, but online is better. Don't worry, we see your comments and your username will appear alongside your comment in our analysis (we're trying a new thing). If you'd like to give more meat to your comments and give us feedback on other topics though, go here: https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/ltp-survey/surveys/long-term-plan-2024-2034-feedback-form	https://www.facebook.com/8422+A1:D3467084599510_1674002830082920

Social Media Feedback - Should heavy vehicles pay more?			
Record type	From name	Text	Source url
Post	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Heavy vehicles cause more wear and tear on our roads. Do you think they should contribute more to road maintenance? Right now, commercial and post-harvest properties pay twice as much as residential ones. We're considering bumping this up due to the higher impact of heavy vehicles.	https://www.facebook.com/203463489667720_844358627723689
Comment	Dave Austin	Looks like most of us know it should not be increased, read all the comments WBOPC. you never listen to us anyway. This is just another WBOPC stunt to make us feel you do. Put up the charges and untimatly we the public will end up paying more for evrything that is transported.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_440252385466698
Comment	Philip Herbert	Another bullshit way for the robbing council to make more \$\$s and put more pressure on our already strand tracking industry. No doubt the bus company who do the same will be compensated. Just fix the pot holes, before it rains, instead of all the other wasted unnecessary work. (Strand ,cycle lane etc)	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_325344163951188
Comment	Dan G Ortiz	Lately money spend on transport goes to unnecessary name changes, media campaigns and building cycloways and bicycle "stations", while we have to spend fortunes on fixing our cars after hitting potholes. Stop using rate payers as cash cows and use the money in a better way rather.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1165218508015565
Comment	Magz Flavell	No totally disagree with charging heavy vehicles stop spending \$\$\$ on budget road patches fix the roads PROPERLYâ€¦.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_436543805857272
Comment	Murray Guy	They contribute more, what the hell are you talking about?	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_974737464139515
Comment	Duncan Strachan	NZ has a very convoluted system for road user charges ,try simplifying the system	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_858589816082569

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Record type	From name	Text	Source url
Comment	Christopher Reid	Heavy vehicle's already pay more than their fair share ... it's just that the authorities responsible don't apply the ROAD TAX collected to what it has been collected for, ie building and maintaining ROADS !!!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_467716905839106
Comment	Neil Blackstock	How about everyone use their own vehicles like we all have to, to get to work, no subsidied parking or pay perks. Real world stuff.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_862328659254372
Comment	Phil McDonald	They already pay more than other users.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_972309011346884
Comment	TwoDogs King	What warranty is put on road repairs by the contractor?	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_480297767839710
Reply	Dani Smith	TwoDogs King true every other product has to have a warranty	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1134166387802843
Comment	Neill Stephenson	No, stop stealing money from people to fund your wokedard campaign of wasting taxpayers money. Go paint another rainbow and stop trolling for funds.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1258636698440225
Comment	Russell GatestoneSheep	Decades of neglect has caused this	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_982108053198169
Comment	Charlotte Dinsdale	No .. yous get enough from road users	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1517205799143548
Comment	Staceyseniorwalker Amokeiha	Wrong they gotta learn how to build a fukn road properly	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_975028157747409

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Comment	Daryl Johnston	All roads too far behind in design for traffic size volumes	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1120066022580246
Comment	Hastie-Morehu MatthewPauline	No council should do their job and stop paying for men dressed as woman to read to our kids in libraries.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_2190899831259392
Comment	Andy Hatton	I thought they were paying pretty heavily but I might be wrong	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_826072412804477
Comment	Daniel Shane	Heavy vehicle owners are already paying big money to use the roads but the the revenue is not going back into roading so pull your heads in, nz roads are absolutely shit !!! If you're going to charge more then the extra cost has to be passed onto the consumer, Have a think about that ya clowns !!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1211121383211790
Comment	Noprobs Marko	Are you for real In the tough economic conditions you want to impose more costs on Businesses that are already struggling to stay afloat. Your narrow mindedness sure shows the realistic level of your level of intelligence.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1047634386989747
Comment	J.D. Hog	If you give the council more money they don't use it wisely they give themselves pay rises and buy stupid electric vehicles waste of time just put more cost on the trucking companies what's the consumer pays for in the end anyway	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_2102853106756257
Comment	Bonnie Kelly	No. The powers that be should start using the Road User Charges to fix the blimin roads. Instead they use the \$ to put stupid steel barriers or wire cheese cutter barriers along the roads, reducing pullover space for breakdowns, flat tyres or when first responders need to get thru.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_3100641996737657

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Reply	Deano Reyland	Bonnie Kelly exactly "	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_2470463090010371
Comment	Alana Reyland	Disagree.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1266018447614723
Comment	Michael Edward Burke	Leave it up to NZTA	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_377800148119623
Comment	Angela Riddle	User pays!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_463879959521228
Comment	John Keehan	Heavy uses are having enough expenses now keeping their vehicals on the road cut the waste on cycle lanes and cones all over the place	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1143552530231105
Comment	Vincent Yates	More money is wasted on cycleways with no return from the cyclists, so cyclists if you want safe transport get a bus they are always empty and waiting for you	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_470817642091145
Reply	Philip Herbert	Vincent Yates not always waiting ,some don't show	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_456817256954397
Comment	Justin Drift	Wasn't that what Diesel miles were originally for ?	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1177407677010212
Comment	Rana Hay	The extraa battery weight is negligible and the tongue a lot less damaging with EV	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_749967520388171

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Comment	Rana Hay	Imagine how much less damage bikes do to roads. Need to make more safe connected cycleways so that more people can feel safe enough to bike	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1008748070607695
Comment	Anthony Robert Harris	Fuck its already sky high you retards think I'll leave New Zealand .	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1049839103226947
Comment	Wayne Bowman	If you made and fixed the roads properly like they used to be there wouldn't be a problem, I say no	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_474195525191347
Comment	Mark Shaw	Another person trying to justify there job coming up with bullshit like this. Do your research.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_7753437974736926
Comment	Doris Allen	That's why we pay road users charges for to maintain the New Zealand roads.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1203245211113747
Comment	M.J. Anderson	Put RUC's up and watch everything in the supermarket increase in price...	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_433665226094261
Comment	M.J. Anderson	Put RUC's up and watch everything in the supermarket increase in price...	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_433665226094261
Comment	Bob Reid	Try using Ruc's to actually fix the road, rather than â€œdivertâ€ the money to other areas	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_487739647117217

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Record type	From name	Text	Source url
Comment	Andrew Geuze	<p>This is BS , heavy trucks already pay heavily for the roads in road users , if only the money that is collected from road users was spent wisely on the roads and you ensured you got value for money there would be no problems.these downers, Fulton Hogan etc should be held to doing a good job not one that needs repairs a month later.</p> <p>The Rate rises that your predicting cannot be supported ,sustainable in these tough economic times, it's just another case of grab more with no efficiency attached!!</p>	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_7671760039583721
Comment	Neil Daken	<p>If only, you spent all the money collected as road taxes, on the roads...</p> <p>Then you would have the best roads...</p> <p>Instead of scalping the road taxes for other things</p>	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_384256594081583
Comment	Neil Daken	<p>If only, tou spent all the money collected as road taxes, on the roads...</p> <p>Then you would have the best roads...</p> <p>Instead of scalping the road taxes for other things</p>	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_384256594081583
Comment	Bruce Belcher	<p>What a stupid question.</p> <p>The council should know better.</p> <p>We are not reading engineers how can we possibly comment</p>	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_3799868383625815
Comment	Kamau Wikeepa	<p>We already are, in case you haven't noticed.</p>	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_862471425709872
Comment	Tony AB Nolan	<p>Trains</p>	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_974561524340039
Comment	Dave Austin	<p>No I dont agree, they have massive costs already. If the roads were constructed properly in the first place we wouldnt have to keep repairing them. buy quality materials and workmanship.</p>	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1138362103947770

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Comment	Sean Dorney	The more the heavy vehicles pay the more we pay. Simple ...	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_433846946102790
Comment	Glen Ireland	Put the cost of transport up and the customer ultimately pays. Heavy vehicles pay a horrendous amount to use the sub standard roads as it is. It's how the roads are built, not what's OK them. Built to a small budget with inferior products	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_806643128102889
Comment	Eric Crabbe	If taxes paid by heavy vehicles was directed back to roading the Roothing in NZ would be considerably better -	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1121843009107076
Comment	Rod Jones	I think the council are always looking for ways to squeeze an dollar out of those that are already struggling. How about cutting back on consultants, staff and those employed to do fuck all! Road user and impact fees on heavy vehicles are reflected in the cost of living you dumb shits, so in the end we all pay. Now piss off back to your boardrooms, sip on your soy lattes and start looking inwardly you dickheads! Some of us have had enough of you!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1145782916619581
Comment	Warren Young	and why should motorbikes pay the same as cars if weight is the key to the charges?	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_801632205402089
Comment	Rick Meredith	The Truckies are already paying to much, you already know the roads we have now weren't designed to take these new weights, or this volume of traffic. That's bad planning by you & indiscriminate spending on unessential fluff. The closing of Marsden Point means we're now buying substandard bitumen so it breaks up. If you get rid of the red tape waste maybe we could get decent roads. Good town planners have experience & don't come straight out of University.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_901194712021520
Comment	Paul van Veen	Would love to see a 13.6% reduction in council staffing costs. Now that would be a great start.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1185659212882361

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Comment	Cliff Cairns	I think you should charge thst bottleing plant 4 times for poluting the world with plastic all so damage to roads fuel used to deliver	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_3881804585398942
Comment	Sally Downing	I believe more heavy haulage should be by rail . Our little country is always going to struggle as the landscape makes roads difficult. Extra charges would just disappear also impacting on struggling primary producer's .	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_492779233180230
Reply	Joe Huirama	Sally Downing yup the train will pulling into Pak n save soon ¢£ .,ōŸ¢£	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1174399500416549
Reply	Sally Downing	M.J. Anderson yes it's sad driving to Tauranga seeing old unused track.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_817610896697016
Reply	M.J. Anderson	Sally Downing sadly the rail infrastructure can't handle it	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_403693675490368
Comment	Melinda Fielding	Western bay of plenty council... im sorry buut... dont you think ppl are charged thru the nose for everything these days?... fuel is expensive, insurance, wages, maintenance... why should they be charged extra, again and again? Its not their fault our roads are junk... maybe councils and roading companies should take a pay cut from their pay checks to help cover these costs? Our roads are crap and councillors get paid FAR TOO MUCH to push the pen around the paper whilst sitting in their swivelly chairs... just a thort is all.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1541829433382883
Comment	Russell Thomas Garrett	Oh, I thought they were talking about those stupid oversized cars that no body can park properly and I was all for it.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1229539311363815
Comment	Jenny McNicol	Reduce rates by getting rid of over paid staff.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_795989889289220

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Comment	Kevin Searle	Increase the RUC for private vehicles only (ie EV's) because they are heavy and only benefit the driver/passengers. Do NOT increase RUC for transport vehicles as they deliver the goods that benefit everyone.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_430377893160279
Comment	Ashley Brain	I vote Western Bay of Plenty District Council doesn't have anything to do with roading or roading related things. You are '© at it.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1580415609471435
Comment	Graeme Larsen	If the tossers in their 4x4's paid the RUC's that they should be, and not using programming to reset their kms, there would be more money in the kitty too.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_865824068693056
Comment	Vivienne Lilley	Oh shut up, and remove 90% of cones, 50% of staff and get on with fixing the roads. You've got plenty of money you just mismanage it. Stop all the wire barriers, geeze we can drive.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_787622113508585
Comment	Gregg Lester	NO. The consumer suffers, as increased operating costs, just get passed on to the consumer, further exacerbating the cost of living. With higher prices, the consumer also pays more GST. All RUC revenue, should ONLY be used for repairing road damage, as it was initially intended. Currently, most RUC revenue, is used for things, other than repairing the roads.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_459183930091422
Comment	Andrew Shrimpton	Take a leaf out of Central governments books and have a look inwards. Bound to be plenty of expenditure with no return to ratepayers in the 'back rooms'	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_776166204546033

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Comment	Nick Roozenburg	yes	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_770453575274774
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Comment	Michael Dillon	While the vehicles maybe heavier the axle loadings haven't changed. Weigh limits haven't changed on western bay of plenty district council administed roads have they? This just sounds like a topic that hasn't been fully thought through before going public	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_479920824440749
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Comment	Janice Murray	Put heavy stuff on the trains	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_830436738488268
Comment	Wendy Doust	No. It's inferior road building materials. Hitler built roads for tanks. 50 years later they were still In use	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_992960669104739

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Comment	Murray Guy	They do contribute more what the hell are you talking about?	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_974737464139515
Comment	Neil Blackstock	Just cut back on the amount of dedicated cycle lanes for another year. Roads are for bikes too.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_455628310542657
Comment	Paul Steele	Make n fix the roads....PROPERLY.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1158544738526265
Comment	Monique Lewis	We need better roads too we spend far too much money on roads here they r poorly made rds this is y people get tired of been stuck in traffic	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_478884987935741
Comment	Maurice Thompson	what a stupid post	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_984442809565501
Comment	Richard Stewart	This is a age old conversation in which it's obvious and recognized. Stop bloody talking about it and do it	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_489287516993870

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Comment	Christopher Reid	How about not wasting time and money on this, another attempt to extort more money from the overtaxed heavy vehicle industry, and spend the time/money looking into council operating costs and wasteful spending (and salaries), guarantee you will save more than you will receive from increasing TAX on an over regulated, over taxed industry, (and it's administration) that will only pass it onto the consumer ☹️"	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_990191785824234
Comment	Christopher Reid	Heavy vehicle's already pay more than their fare share ... it's just that the authorities responsible don't apply the ROAD TAX collected to what it has been collected for, ie building and maintaining ROADS !!!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_467716905839106
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Comment	Neil F Woodward	Heavy vehicles already pay significantly more you numpties. Maintaining the roads in a timely manner would be more cost effective than charging trucks even more to use poorly maintained roads.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_425733880334808
Comment	Simon Cressey	No heavy vehicles already pay based on weight and it's plenty- best is to import American or Japanese road crews to build roads as they are really good and quick - the local road builders are taking the piss	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_376121038808697
Comment	Maree Lewis	Of course, but they already do, don't they?	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_474270401778428

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Comment	Craig Hooper	Yes...does this include electric vehicles...very damaging to roads	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1618626572011813
Comment	Graham Curreen	The more it costs to move your groceries and goods around the country, the more you pay for them on the shelves. The ONLY ones who will be better off will be the council who collect the extra fees. You know the money won't be used to improve our roads	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_2669178033242003
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Comment	Tassie Houkamau	Isn't that what R.U.Cs are for?	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_988861939317590
Comment	Jason Brown	even if you charged more it probably wouldn't be used on the roads anyway.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1678380262931546
Comment	Philip Bowyer	Increasing the cost of living again if council maintained the roads with money they take from the rate payers every day would be a different matter	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_922432122972893
Comment	Peter Savage	Truck already pay more through road users so my answer is they do	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_481913237515126
Reply	Jill Allen	Peter Savage yip the roading needs to be better	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1148479483061683

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Comment	Mike Angela Ryland	Need to issue less H permits	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_2378941158962489
Comment	Danny James Perrett	Get heavy trucks off the roads	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_393467063709595
Comment	Alison Parker	The damage caused by the boy racers doing burnouts on all the rural roads is more of an issue! Would love to see you working with police to do something about that..	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_362011976505196
Comment	Bob De Falco	Heavy vehicles already pay a significantly higher cost to use all roads. Trucks can pay up to 60cents for every km traveled plus the cost of buying diesel. Those linehauls that bring you food here 5 nights a week can pay over \$1000 a week just to travel on the road	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_307594265751678
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Comment	Iva Biggin	RUC ALREADY PAY.Who increased the weight limits ,the governement.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_994699428705095
Comment	Michael Dillon	Why not just leave it as it is and increase everybodys rates proportionally as required.All the trucking movements are part of our local economy and directly or indirectly provide employment for our residence. Clamping down on some orchardists using the road as a load out area will save maintenance costs.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_25588811324097711
Comment	Julz N Marg Senior	they already pay their fare share through ruc.what planet are you on western bay district council	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_781170627416408
Comment	Logan Nicholson	There would be a lot more money for road repairs if they stopped wasting it on plants in the centre of roundabouts.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1000712465032729
Reply	Madeline Cederman	Logan Nicholson also they need to stop spending on so called art work. That's a luxury for when there's surplus funds.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1136270830990798

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Comment	Bill Caro	If you have fk ups in the planning stage and come across midens then just stop doing anything on the road all together and just leave it then the road was much better before you started. Reference to athenree rd. Our nice new concrete driveways were cut and left with compacted stone and we have not been told or informed what is happening nor were at the start either. Nor can find the job details anywhere on the wb site or web. And wonder why people get pissed.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_825727525656848
Comment	Bill Caro	Electric cars with their heavy weight and high torque, actually do a lot of damage to the roads. Our roads are not designed for that	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_7584735391634488
Reply	Paul De Montalk	Kenneth Batchelor you can read ? THE ORIGINAL QUESTION	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_474098848488300
Reply	Kenneth Batchelor	Paul De Montalk question what	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1257994831844386
Reply	Paul De Montalk	Kenneth Batchelor go back to the councils question !!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_25692865057026106

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Reply	Paul De Montalk	Kenneth Batchelor 50 ton trucks pay shit loads to toward road maintenance. Ev's have paid nothing !	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_2212569909102519
Reply	Bill Caro	Kenneth Batchelor yes and that's been long noted with weight restrictions, trucks having on board scales, fines, no engine breaking etc etc. cheap and shitty road construction does not help. But roads are being constructed for driverless trucks which will drive the roads less aggressively and without resting. But high torque car damage is known but not accounted for as the dream is electric cars are the future and without problem. Which usually mean a lot of problems. They need special tyres for the additional weight and increased inertia. Normal car tyres are not recommended. That alone should tell you something.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1008962607430887
Reply	Kenneth Batchelor	Paul De Montalk it's the 50 ton trucks doing most the damage. We had pit holes long before. EVs	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_826907578948226
Reply	Paul De Montalk	Kenneth Batchelor what part of Bill's factual statement is rubbish old mate ?	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_992077658993515
Reply	Christopher Reid	Bill Caro I hazard an ev owner has been triggered	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1167237757927996
Reply	Andy Fuller	Bill Caro yeah, didn't you see all those ev owner kids on TV in Levin ripping up the roads being hoons last week	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_879020500724216
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Reply	Christopher Reid	Bill Caro and up until recently have had a free ride, and now having to contribute, are squealing like stuck pigs ... shudda been paying from the start	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_984141526653249

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Reply	Kenneth Batchelor	Bill Caro rubbish	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_438324459128620
Comment	Nigel MacKenzie	You already say comercial and post harvest pay more than and you have increased orchard rates as well to based on earning potential instead of the services you are obliged to provide. They already paying their share, or more than	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_867398785428809
Comment	Simon Johnston	Local bodies need to look at their own operations. Far too many glaring inefficiencies to be pointing the bone and contributing to high interest rates and the cost of living.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_830379005186630
Comment	Doug Orringe	I wish they could find some money to fix welcome bay road, it's a disgrace.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1677679396368934
Comment	Dave Fogarty	Why wasn't this posted 17th May??	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_384446057359359
Comment	Brian Waters	They already pay higher road tax	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_788075166802028
Reply	Magz Flavell	Brian Waters agree	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_453342070637437

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Reply	Janie Kiriona Taipua	George Bragovits AGREE	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_384731171246038

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Comment	George Pycraft	So let's pump up the road user costs as much as we can and suffer the rising inflationary costs of everything we buy. #—	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_746135871064449
Comment	Monique Lewis	NO	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1471381456809399
Comment	Craig Prujean	I'll only say one thing. Everything you eat ,wear use, comes by truck. Be very careful	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_985147739490819

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Comment	Ken Odgers	The end user of heavy trucks services are the general public so charge the carrier more and the public pay more.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1508596433130230

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Comment	Graham Silkstone	N	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1602585070525429
Comment	Richard Logan	I'm more interested in why your LTP intention is to take HALF of a pensioner's superannuation as rates? Government just set an example with a 7% op cost reduction. Not a 13.6% increase. Pull your heads right back in. Please.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_969413424820376
Comment	Ross Cunningham	Heavy vehicles that running empty do more damages to roads as they bounce more.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_780184330870650
Comment	Ron Setz	You guys are a fuckin joke .How about fixing potholes, getting rid of speed bumps ,getting cyclists OFF the road ,putting cycle lanes next to footpaths .It does,t matter how much extra tax you throw on ,NOTHING will be done except bare minimum .The real difference is ,is that truckies work ,you only appear to .Ron Setz	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_429288876689179
Comment	Barry Stiles BJ	Money is not getting paid on maintenace its paying for cheese cutter barriers(that are dangerous leave break downs in live lanes) . Redoing patchup after patchup jobs. Paying consultants to come up with worse roading ideas. Bicycle lanes that dont work or are only used by a few..... So ye drive up the cost of living by charging trucks more. Oh and look at EVs weights.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1148305256504416
Comment	BC Warren	Can you define what a post harvest property is in your LTP survey documents please as it needs clarifying... No one can find it	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_781480067426584

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Comment	George Muir	Leave it up to NZTA. This is what the national body is for. Lobby for regional road taxes by e road to better represent usage. Council needs to hunker down, pull their head in and start trimming costs by doing away with red tape and worthless contractors who bludge off ratepayers	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_466559489187952
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Comment	Ashley Brain	I vote Western Bay of Plenty District Council doesn't have anything to do with roading or reading related things. You are '© at it.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1580415609471435
Comment	Parry Parbhoo	Q.would you like higher prices through increasing taxes ? - higher transport costs are going to impact your cost of living through trickle down!! Join the dots	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_305577502603565
Comment	Al Batkin	In simple terms, is the WBPBDC saying they have increased road maintenance costs because heavier trucks travel on their roads that were never designed for trucks of such weights? Are there any metrics available from the WBPDC on what work is completed for each year? X kilometres drill/ cored/ sampled to access below road surface conditions, X kilometres resealed, X kilometres of new seal, X kilometres of road widened. Some of the South Island Councils' budgets are looking to revert tar roads back to gravel rather than resealing and trialling new products for dust suppression.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_973281931059545

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Comment	Lauren Kansley	Jared Taylor	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_417040321159894
Comment	Fenech Lawns and Gardens	Oh shut up. Without heavy vehicles there wouldn't even be a road	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1095114161584362
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Comment	Erin Stroodles	Nah stop fleecing us	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_457062680072016
Comment	Hayden Dobson	You can't even keep up with the maintenance now, this is mearly just another money grab promoted by yours trulyâ€¦ Not surprised	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1138803587457875

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Reply	George Muir	Murray Guy agreed. Councils are already ripping off commercial landowners. This would be another nail in the coffin.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1512040446399275
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Comment	Greg Bold	They also pay far higher RUCs which comes through the NZTA funding. Is this double dipping?	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_2245197819158678
Reply	Murray Guy	Greg Bold absolutely double dipping. Very very much higher road user charges.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_978165716833494
Reply	Murray Guy	Greg Bold absolutely double dipping. Very very much higher road user charges and of course fuel.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_978165716833494
Comment	Kris Newcombe	Duh, put their charges up and you'll push cost of living up more, got to get food and supplies to us somehow. Sometimes I wonder	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1362785354394996
Reply	Nick Eagle	Kris Newcombe yup end user pays !!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_465399486006070

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Reply	Richard Logan	Kris Newcombe they have to cut their internal costs first. The days of jacking up rates and fees are over.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1649337402272312
Reply	Kirsten Warbrooke	Kris Newcombe wait till the centre barriers are installed down SH2...	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_990031235851750
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Comment	Merle Young	Build the roads stronger, properly! They have heavier trucks/units in Western Australia, it's hotter there too, and the road quality is excellent!!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_472094038508587
Reply	Merle Young	Kev Balfour oh...all these excuses!! Stabilise the sections of roads that are being hammered by heavy vehicles. And um...contractors need to learn how to build roads properly in this district, using padfoot foot rollers to get compaction, graders and watercarts!!!...building 500 to 1km sections at a time...not like the Mickey mouse show going on at present...using a digger one day, tipping rubbish material the next, rolling it whenever...road construction is a JOKE in the BOP!!!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1703225597088593
Reply	Kev Balfour	Merle Young but they have a much higher population paying much more tax.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_425059353819371
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Reply	Merle Young	Maurice Thompson um...doesn't matter which country it is...BUILD THE ROADS STRONGER...to handle the weight of HV's!!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_852713756718060

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Reply	Maurice Thompson	Merle Young well it's NZ not WA	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_423473190515632
Comment	Stronach Mitchell	No but we should wind back ruc on smaller vehicles and keep heavy vehicles where they are. We're being extorted enough already, Thank you	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_367504795815813
Comment	Emerson Balk	Build the roads to handle the load typical blame game	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_268966524527629
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Comment	Judy Chappell	People need to read the article. It doesn't look like there'd be any change to their total rates, it's just looking to rearrange the charges	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1139552633953681
Reply	Kellie Burton	Craig Dar I'm not sure why people are surprised that rates are going up. Everything has gotten more expensive - look at the price of petrol compared to a couple of years ago	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1187061498974299
Reply	Sue Muir	Western Bay of Plenty District Council - what a disgrace " making different categories for property owners as an excuse to rob and punish those creating industry and economic wellbeing that the whole community benefits from greatly. Council staff making themselves more jobs bullying the elected members into agreeing to their ugly tactics " time to clean out the dross and get rid of excess paper shufflers " NO I don't agree in charging commercial and post harvest properties any extra let alone twice as much and to even suggest increasing that shows what a bunch of small minded academic despots are beavering in the back rooms. Council needs to declutter those back rooms.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_470195269033433

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Reply	Judy Chappell	Craig Dar I don't disagree with you at all. Simply pointing out that the headline is misleading & people have misunderstood this specific issue.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_437225769062343
Reply	Craig Dar	Judy Chappell have you seen what WBDC are proposing in regards to rates increases this year? 13+% is the current proposal. It isnt about increases at this point, its about what can be done to prevent runaway council spending.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1502683627271928
Reply	Christopher Reid	Craig Jonas correct '	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1927702701019466
Reply	Christopher Reid	Western Bay of Plenty District Council "yeah right" that's what you say now, get it in place, and then change the rules ... most folk don't fall for that crap anymore™,	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_2465276747194750
Reply	Craig Jonas	Judy Chappell if they were just rearranging charges they would not ask us they would just do it. The council are looking to, in there own words above, "CHANGE" the amount different categories of rate payers pay. This IS an increase. Some of these categories will only see heavy truck movements for a month (if that) every 30 years. Re forestry. So Where did there proportion go for the previous 30. There are to many passion projects that council spend money on are that are not core infrastructure, this is were the money should be spent first!!! Any extra left saved up for the "nice to haves"	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1218092602934878

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Reply	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	<p>Judy Chappell Correct. There is no impact on the overall rates or the debt over the 10 years, as we are simply proposing to change the amount different categories of ratepayers pay.https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/heavy-vehicle-charges</p>	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_466395809083771
Comment	Maeline Martin	We pay high RUC	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_977699944062419
Comment	Andrew Burr	<p>So if you are a commercial property but never have a truck turn up you also have to pay more like a commercial property that has 50 trucks turn up? Doesn't make sense to me. But hey sure drive up more costs for people, and you still won't provide better roading or infrastructure.</p>	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_965453685070560
Comment	Mark Mank Murdoch	<p>Will this also be passed on to housing developers as the equipment needed to undertake the development of land often in built up areas not only does damage to roads but also existing homes. Is there any compensation for such damage to private dwellings? The increase in heavy vehicles using urban roads and poorly repaired roads is becoming a real issue for the once again forgotten residents.</p>	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1782435092264052
Comment	Allan Lassche	No, but keep them off unsuitable roads, Pyes Pa road should not be used by class 5 trucks,	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_997938638517974

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Reply	Skinny Colson - Fan Site	Allan Lassche why ever not we pay road user to use roads.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_990552625815701
Comment	Jeff Goodhue	Don't they already pay more with RUC? The heavier the truck the higher the RUC. There's to much incompetence at council level regarding road maintenance which contributes to frail roads and wasted rate payer \$\$. Waihi Beach Road is a good example the same piece of road was ripped up twice in 2 years because it wasn't done right first time by the contractor.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_801372721952125
Reply	Malcolm Mathers	Jeff Goodhue it's funny how the road lasted for dam appox 20 years after waihi earthmovers built it the "new" style engineers turned up to "upgrade" it boom it fell apart & back then beach quarry metal was used for all of too	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_313269655208623
Reply	Emerson Balk	Jeff Goodhue build the road to handle the load I say	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_2755188284646221
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Comment	Debbie Loomans	No way!!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_7538693499555590
Reply	Deborah Holmes	Kieren Thomas already 'revalued' gold orchards but can't seem to provide how they came to their valuations. Lodged an objection in July 2023, still waiting for action. Two rates cycles so far at unsubstantiated valuations. Sorted by end of May was their last hope to be done by. Very unprofessional by QV	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_863580685809827
Reply	Don Thwaites	Kieren Thomas	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_3458432944447562
Reply	Kieren Thomas	Don Thwaites sorry don no amount of well written submissions can make council see common sense. I don't need that stress in my life	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_418163721180528
Reply	Don Thwaites	Kieren Thomas Make a submission Kieren and state your case. That is the way to drive change. Change does occur, it is driven by submissions like you could make .	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1787571078419095
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Reply	Don Thwaites	Kieren Thomas the differential only applies to the roading rate on commercial, industrial and post harvest zones. The example above is very real, wbopdc to pay \$98k in rates next year to TCC for the Cameron road site, the identical valued property in wbop commercial zone would pay \$43k. I acknowledge rates aren't fair, but you should look at some more Tauranga examples - it's all public information under the rates search function on both councils website. Councils don't do the rating valuations, you may be right - the next cycle of revaluations may reflect the current value, but we must use the valuations as assessed at Sept 1st 2022. Roll on 2025 as you suggest	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_362740293482538
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Reply	Don Thwaites	Debbie Loomans by comparison, a pack house - coostore paying Tauranga city council \$800,000 in rates next year, would have to pay \$190,000 in rates to wbopdc if it was located in the wbop under this proposal of a four times differential on roading. Do you still think no way, or was that related to the Tauranga commissioners decision ?	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_409227981979631
Comment	Kellie Burton	If it gets more freight on rail and off the roads, yes!!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_810490740964997
Reply	Kellie Burton	Dave Austin you'll note I didn't say ALL of the freight, just more of it.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_860873252570468
Reply	Dave Austin	Kellie Burton And how do you think the produce gets to the markets? rail dosnt run to your super market, hardware store, shops in general.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_2413874122138952
Reply	Phillip Herbert	Running out of ' , cash for one way roads, strand wasted time. What's the use?	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1585250982041681

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Reply	Philip Herbert	Kellie Burton how the hell does it get from the rail station to its destination? By drone maybe	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_424338753774194
Reply	Arch Kennedy	You're pretty Kels.....pretty dumb	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1206440707380832
Reply	Mark Himiona	Kellie Burton it will never happen Kellie, Government will lose too much money from road user charges.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1185074372521007
Reply	Maurice Thompson	Kellie Burton do trains deliver freight to the retail stores	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1570266200185490
Reply	Christopher Reid	Jill Allen sorry, you are a bit mistaken, the Paeroa to Pokeno rail was started in 1938 and abandoned in 1940 (Google is your friend) it went thru my father's farm at Netherton and I remember Dad pulling down the banks that were built in the 1960's ... culverts still remain. I believe it got as far as Kerepehi	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_759202863052060
Reply	Christopher Reid	Kellie Burton pipe dream eejit ... and when did rail last run profitably ... or on time " and double or more handling will increase costs	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_443237288641011
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Reply	Ally Benson	Kellie Burton Use the railway it's already in place.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1588374205279126
Reply	Craig Prujean	Greg Bold everything we do in life comes by truck. End of story. The only thing delivered in life that doesn't come by truck is a new born baby	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_872699954665847

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Reply	Jill Allen	Greg Bold in 1980..national wanted to build a rail system from to puke to paeroa..then trucks picked up from there..giving a living to the driver...1984 election national out..system never built..there worst mistake selling our railway..Muldoon era	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_837458121750863
Reply	Greg Bold	Kellie Burton sadly we still need trucks to get to the railhead. So rural roads would still be impacted. Reverse is also true. Rail to shops, commercial areas. Rural packhouses Still needs trucks	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_440550335583890
Reply	Lachlan Cris Priest	Kellie Burton yes please!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_3772942896362110
Reply	Kris Newcombe	Kellie Burton that's been tried and failed miserably.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_2382207338637676
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Comment	Lindsay Ellis-smith	No if they are charged more the cost of transportation will go up like food etc.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_420477630882197

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Reply	George Bragovits	Lachlan Cris Priest what a truckload of? Roads classified 1 is a lot of roads truck's not allowed 2 local government never police s that rule only in Auckland 3 local government pay for the local road's and the workman ship is crap no one check the road's are sometimes worse of than when the resealing started if you want is up to you to put restrictions for heavy vehicle use on those roads simple	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1140207423897996
Reply	Lachlan Cris Priest	Skinny Colson - Fan Site Unfortunately we allow trucks bigger than our roads can support on our roads, and we can't afford the road quality we'd need for these trucks	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1159280145343366
Reply	Skinny Colson - Fan Site	Lachlan Cris Priest how about the roads be up to a quality standard and the damage will disappear.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_832269631609438
Reply	Lachlan Cris Priest	Greg Bold I'd love to read more about local roading funding - I couldn't find any policy or budget document that shows it's funding split, if you could point me in the right direction that would be great.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1102698324148063
Reply	Greg Bold	Lachlan Cris Priest local roading receives 51% funding from NZTA which is collected via the RUC system. This is penalising local businesses that may not even use HT	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1092935118440762
Reply	Lachlan Cris Priest	Lindsay Ellis-smith The damage is being caused either way, but it is currently being paid by everyone. If the cost were passed onto the people causing the most damage (and they passed it on to their customers) then the people who aren't using those services would end up paying less. It's a user pays system!	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1165030768250788

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Record type	From name	Text	Source url
Comment	Peter Heimsath	Yes and no. If transport companies have to pay more then transport costs rise. In the end we have to pay the price on increased produce in our stores because the truck companies increase their transport costs onto the buyers.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1153029415943670
Comment	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Share your thoughts here: https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/heavy-vehicle-charges	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_1141567130374373
Reply	Matt Reece	Western Bay of Plenty District Council Whoever set this up has made it as difficult as possible to complete, on purpose I presume.	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_421254047542832
Reply	Cilla Pond	Western Bay of Plenty District Council they will find another way and it might be train or a different port	https://www.facebook.com/844358627723689_654293130214008
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Comment	Julian Iraia Paul	Council is slow on this one,55years ago the mentioned problem is older than that	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1516385561740766/?multi_permalink=7683459805033280
Comment	Manu Emery	<p>The Engineers today are not of this day and climate, especially if they come from a country that is of a much drier climate,, African and Indian. The contractors are fighting to get the contract and are cutting costs to achieve a result that looks good but not for a climatic area.</p> <p>Those of Ministry of Works regime never had these problems, patching and resealing are worse, come to Rotorua, your vehicle and your body requires heavy duty springs.</p> <p>The gentlemen of that era leant on their shovels for a reason, to watch for speeding traffic and because they were there the traffic slowed down. Today they sit in the truck and hope the cones will slow the traffic. Had the 4 men of Higgins being on the job they will still be on it today,,RIP</p>	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1516385561740766/?multi_permalink=7683459805033280

Social Media Feedback - Should heavy vehicles pay more? (Paengaroa Community Notices)			
Record type	From name	Text	Source url
Comment	Gina Berghan	No I don't just make sure you fix the road properly the first time. I'm guessing the materials that are used is not fit for purpose open up marsden point	
Comment	Bryce Brown	Channel the money collected directly back into the roads used.	
Comment	Carrol Bull	No they pay with there road user..the money is not goin where it needs to be	
Comment	Robbie Rogers	Te puke main Street needs to go back to two lanes either side they did a trial run years ago with it with cones it did work so they left it as two lanes either side and that's where it needs to go back it's just bill shit.	
Comment	Kelley Gouray	Yeah like Electric vehicles for a start	
Comment	Alistair Buckton	Look these clowns want us to vote them in yet they can't even get their dates correct	
Comment	Vicki Noucom	The Quarry trucks are continually damaging Allport Road making it unsafe for cars at times making pot holes and curbing damaged The trucks or the owner of the land that is using the trucks should be responsible to pay to fix and maintain the road they are wrecking with multiple runs and heavy loads	
Reply (to Vicki)	Jack Dieleman	Viki Nucom you do realise a truck already pays 50 cents per km to the nzta for this. That your council spends money unwisely is the real issue. Again.	
Comment	Vicki Noucom	Yes that would be good if they sent out questioners and submissions with our rates bill if they wanted a true reflection of what the rate payers want .I had suggested this to them after the fact of rubbish , recycling bins charges , as they told me that the people that commented on their page majority wanted it . lol looks like could been lots of council members / friends on the list . Not sure that the majority of rate payers check the council site regularly ,where something sent with the rates would definitely be seen and commented on	
Comment	Brian Hamblyn	ask the truckies how much they pay per km for fully log truck and trailer	
Reply (to Brian)	Lauren Blake	Brian Hamblyn yea I thought they already pay quite a bit as it is? Maybe the council just need to to pull their heads out their ass and keep the rds up to scratch. If we didn't have trucks how would shit get done. Trying to bleed more money out of people ☹️	

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Comment	Ray Dagg	Certainly buggered Maniatutu rd with the quarry's allowed on the bottom section trucks are wider than half the road always on centre white line all sides of road curling up	
Comment	Alistair Buckton	Maybe you should stop asking stupid questions and stop wasting money on a big map for people to walk over and actually finish something that you lot start stop stuffing up our road put Te Puke back to two lanes ease the congestion	
Reply (to Alistair)	WEstern Bay of Plenty District Council	Alastair Buckton Kia ora! Thanks for this feedback. If you'd like to be more specific, you can head to our hub (as this is a formal consultation, we're only taking sentiment from socials): https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/hub-page/ltip As for the map, it's one of the ways we've simplified complex, high level information so more people feel comfortable having their say. Cheers	
Reply (to Western Bay)	Jack Dieleman	Western Bay of Plenty District Council No. Just do your job and fix the road especially no1 road. That road is so bad because you spent money in the wrong place. A footpath to nowhere behind new world. A dog park for a few people. Gardeners all over te puke where it should be grass and so on... Trucks already pay 50 cents per km to nzta and you get some of that money for repairs. The fact that te puke mainstreet is still single lane is ludicrous as well. Start being good stewards of the money WE pay and the funds you get from government	
Reply (to Western Bay)	Alistair Buckton	Jack Dieleman well said but as you can see from their reply to me they only want comments on their forum so they can pick and choose and the public doesn't get to see the comments they charge enough rates and as you say get money from nzta to fix the roads but won't because they believe the moneys better spent on as you say footpaths to nowhere	
Reply (to Western Bay)	Jack Dieleman	Alastair Buckton as usual. I have said many a time if they want real engagement send a questionnaire with the rates bills.	
Reply (to Western Bay)		Jack Dieleman only thing they send with rates bill is an increase	

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Reply (to Western Bay)	Deon Bellamy	Alastair Buckton Damn that website really makes me want to never ever pay rates ever again! Who TF are they supporting? Not me anyway.	
Reply (to Western Bay)	Deon Bellamy	Perhaps elections need to go back to public fisticuffs. The current collection of pansies need a good trim I think.	
Reply (to Western Bay)	Jack Dieleman	Joanne Macdonald Not having a go, and I have no problem with that dogpark, but I do think all of us should not have to pay for the few registered dog owners that use it. I would like to know how many registered paid up rate paying dog owners there are versus rate payers in Te Puke, and what was the cost of that park and what was the revenue collected from rate paying dog owners to pay for it. I would like to see that sum but you won't get an answer. The town is full of strays which is where they should have spent the money in my opinion. Having nice stuff is great if you are debt free, but we are not and the council keeps spending and just keeps increasing charges and puts on a road show to justify it. Not one councillor is talking about being good responsible stewards of our money. BTW, we do have a dog, it is paid for, and it does not go to that park.	
Reply (to Western Bay)	Vicki Noucom	Jack Dieleman yes I have also suggested that to the council also	

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Comment	Joceyln	Bloody council at again	
Comment	Carol Flynn	Put them back on rail	
Comment	Bronwyn Searle	You wouldn't have any groceries or fuel or concrete if it weren't for heavy trucks	
Comment	Bernie Coombe	Trucks already pay a premium for road tax. RUC road user charges, cover the extra costs that trucks may do to the road!	
Comment	Jodie Donovan	These trucks already pay more towards road maintenance.....How about addressing real issues like adding Fluoride to our water which has been proven to be highly damaging and poisonous to humans..... this is now being forced on the public without our permission with a huge added cost!	
Comment	Darcia Mather	Increasing their costs will ultimately increase costs for us. But I'm sure you've already thought of that?	
Comment	Debbie Young	They already pay more so NO I don't agree. Need better recipe for Roading material mix for the traffic conditions and the nz climate. Id be more interested in contributing to Research and Development to find a BETTER/Stonger recipe for longevity than throwing more money at what just doesn't work currently.	
Comment	Wilma Foster	A lot of properties pay more in rates already eg Kiwifruit that should cover the roads of the businesses that service them. They pay more than they receive in benefits cf others.	
Comment	Marion Hall	Depends on what you call a heavy vehicle too, diesel 4wd's have to pay RUC now and I wouldn't call them heavy.....	
Comment	Steve Allan	They already pay more	

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Comment	John Fisher	What a great idea. That will put the price of food further out of reach for the ordinary folk. The cost of transport is going up faster than inflation and are in a position to keep passing their costs on. Look at the price of a barrel of oil which is still rising and so there is still more cost increases to be passed on yet. Don't blame trucks for incompetent roading engineering where they haven't got the foundations of the road up to an acceptable standard in the first place.	https://www.facebook.com/groups/987187998001578/?multi_permalink_s=7579543308765981
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Comment	Tracy Livingstone	the cost just goes on to the price of stuff so it costs us more to buy. But much produce is shipped overseas so the producers gets the benefit of our mutually paid for infrastructure - it's called privatising profit, socialising costs. Either way it's tricky as the more tax goes up, the more people find workarounds that cost the country more in the long run.	
Comment	Frank De Baston	Needs to include EVs in that list	
Comment	Shirley Geros	No . Charge the cyclists for all the work that is being done . Move to small buses around town .	
Comment	Isabel Ashmore	There needs to be careful consideration if there's going to a higher charge to road users of " heavy" vehicles. Remember their costs of maintenance, etc if their heavy vehicles costs them much more already.	
Comment	Rosemary Balu	The Western Bay of Plenty statement above says "Right now commercial and post-harvest properties pay twice as much as residential ones. We're considering bumping this up due to the higher impact of heavy vehicles." So at present it is the property owners paying the increased rate. Is there a proposed comprehensive scale of vehicle charging being put forward the WBOPDC? What exactly is the council proposing. Would more "lighter" vehicles using the roads cause the same amount of damage as less "heavier" vehicles. What is the feasibility of developing localised rail heads to transport large volumes of produce to packing sheds and down to the port? Does the WBOPDC have any report on the wider issue of road damage and transport alternatives the community can access?	
Comment	Rolf Gsteiger	Yeah, charge them more and more. Does anybody know where it ends up? Yes, correct. From our pocket, again. They can add it easily towards transport invoices. Ever thought about it? Reduce the 50 tonnes down to 40 tonnes. What's next? Yes, correct again. More Trucks on the road to deliver the stuff people order online. Think about it for a while.	

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Comment	Gav Blank	If Marsden point was still refining we would have top quality bitumen instead of the shit they import.	
Comment	Ann Doherty	Please no more transport cost as food delivery costs are high enough.	
Comment	Elizabeth Fleming	Maybe get contractors who have experience and not get the cheapest price maybe the middle price.	
Comment	Marshall Kirti	If the heavy vehicle cost goes up then we all end up paying more as the heavy vehicles are carrying consumer goods.. so.. before anyone says yes just think about the ripple effect aye.	
Comment	Trent Stirling Archer	Only impacts everybody else either way everything comes via truck there rates go up everything else goes up.	
Comment	Robyn Arlidge	Just make better roads.!!! The roads in Europe seem to cope with the thousands of trucks on the roads everyday..	
Comment	Paula Ralph	Not at all. Maybe if you want your groceries gas timber clothes etc to go up in price. We pay \$x/ton for our bulk trucking. Then they add on 18% FAF - fuel adjustment factor. Then 15% GST. And that gets passed onto the consumer.	
Comment	Petera Thompson	I've worked on the roads and seen heavy vehicles do it.	
Comment	Norman Watson	Trucks already pay Road user charges...should you be asking central government for a greater share of the take from RUCs that are purchased and used in this region???	
Comment	Bill Caro	It's not just trucks electric cars are heavy and are high in torque damage.	
Comment	Peter Rigby	That will put the price of freight up so why not do something about the way the roads are built and maintained.	
Comment	Sonja Ireland	The heavy vehicles using the roads are delivering goods and services we need...increase the charges on them and they will pass those charges on to us. Either way we pay. How about instead of taking the easy way out you look hard at all areas of expenditure use quality materials manage the waste...and do better with what you already have instead of demanding more?	

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Comment	Laura Rae	Alastair Buckton um I'm not sure what you're looking at but the population of western bay is up close to 30 thousand. 64 comments from those who clearly will be affected ie truckies is hardly evidence that the people have spoken. You'll be surprised at the amount of people who live on these affected roads where damage is clearly done by frequent heavy vehicle use calling for them to be made more accountable. Hopefully all those for and against actually submitted on the official feedback document. I know these comments are captured in the feedback but mean less due to the fact that it could be written by anyone living anywhere in the country.	
Comment	Gregg Lester	Laura Rae yes heavy vehicles cause more damage to the roads. Heavy vehicles pay RUC. The problem is... RUC revenue is no longer used to maintain the roads. It gets used on cycle ways and other things.	
Comment	Laura Rae	Gregg Lester exactly but at the end of the day who should/will pay then is all they are asking. My main point of reply was to outline that's it's definitely not the people have spoken as he implied	
Comment	Gregg Lester	Laura Rae People need to understand the extra costs get passed onto the consumer increasing the cost of goods AND increasing the GST consumers pay.	
Comment	Alastair Buckton	Laura Rae if the council choose to use funding from RUC's on cycle ways or even proposals for cycle ways that no doubt cost hundreds of thousands then why should trucks be taxed again	
Comment	Laura Rae	Gregg Lester yes for sure but that would then mean that as the rate payer they don't mind paying there are pros and cons to both situations it seems.	

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Comment	Laura Rae	Alastair Buckton I didn't say that they should be taxed again I didn't say whether i was for or against. The govt paying for the roads here isn't the question being asked. It's does the rate payer pay or do the people needing the heavier trucks to come to them pay a little extra. RUC funding isn't automatically given it has to be applied for under strict rules and criteria. Usually ones that hold some sort of national benefit would be approved first. Not saying it can't be asked for but doesn't mean it would happen. I guess it's about making sure the right people hear it from you directly no matter your view.	
Comment	Alastair Buckton	Laura Rae said like someone that's on the payroll	
Comment	Laura Rae	Alastair Buckton I am the chairperson for Maketu and I don't/didn't have a say in any of these decisions or preferred options. I just want people to have the say to the right people. I was only stating facts.	
Comment	Aaron Taft	No trucks pay plenty for the ability to provide a necessary service	
Comment	Deon Bellamy	Aaron Taft I find it incredible that we have elected council officials that seemingly are clueless about road user charges. Their guiding principle seems to be to tax us into insolvency.	
Comment	Aaron Taft	Deon Bellamy the tax and the fact that more transport cost = more cost to the end user	
Comment	Gregg Lester	Aaron Taft yes m8 big trucks already pay lots. I would like to see RUC removed for Diesel utes and cars.	
Comment	Gregg Lester	Increasing the tax on heavy vehicles means freight costs go up these costs simply get passed onto the consumer increasing the cost of goods. It's effectively exacerbating the cost of living while also making CONSUMERS pay more GST.	
Comment	Fiona Dieleman	They pay enough already. Stop taxing NZ businesses literally to death. Maybe you shouldn't have wasted all the money I saw being wasted the a couple of weeks ago at the end of the TEL if your planners had done their job properly in the first place thought ahead a bit and used some commonsense. 2 trucks 2 excavator 6 men road safety truck loads of rocks not too mention all the background expense just to replace plantings that obscured traffic visibility and should never have been planted in the first place if some planner had used his brains.	
Comment	Laura Rae	Fiona Dieleman that was NZTA	
Comment	Gregg Lester	Fiona Dieleman perhaps they should go back to using the RUC revenue in the roads. That's what it was designed for	

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Comment	Andrea Denney	WHat would be better was if the roading contractors were able to make the roads to the standards they used to be. They withheld the wear and tear on the roads from all transport much better than the crap roads everyones putting up with now.	
Comment	Lyn Alli	I believe since Marsden Point was closed we are now importing all the by products like bitumen which seem to be of a poorer quality than was made at Marsden	
Comment	Andrea Denney	sounds about right. NZ isn't worth the quality products we used to have. Eg roads food meat vege fruit. It seems we are doomed with 2nds	
Comment	Karen Thomas	also there's way more traffic using these roads now	
Comment	Denise Ellen	and heavier trucks and more of them.	
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Comment	Lyn Alli	In saying that the more a truck can carry theoretically less costs to the company so cheaper price for goods. There are so many compliance costs in the transport industry. The construction of the roads should be done properly from the start. I am wondering 1.5 m is actually deep enuf to give good sub structure. Then the sealant must be done properly so pot holes don't happen	
Comment	Denise Ellen	I do realise this as I know a little bit about road construction...but that's another story	

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Comment	Andrea Denney	why? They pay enough to be on the roads just like anyone else. Truck drivers are doing us a favor getting everyday needs to places we can go get them from. We are all paying for the roads in lots of ways. The government needs to step up not the truck owners	
Comment	Deborah Holton	I said the truck drivers are already paying RUC so don't charge them more BUT the kiwifruit orchards use truck contractors therefore they don't pay the RUC and they have caused a lot more trucks to be on the road therefore those companies should pay a levy (not the truck companies - the kiwifruit owners)	
Comment	Scott Tamihana	No the government should just use the RUC money for the roads instead of putting most of it into social welfare which is where something like 2/3 to 3/4 of that money goes. No one needs to pay more	
Comment	Deborah Holton	I also said that in my comment	
Comment	Jenni MacKenzie - Johnson	Im a grower the council has already decided to charge extremely high rates if we grow gold as a rural person councils don't give two shits about us in my opinion the subvison they have granted near where we live is case and point. As a grower we can not afford more bills our bills have gone up over 50% in the last few years but our incomes haven't. We pay for picking and transport so the RUC would have been facted into what we are charged for their service. You put RUC up our costs go up we can't pass on the costs but everyone above us can! So your argument is lost there. I used to feel go about growing plants for environment supplying jobs and food and helping the economy but now I question as people really do seem to hate farming.	
Comment	Scott Tamihana	yea my bad that was ment to be for the person that answered your question tagged you instead her by mistake	

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Record type	From name	Text	Source url
Comment	Alan Hutchinson	The fact of the matter is that we all have to be not only registered vehicles on the road but a warrant of fitness for the vehicles as well but neither councils nor government are bound by any law to ensure that the roads that we are taxed regulated for by way of those charges are they required to have those roads fit and safe for our use of the roads yes something is seriously wrong with the system yet here we go again we sit back on our arses and what do we do absolutely nothing high time a bunch of you high and mighty greedy lawyers did something to rectify this and show the people that some of you lawyers are really actual human	
Comment	Glenn Küttel	So what are the Road User charges that heavy vehicles have to pay used for? Or because you don't get that cash you think let's charge again?	
Comment	Tim White	that goes into the consolidated fund and gets used elsewhere. If all the RUC went back to the actual roads we wouldn't have the problems we do now. Trucks can be fitted out with GPS and when they are operating on council funded roads that council should get most of that revenue and state highway running can go to central government	
Comment	Ramona Hendry	(No comment text provided)	
Comment	Mark Clayton	Put the price of deisel up and get rid of RUC for private use vehicles.	
Comment	Jordan McGrannachan	They already pay more than their fair share. Go after the evs	
Comment	Ally Benson	They already pay road user charges	
Comment	Rick Snell	Great. Think about it first. You up their rates they up their prices to supply cartage supermarkets and ALL retail outlets you buy from up their prices to combat this. How does that help the families already struggling you lot are not a business to make profit and spend on useless stuff	
Comment	Dane Hamilton	Thanks Rick for saying that so I didn't have to.	
Comment	Tim White	saved me a job as well	
Comment	David Burrett	Rick Snell spot on	

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Comment	Tim White	Aah yes councils decide what you want on your wish list Cost it Double it Divide by the number of ratepayers you can financially mug. Voila ... done	
Comment	Bonnie Kelly	Stop making excuses for using the RUC income anywhere BUT ON THE ROADS. Perhaps if NZTA stopped installing stupid wire and steel barriers where they are NOT beneficial those funds could fix the potholes and unintentional corrigation. Maybe Fulton Hogan and Downers staff could learn to repair the roads so the new seal meets the old seal without a 50mm or more lip	
Comment	Ally Ross	Sooo WBOPDC want to put up rural landowners rates as they generate more road usage. (approximately \$125 per household)really really they are forgetting about the usage of roads in town. Learn to cut your cloth WBOPDC by that remove all the double ups and useless jobs you have going in the council	
Comment	Jill Marsh	Ally Ross they are only puppets and there's no honor among thieves.	
Comment	Karen Thomas	Get trucks off the road and onto rail and water scheesh not rocket science surely	
Comment	Scott Tamihana	Karen Thomas so you're going to run a rail line to every orchard or dig a canal to every orchard?	
Comment	Karen Thomas	no I mean all trucks just major players daaah	
Comment	Scott Tamihana	So you do realise the conversation is about kiwifruit trucks daaah you might on the wrong thread mate	
Comment	Karen Thomas	your right I'm on the wrong thread lol	
Comment	Andrea Denney	haha I'd like to see a train or a boat bringing our groceries to PaknSave or Countdown. Look past your nose to see the other jobs truckies do for the communties not just travel on the roads to wreck them.	

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Comment	Denise Ellen	If we can get better roading material to comply with the extra weight of trucks or maybe reduce the laden weight of trucks to comply with the road material. Problem solved. National in its infinite wisdom...which is none at all raised the laden weight of truck usage without any thought of road maintenance and whether our roading material could take this extra weight and with the increase on our roads of more trucks milk tankers as we most converted to dairy and more rain roads get churned up...oh no potholes! They've done the same with 3 water thrown it back on councils... way to go nothing to see here and no accountability for decisions that affect us all. I used to fight councils for there stupid decisions e.g. tags on rubbish bins but I'm starting to feel for them as National take away much of their budget and expect them to do better!	
Comment	Rick Snell	WBoPDC you're all sacked	
Comment	Tracey Watson	But then the cost it causes to these businesses ends up being passed down to us the consumer once again.	
Comment	Tameeka Rayner Taft	F*c#n stupid idea Western Bay of Plenty District Council	
Comment	Ngaire Kissick	No dont increase costs for trucks. Good idea to use the railway to move goods. The roads and road surfaces need fixing. Don't worry about all the unnecessary barriers and get rid of most of the cones.	
Comment	Kathleen Morrow	No! Dumb idea! For the reasons already explained above!	
Comment	Scott Tamihana	What would be best is actually putting all the money from RUC's into the roads instead of most of it going else where and also putting the money from petrol and diesel tax into the roads instead of else where and maybe the tax money from regenerations into the roads instead of else where and possibly maybe also use the money from the increase rates that pack houses have to pay each time the expand not to mention the consent fees they need to pay each time they expand that is spose to go towards the roads and impact around the site. How council use some of that money	
Comment	Joe Simpson	it's called corruption and theft New Zealand is frooooked	
Comment	Ally Benson	Why not use the railway lines they don't wear out very quickly Makes sense they run thru town past pack sheds and other things as well	
Comment	Sam Boo	how will the fruit get from the orchards to the rail head?.	
Comment	Ally Benson	judging by how many pack houses are close to.the railway .I guess a fork lift in most cases..	
Comment	Andrew William Webb	so I'll just use a drone to fly my fruit to the packhouse then	

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Comment	Sam Boo	the question was "from the orchard to the rail head" not rail head to pack house.	
Comment	Trevina Barker	No. If the roads were of better standard and not just patch jobs then they would last longer	
Comment	Oldmate Abe	Smooth brain logic right there. Why do you think the price of food is high as it is?	
Comment	Chris Litchfield	Enough is enough! You want them to go out of business. Tax those over paid gits in parliament that sit on their arses thinking up dumb wasteful spending instead.	
Comment	Colleen N Jono Brown	The more you charge the truckies the more the consumer (ratepayers) has to pay. Money the council collects doesn't get used for proper road repair as they say they mostly do a half pie job and then it falls apart again. My assumption is that theyre actually not paying the road workers a fair price you know you get what you pay for. If coucil has anything to do with pay rates for the road workers whats the chances that theyre paying the road workers a fair price so they can/will do the job properly Just a thought	
Comment	Grant Rowe	(No comment text provided)	
Comment	WileyWolves Bayne	Well how would you feel if someone forced you to pay their power bill that your not responsible for? Make those responsible accountable Kiwifruit and Dairy industry is worth billions dig into those finances they're the only heavy vehicles seen on our roads	
Comment	Russell Woods	every km they do is recorded and charges paid in advance ..notably major fonterra dairy route highways are excellent compared to other regions ..to use the eastern link expressway at tauranga kiwifruit transporters pay extra every trip to save tepuke townships roads are you awake ?	
Comment	Kate Hinton	Agreed	
Comment	Billy Clarke	Heavy vehicles are paying huge road user chargers Unfortunately the revenue is not being spent on the roads	

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Comment	Vickie Crawford	I guess only a council will think that's a brilliant idea..... Now the reality part is you wouldn't fix our roads It's no different to the council putting up our households rates and we not seeing alot in it for us If you put in a road tax within the council do you take our national RUC away No you don't. Our town has been dubbed as the Kiwifruit Capital every year at the same time we have extra wear and tear on our roading network yet every year the roads deteriorate more and more that's actually due to lack of maintenance that the council is in charge of organising (not pothole filling actual maintenance) maybe we need to low ball it a little for the people who don't understand my logic..... When you have a car you maintain it change oil tyres etc for it to work efficiently for a road to work efficiently it needs the same maintence but we don't get that we just get the next bill to pay from council with nothing to show for it	
Comment	Rowena Crowley	(No comment text provided)	
Comment	Peter Blaymires	Are the Councils getting all of the RUC's for heavy vehicles on Council roads. The answer is most likely no	
Comment	Mow Hawk	Isn't rate payers and taxes enough stop digging more into our pockets.	
Comment	John Beaver	What about the extra damage done by the extra heavy electric cars that are on narrow tyres greater weight over a smaller area	
Comment	Wanda Perham	Horsie Horsie don't you stop just let your feet go clippity clop your tail goes swish & your wheels go round giddy up we're homeward bound	
Comment	Kylie Griffin	The money from trucks going up and down No 1 Road combined with Trevallyan's traffic need to contribute to the fixing the road problem is money goes in to a kitty and not necessarily where it is needed also Tauranga City Council need to be held to account for the condition in which they left No 1 Road after they dug it up to put their water pipes in. The trucks wouldn't be doing so much damage if the repair was done right the first time. They have made a mess of Welcome Bay road as well when they dug that up that for their pipes too.	
Comment	Railway Willy	They already pay more	
Comment	Dean James Lindsay	Nope nope nope stupid idea. What carries our produce and products? Think about it if you charge the heavies they will charge more..... f f s	
Comment	Nicholas Stefan Cotter	us?	

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Comment	Ian Anne Brouwers	And whos paying the costs of the heavy trucks that are fixing our roads but also damageng our roads at the same time?	
Comment	Greg Cameron	No way ask for extra money from the tax we pay the government not upping local rates	
Comment	Debbie Loomans	Hell no!!	
Comment	Andrew William Webb	Unfortunately putting the costs up on heavily vehicle's won't make the roads any better The amount of money that trucking companies pay in road user changes in the Te Puke area at this time of year should mean the money is available for roading upkeep but it is not happening As has been mentioned in other comments all that will happen is more inflation	
Comment	Bob Tell	yea just put food up	
Comment	Michael Pilcher	Yes i sure agree!	

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Post	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Te Puna Station Road... permanently closed?	https://www.facebook.com/203463489667720_851529700339915
Comment	Elisabeth Batt	Try building a bridge	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1733989377352800
Comment	Scott Diggelmann	fix the road!!	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1611742479649551
Comment	Rob Van Der Kroft	Do you jobs a keep the roads at an acceptable level. Lazy pricks just want to not spend money.	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1567181293839384
Comment	Rachel Freedom	All part of the Agenda.	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_425644200438261
Comment	Lyn Burgess	Ho	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_877815320756181
Comment	Isaac Broome	Western Bay of Plenty District Council Start up a suburban commuter rail service within Tauranga between Apata and Te Puke using the now surplus Auckland Transport ADL DMU trains and reopen Te Puna Station. Bay of Plenty Regional Council	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_485905597444145
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Comment	Deborah Lawton	Make the speed limit from bethlehem to tepuna 50km. Please!!!!	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_436666575854413
Comment	Antje Zufall	Why so PC? U guys gonna do what u want anyway	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_983181993311031
Comment	Richard Munford	Gotta have certain groups involved ..always	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1758277104696629
Comment	Janet Johansen	This by Brenderwyn standards is not a big job to re open - us the moterists would like it to b re opened as soon as possible!! It's been very inconvenient	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_769408018648751
Comment	Janet Johansen	Please keep our road open - it needs to be reopened!	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1177851116739961
Comment	John Douglas	This was done by chemtrailing geo engineering this was there goal	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_441742191940265
Comment	Swampy Marsh	2into ldoesnt work	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1561213104441592
Comment	Swampy Marsh	Should have been fixed by now	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1318679992177428
Comment	Richard K Rvrev	Ever thought of putting a bridge next to the railway bridge? Probably will cost the same.	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1237316697675139

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Comment	Michael McAvoy	Rip it all all up and turn into a reserve. Move road metal storage from the bridge area and move to to this site and rehabilitate the bridge area to a reserve and not a storage dump.	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_995656895413826
Comment	Greg Naylor	Fix the fucking road	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_832814638699273
Comment	Sharon Mckeown	I understanding the merging onto the state highway in the morning isn't great, would a one way back into Te Puna work? Taking the Te Puna local traffic off the highway before Te Puna, might help with flow?.. Dont close it completely though, what a nightmare for locals ./	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1133599051241256
Comment	Helen Sisley	Councils greedy useless thieves especially when it's predominantly Maori they will make all kinds of excuses they are disgraceful all their plans you pay for they forget they work for us.	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_480169841255504
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Comment	Kris Newcombe	Keep it open, shortens the trip and removes traffic from main highway. Pain in butt it being closed.	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1661687947915932
Comment	Beth Anderson	Option 1 definitely. We also cant see the point of having a 2 lane roundabout at Te Puna as this causes traffic to back up when trying to merge back into 1 lane.	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_474108485152762
Comment	Steve Napier	Close permanently please. Not worth the cost of repairing and stops the rat runners using it.	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_652647437056280
Reply	Anton Matthews	Steve Napier still have rat runners down snodgrass and out clarke	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_439165035639644
Comment	Anton Matthews	Open it to locals only and stop the rat run down snodgrass	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1764278584426795
Comment	Mark-Leonie McLaren	Wait till the container park is up and running	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1217356499281716
Comment	Shirley Kuka	Before you do that, can you please erect a slow down for schoolâ€™ sign on the borell road bend just before the school , due to increase of vehicles and road closures , people are fully speeding around it , most of which are coming from main road via snodgrass and then onto either station or te puna road - dangerous	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_868693191764245
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Comment	Lisa Sawyer	Option 3, but would be nice if only locals could use it	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_988919785940806

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Comment	Nessie Kuka	option 1, with the advent of the Takitimu Northern Link surely tensions will be loosened	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1849486558859708
Comment	Skinny Colson - Fan Site	Sweet az push the rest in Sure has made the morning traffic flow better	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1133672927684102
Comment	Victoria Hewson	Steven Hewson	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_488660683593236
Reply	Steven Hewson	Unreal eh, just fix the road and let property owners and businesses continue as they should. With the amount of money generated in that area from development this shouldneven need consultation. Roading infrastructure is shockingly poor and they want to significantly reduce capacity, come on people this is awful	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1551266702117745
Comment	Sandy Walker	Option 1	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_992159652471460
Comment	Dene O'Loughlin	From the perspective of someone who doesn't live in Te Puna, I am quite happy not to have the merging traffic into SH2. Te Puna residents have other options. The decision should be theirs and if they decide they want it enough, is their a targeted rates option? As a WBOPDC ratepayer I don't mind subsidising the repairs a bit, but the majority cost should be for the residents if they want it badly enough.	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_834336198562606
Reply	Ian Anne Brouwers	Dene O'Loughlin by targeted rate who would you target ? Why should rate payers of Te Puna who don't use that road pay for it	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_319025787915092
Comment	Mark Stead	So youve already unilaterally decided to close it and are now going through the cosmetics of consultation etc	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_429968603173203
Reply	Laura Rae	Mark Stead My understanding is they are required by the auditor of the LTP to have a preferred option before going out to consultation rather than what you suggest.	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1931498617297957
Comment	Kris Newcombe	Keep it open, shortens the trip and removes traffic from main highway. Pain in butt it being closed.	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1661687947915932
Comment	Phil Williams	Leave it closed to vehicular traffic as the closure has eliminated the log jam at Te Puna station rd and SH2. The rat runners are now using the te puna roundabout where traffic is better managed.	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_441416531839189
Comment	Janet Louise Pendleton	I live in Matahiwi road and miss not going that way we not town it would be great if it was accessible again in the near future	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1671650053609835

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Comment	Elton Wells	<p>What happens to Clarke Road with these options? Cause it is a shambles at the moment. And there is going to be a significant cost to sort that out if you go with option 1 or 2.</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_2206647446356021</p>
Reply	Cheryl BrÅ«ssow	<p>Western Bay of Plenty District Council if upgrading other roads in the area what is the cost to rate payers and were these upgrades in the future planning? Will they still be done if option 2 or 3 are chosen?</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_429866409853958</p>
Reply	Elton Wells	<p>Western Bay of Plenty District Council I cant find those costs for Clarke road in the approx 400 pages attached. Ill have another look when i have a week spare. Cheers</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1132577584655695</p>
Reply	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	<p>Elton Wells Kia ora, yes we recognise that closing this road will predominantly impact the Te Puna community including the business park and Clarke Road residents. Council plans to address this through undertaking upgrades to the other roads in the area. We've got more on costs for each option here: https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/close-te-puna-station-road</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_371144339305120</p>

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Comment	Sue Larsen	Close it to traffic	<p>https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_1156293822160146</p>
Comment	Kushla Williams	Maybe spell check your post please council.	<p>https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_429675353188582</p>

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Reply	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Kushla Williams Well spotted.	https://www.facebook.com/851529700339915_825662272784398
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Comment	Aaron Ririnui	Option 4	
Comment	Te Ohia Tuhakaraina	Aaron Ririnui could you please enlighten me on what option 4 is	
Comment	Aaron Ririnui	Te Ohia Tuhakaraina boat ramp my kahi	
Comment	Te Ohia Tuhakaraina	Pretty sure there's one just a little further up the river	
Comment	Paula Weimlover	Option one .. the road when open only causes chaos as people use it as a short cut ..and people don't understand the give way rule	
Comment	Natalie Samuels-Bidois	Paula Weimlover I reckon. No one has to let anyone in but they eyeball you like they do. I don't let anyone in unless I know them. Also the locals have more respect for the roads cause we know the history of these places that these roads run through.	
Comment	Paula Weimlover	Natalie Samuels-Bidois I think you are right	
Comment	Mike Anderson	\$1million to close a road that is already closed? WTH?? Where are you getting your prices from ? Western Bay of Plenty District Council	
Comment	Turoia Kuka	Mike Anderson so relocating a shared pathway is free now is it?	
Comment	Mike Anderson	Turoia Kuka you telling me that will cost \$1million a year? No bloody way. What have they been using all this time while it's been closed?	
Comment	Turoia Kuka	Mike Anderson so I'm presuming they are gna out the shared pathway down Clarke road ? The cost of widening digging excavating labour stabilisation for a I'd say 2km pathways is probly more then 1m tbh	
Comment	Shay Elvin-Ormsby	Mike Anderson Im with you on that one.	
Comment	Jodie Donovan	Option 2	
Comment	Selina Elvin	Option 1	
Comment	TeRina Joseph	1	
Comment	Cameron Sikking	It would help ease congestion at the bridge at peak hours!	
Comment	Ricardo Peers	Cameron Sikking I'd say no it wouldn't. It's still the same amount of traffic over the bridge. The new bypass will though.	
Comment	Cameron Sikking	Ricardo Peers I found everybody jumping the que and coming out at te puna station was a huge factor as the traffic generally always freed up immediately after that intersection. Maybe not though	
Comment	Annette Crockett	Cameron Sikking they just use Clark rd now..	
Comment	Cameron Sikking	Annette Crockett I figured as much but I would have thought Clark road would be more of an inconvenience to travel up	
Comment	Simon Urbanc	Cameron Sikking you stirrer you!!	
Comment	Simon Urbanc	Option 1 but DO NOT relocate shared path if that will cost \$1m. Bring in local providers who can do the minor re-route for a much fairer price. No cones or traffic control necessary...there is a good saving for a start!!	
Comment	Gina Bidois	Option 1	
Comment	Michelle Horne	Option 1	
Comment	Hokitia Leef	1	
Comment	Dan Schuster	Option 1 and I'll get it done for you for 900k.	
Comment	Christina Rolleston	Option 1	
Comment	Joseph Ormsby	Its already set up for option 1 so whats the million dollars for? How bout option 4 fix it up at youre own cost n give back use just take take take greedy council muppets	
Comment	Wiremu Toma	Option 1	
Comment	Ciny Ratima	Lisia Ratima-Livesley	

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Comment	Roimata Laurene Minhinnick	Heath Lett the hills falling on the road and the roads falling in the river	
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Comment	DianneMike Borell	1	
Comment	Donna Motutere	Option 1	
Comment	Jessanna Bernadette Rikirangi	Option 1	
Comment	Hoki Nicholas	Option 1	
Comment	Stephen Donnell	Option 1	
Comment	Shvaughan Ririnui	Barry Ririnui Tiarn Ririnui	
Comment	Pere Paul	Shvaughan Ririnui 1 all day	
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Comment	Eve Grace	What is the CEO even thinking. Do your job and fix the road instead of wasting everyone's time with bogus consultation	
Comment	Fainuulelei Aifai Esera	Option 1	
Comment	Kathy Anderson	It would be great if you fished all the fencing sign stands road cones and other bits and pieces out of the river. It's been over a year it's like you don't care about the environment or the expense to ratepayers to replace these items.	
Comment	Nikki Hone	Option 1	
Comment	Carla Bennett Nathan	Boyo Monaghan	
Comment	Carla Bennett Nathan	Jessanna Bernadette Rikelle Rikirangi	
Comment	Will Tennet	1	
Comment	Mere Horopapera	1	
Comment	Sahara Borell	Option 1	
Comment	Jill Bell	Option 1	
Comment	Channy Chan	2	
Comment	Alex Jones	1	
Comment	Maihi Tangitu	Option 1	
Comment	TeRina Bidois	Option 1	
Comment	Carey Gynette	Option 2	
Comment	Anahera Borell	1	

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Comment	Marama Takinui-Rawson	Option 1	
Comment	Bridget Rinui	Option 1	
Comment	Trudy Pickering	1	
Comment	Roharia Borell	Option 1	
Comment	Kelly Tate	Option 1	
Comment	Pare Burt	1	
Comment	Janet Johansen	We want our 'stolen road back' It's been far too long gone!!	
Comment	Janet Johansen	Don't let the cost scare you - it's got to be the best decision for long term - not only is it practical for it to be fully restored to a full road but scenically it's a beautiful spot for many to enjoy in years to come -	
Comment	Nataria Bidois	Option 1	
Comment	Janet Johansen	If they can fix the Brenderwyns in Northland this bit of road can surely be fixed!!! Retain our road pls!	
Comment	Terry D Friel	No options just close it. Don't waste money for a halfarsed repair. Repair our other roads. People only use it to queue up.	
Comment	Haare Rawson	Option 1	
Comment	Rebecca Walden	Option 1	
Comment	Carla Bennett Nathan	Option 1	
Comment	Amanda McLaren	Option 1	
Comment	Amy Iwingaro Ngawhare Borell	1	
Comment	Sheryl Muir	What's happened to the land the council brought on the Clark Rd side of the hill?	
Comment	Sheryl Muir	Option 2	
Comment	Diane Bidois	Option 2	
Comment	Donelle Anne	Option 1.	
Comment	Tania Edwards	2	
Comment	Trina Board	Option 1	
Comment	Jess Guy-Patterson	Option 1	
Comment	Larissa Johnson	Option 1	
Comment	Matekahi Gates	1	
Comment	Maria Hoani	option 1	
Comment	Ataraira Cameron	Option 1	
Comment	Jo Cameron	Option 1	
Comment	Tamati Nicholas	Option 1	
Comment	Shay Elvin-Ormsby	Option 1	
Comment	Kayla Kerr	Option 1	
Comment	Mt Mcgroogler	Option 1	
Comment	Maria Hoani	Option 1	

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Comment	Jared Hunt	3	
Comment	Jill Chalmers	Option 2 And I think the way that this is framed with "impact on rates" is really unfair. I'm sure that the WBOPDC could easily find ways to reduce spend on other things so that rates would not increase if the road was opened.	
Comment	Tatai Allen	1	
Comment	Connor Bidois	1	
Comment	Cale Kupara Borell	Option 1	
Comment	Liana Bidois	Arangi Tuwhangai	
Comment	Liana Bidois	Option 1	
Comment	Leef Leef	2	
Comment	Nick Middendorf	Option 1	
Comment	Hinerau Nicholas	1	
Comment	Elle Wray Fowler	The hospice and emergency vehicles should be able to go towards Te Puna if nothing else. Last year the hospice was evacuated 3 times because of flooding risks. Sometimes the road leading from the bridge to the hospice is badly flooded so there needs to be another way out in emergencies	
Comment	Dave Christine Paul	Option 2	
Comment	Jordyn Tunui	1	
Comment	William Stewart-smith	1	
Comment	Turoia Kuka	Option 1	
Comment	Kerekau Nicholas	1	
Comment	Hope Te Aranga Solomon	Option 1	
Comment	Corida Toomalatai	1	
Comment	Stella Nicholas	Option 1	
Comment	Jrock Adams	In option A what does it mean by 'relocate to the western side'? Is that of the river?	
Comment	Numia Tangitu	Option 1	
Comment	Kerrie Lloyd	Option 2. So great for the school run	
Comment	Andrew Ball	There must be an easier way to gather feedback than asking residents to create an account. Option 1.	
Comment	Kay Workman	Reopen it	
Comment	Annette Crockett	Option 1	
Comment	Andrea Amara Bidois	Option 1	
Comment	Trisha Brown	Option 1	
Comment	Debbie Travis	Option 2	
Comment	Karyn Clark	Option 1	
Comment	Tiffany Ormsby	Option 2..	
Comment	Ricardo Peers	Option 1	

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Comment	Fiona McLean	Option 1	
Comment	Deana Scott	Bloody useess council	
Comment	Sue Larsen	Option 1	
Comment	Sheryl Muir	Option 1	
Comment	Pat Stuart	Option 1	
Comment	Neil Thomas	Option 1	
Comment	Jill Bell	Option 1	
Comment	Lesley L Tizard	Option 1	
Comment	Ken Prosser	Option 1	

Social Media Feedback - Town Centre Development Fund (Original Post)			
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Post	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	<p>Let's talk towns - specifically, the Town Centre Development Fund</p> <p>What even is this fund? It's a pool of money shared between the four major towns in our District - Waihi Beach, Katikati, Omokoroa and Te Puke. It's built up by collecting \$10 annually from every property in the District</p> <p>It's been doing its thing since 2007, helping spruce up these towns.</p> <p>While it's funded some cool projects, we're seeing some limitations. It takes forever to come back around, and not every area gets a piece of the pie.</p> <p>Soooo we were thinking we should stop the fund collection altogether and merge town centre projects into our regular Council plans. What are your thoughts?</p> <p>The other option is to swap the fund for a new setup, funded by a \$10 per property rate.</p>	https://www.facebook.com/203463489667720_855196653306553
Comment	Richard Logan	<p>And this is "consulting on the Long Term Plan"? What an insult to ratepayers..."here stupid have a say on this inconsequential trivia and take your focus away from the excesses in the rest of the 500-page-plus LTP. It'll fully occupy your tiny minds while we continue our grande plan".</p> <p>What we actually want you to do is find a way to stop rates from increasing 100% in the next 8 years! Align rates increases with CPI. CEO Holyoake is Empire Building with massive unexplained leaps in operating expenses, most notably in personnel costs, every 3 years.</p> <p>He's lucky there's only 3 or 4 Councillors willing to stand up to him, and that doesn't include Mayor Denyer. Rubber stamping costly wish lists is not what Councillors are elected to do.</p>	https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_384264544623760
Comment	Aaron Smith	I believe it when I see it.	https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_836679265040909
Comment	Kylie Griffin	Can you give us some examples of how the money has been sent in the past and how much roughly has been spent in each town?	https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_438827965627799
Reply	Annatjie Venter	Kylie Griffin very informative	https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_310679895448561

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Reply	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	<p>Kylie Griffin Sure can.</p> <p>The Community Boards in these respective areas determine the works undertaken with sign-off by Council:</p> <p>* Te Puke (2007 - 2010) A total of around \$672,000 was used for the heritage walkway, Jubilee Park and associated town centre developments and the original main street upgrade. The town centre fund was a component.</p> <p>* Waihi Beach (2011 - 2014) A total of around \$748,707 was used for town centre planning, Two Mile Creek walkway planning, Dillon Street land purchase and sale, future bridge over Two Mile Creek and future additional carpark.</p> <p>* Katikati (2015 - 2018) A total of around \$720,000 used for upgrade of the ex-fire station to museum, Memorial Plaza in front of the Memorial Hall, Cherry Court upgrade, \$200,000 contribution to Community hub, future implementation of the town centre plan.</p> <p>* Omokoroa (2019 - 2022) A total of around \$880,000 used for purchase of the old library as a community building, old pavillion relocation and upgrade.</p> <p>The total funds accumulated are not always fully spent. The following are the reserve balances for town centre development as at 30 June 2023:</p> <p>* Te Puke - \$88,375</p> <p>* Waihi Beach - \$465,071</p> <p>* Katikati - \$490,841 (includes the additional funds from the Katikati Town Centre Development rate)</p> <p>* Omokoroa - \$119,087</p> <p>* Unallocated town centre development reserve - \$226,164</p> <p>Let me know if you need anything else</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_7597303013651201</p>
Comment	Kimberley Carter	<p>We need to bring the rates MORE inclined with community to stop the decisions for our communities being made by the council puppet masters</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_484193550713740</p>
Comment	Gary King	<p>Who benefits from these "spruce ups", don't tell me the whole town because that is nonsense, usually it's the commercial sector that benefits, the normal rate payer is again being asked to fund the prosperity of others having no trickle down benefits for them.</p> <p>How about spruce up your own business premises and reap the benefits of of your own investment.</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_3757208564494959</p>
Comment	Nick Knights	<p>Stop the fund and there will be a million reasons NOT to spend the equivalent money from rates. Keep it going, so what if it takes 5 years to come round, gives time for proper planning.</p> <p>Katikati should really be spruced up big time, it is the first town you come to from the north into the BoP and should represent the BoP. At the moment it's a drive through town.</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_1184123972760377</p>
Reply	Paul Cherry	<p>Nick Knights will be bypassed in due course for sure. Having to transit thru enroute is a pain, and like many other towns, Otaki, Levin, Te Puke, and many more so too will this lovely little ex town be bypassed. Doesn't mean shouldn't spruce it up though.</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_436688945937295</p>
Reply	Nick Knights	<p>Diane, I had a thought about that. An alternative way to go might be that council assist in costs to shop owners on the main street to turn the shops around. Behind the shops is a great space which is just a carpark and delivery area, whereas we sit on the pavement to have a coffee or pie. Make the on street parking a delivery area.</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_2150569965327639</p>
Reply	Diane Newton	<p>Nick Knights Bypass. I've seen in travels that small towns thrive after a bypass. Even though resistance to change was difficult to overcome, the benefits to the community are manifold.</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_1236861357723996</p>

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Reply	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Glenys Stace Feel free to message us or you can email haveyoursay@westernbay.govt.nz :)	https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_899362745282535
Comment	Sue Lessing	Another Baywavewould be great to have between Omokoroa and Katikati so families and everyday users can attend swimming, water aerobics, gym etc from surrounding areas and not having to travel to Mt Maunganui. The school hols will also be great for kids and families.	https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_1291620292242880
Comment	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	Side note, giving us your thoughts on social media is cool, but online is better. But hey we get it, you're busy! So we will be using social media comments as sentiment in our analysis. Other ways you can give feedback: Email us on haveyoursay@westernbay.co.nz + fill out a hard copy form from any of our libraries + come say hi to us at any of our events (check our FB events section) + get it done in 5 mins online: https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/hub-page/ltp	https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_982685903640783
Reply	Ivana Sparkle	Western Bay of Plenty District Council dont want to create an account,not complete the survey	https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_3600204993530588
Reply	Peter Arnold	Western Bay of Plenty District Council oo	https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_1537740090491823
Comment	Western Bay of Plenty District Council	<p>There are two options:</p> <p>1. Our preferred option - Permanently stop collection of the District wide Town Centre Development Fund with any future town centre projects being funded through existing Council planning processes.</p> <p>Impact on rates: There are no rates impacts planned over 10 years. However, future rates funded projects may be approved and change this.</p> <p>Impact on debt: No impact on debt over 10 years.</p> <p>Impact on levels of service: No impact on levels of service.</p> <p>2. Replace collection of the District-wide Town Centre Development Fund with a contestable fund, funded by a targeted rate of \$10 per property across the District.</p> <p>Impact on rates: \$10 (0.26%) per rateable property per year.</p> <p>Impact on debt: No impact on debt over 10 years.</p> <p>Impact on levels of service: No impact on levels of service.</p> <p>Share your thoughts at https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/town-centre-development-fund</p>	https://www.facebook.com/855196653306553_806170191471229

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Comment	William Gibbins	Keep the fund, make it \$20 and use the money to help keep our town centres beautiful	https://www.facebook.com/groups/omokoroacommunity/?__cft__[0]=AZVpLULiQVYAnY77uVZtXfxDuo9O0qinFv3z1_Mh3I5gp6PVWNYG1Y0pD8oPn4EjrG8C94XTO8Sk2HXj6frqKe2v_toETWKopKKTnmtIKzh67YZT-r_kgMsV8chWIQOfzB41-8b5DUbltnOcOYA-G7t1CZznB3iqW40uMD60V7kHQEm6WzOnCG-CacMINsUV0PJVOYnjUBrjNwOsRvilf-y_&__tn__=-UC%2CP-R!%3Av]-R

Social Media Feedback - Town Centre Development Fund (Waihi Beach)			
Record type	From name	Text	Source URL
Comment	Judith Anne Rollo	Katikati and Te Puke are really the only "towns", Waihi Beach And Omokoroa are more "villages" so (without giving this too much thought) I suspect something should change. I'd probably be in favour of a \$10 rate per property remaining because the alternative would most likely end up costing an even higher rate.	https://www.facebook.com/groups/2516337055262718/?__cft__[0]=AZVpLULiQVYAnY77uVZtXfxDuo9O0qinFv3z1_Mh3I5gp6PVWNYG1Y0pD8oPn4EjrG8C94XTO8Sk2HXj6frqKe2v_toETWKopKKTnmtIKzh67YZT-r_kgMsV8chWIQOfzB41-8b5DUbltnOcOYA-G7t1CZznB3iqW40uMD60V7kHQEm6WzOnCG-CacMINsUV0PJVOYnjUBrjNwOsRvilf-y_&__tn__=-UC%2CP-R!%3Av]-R

Social Media Feedback - Town Centre Development Fund (Waihi Beach)

Record type	From name	Text	Source URL
Comment	Lisa Murray	Katikati fund should stay in Katikati	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1469246256591010/?__cft__[0]=AZVpLULiQVYAnY77uVZtXfxDuo9O0qinFv3z1_Mh3I5gp6PVWNYG1Y0pD8oPn4EjrG8C94XTO8Sk2HXj6frqKe2v_toETWKopKKTnmtIKzh67YZT-r_kgMsV8chWIQOfzB41-8b5DUbLtnOcoYA-G7t1CZznB3iqW40uMD60V7kHQEm6WzOnCG-CacMINsUV0PJVOYnjUBrjNwOsRvilf-y_&__tn__=-UC%2CP-R!%3Av]-R
Comment	June McViegh	Why isn't each area \$\$\$\$ funds, not kept in their own area.. Typical of the Government Slush Fund. Roading tax funds.. Should be kept in the area people belong to...	
Comment	Roger Glyman	Not much evidence of expenditure in Katikati.	

Social Media Feedback - Town Centre Development Fund (Te Puke)			
Record type	From name	Text	Source URL
Comment	Alex Wills	Ditch it, it's time to go back to the absolute basics in order to balance the local and national government budgets and save our country. Anything that is unnecessary can go, especially things that create a lot of admin cost like this extra fund. Bring them back when we can afford them if they are missed.	
Comment	Adrienne Reid	Agree with 1 fund per town. When I compare the look of Te Puke with Omokoroa, Katikati and Waihi Beach we look like a poor relation.	
Reply (to Adrienne)	Hayden JD	I agree too. Hope you've submitted to the proposal.	
Reply (to Adrienne)	Laura Rae	Adrienne Reid that's the issue though comes down to the population of the area Maketu for example would never have enough money to do anything decent	
Comment	Julz n Marg Senior	dump it, you guys as a council need to start thinking outside the box for revenue collection. rates are so limiting. you also need to revisit what services council should provide and ditch those to 3rd party entities that could run them more efficiently , even consider JVs with the right partners. there are opportunities out there even for a council if it wants to be progressive. why is there no new industries coming to town.	
Comment	Gregg Lester	Perhaps, have 1 fund per town, that is to be used only for that town.	
Reply (to Gregg)	Roxanne Paul	Great idea	
Reply (to Gregg)	Judy Chappel	exactly!	
Reply (to Gregg)	Laura Rae	Gregg Lester problem with that idea is communities with less people would never have enough to do anything.	

Social Media Feedback - Town Centre Development Fund (Te Puke)			
Record type	From name	Text	Source URL
Reply (to Laura)	Gregg Lester	Laura Rae yes, smaller towns, with less ratepayers, would have a smaller fund. Having a consolidated fund has also resulted in some towns getting less than others.	
Reply (to gregg)	Laura Rae	Gregg Lester yes exactly we were paying \$10 to get nothing now they want us to pay \$50 to get nothing	



Lorayne Kirkwood

10:40:20 AM 20 May 2024 Created

Concerned when I see cyclists and pedestrians on the same path, especially concerned for elderly people who may not hear a bike zooming up behind them.



Sarah Jane

10:52:04 AM 20 May 2024 Created

How much was the cycle track at te Puna /Bethlehem please?



Western Bay of Plenty District Council

10:55:13 AM 20 May 2024 Created

Sarah Jane Hey! Do you mean the Wairoa cycleway?



Sarah Jane

11:08:22 AM 20 May 2024 Created

Western Bay of Plenty District Council yes please



Western Bay of Plenty District Council

11:12:11 AM 20 May 2024 Created

Sarah Jane Ah you'll have to check in with Tauranga City Council about that one, sorry! Have also found this web page if you need more info: <https://letstalk.tauranga.govt.nz/projects/wairoa-cycleway>



Sarah Jane

12:27:39 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Western Bay of Plenty District Council great thanks found it .



Sandy Ward

12:53:43 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Sarah Jane and the TCC hasn't been up front as to why the cycle lane was changed from the RH side where the cycle lane goes over the bridge to spending millions more to change it to the left hand side. ☐



Lisa Cooper

2:49:29 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Sandy Ward it was all clearly explained, the land wasn't available on the other side.



Sandy Ward

3:05:27 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Lisa Cooper yes it was. Originally it was given the ok. If it wasn't available, why tack the cycle lane on the opposite side?



Lisa Cooper
9:16:55 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Sandy Ward because they needed a cycle lane.



Sandy Ward
8:25:34 AM 21 May 2024 Created

Lisa Cooper yes they needed a cycle lane but why was it put on the wrong side of the bridge. Originally they were given approval to keep the lane on the same side as the tack on.



Jared Taylor
8:34:16 AM 21 May 2024 Created

Sandy Ward we know why that is. They were too afraid to upset the marae so its easier and more expensive and makes less sense to do it the way it is



Lisa Cooper
8:57:52 AM 21 May 2024 Created

Sandy Ward because reasons explained. They didn't move it just because they "felt like it"



Sandy Ward
9:39:32 AM 21 May 2024 Created

Jared Taylor shame as now they also hold up state highway traffic with the lights.



Jared Taylor
11:41:58 AM 21 May 2024 Created

Sandy Ward it was and clearly is the wrong decision by weak councillors



Rachel Werahiko
12:09:06 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Why do we need to create an account to have a say?



Western Bay of Plenty District Council
4:32:05 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Rachel Werahiko because it's formal consultation. so we need your name etc :)



Phil Williams
4:38:57 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Rachel Werahiko good luck having your say. You answer the questions by selecting a, b or c. Answers that guide you to the preferred response.



Leah Lemon
1:31:41 PM 20 May 2024 Created



1:01:41 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Some roading needs alot more spent on it



Demelsa Burnand

2:04:11 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Just don't do what Palmerston North has done on Featherston street. Disaster.



Lynne Morrison

3:58:29 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Yes our roads are more important



Eruera Tuhakaraina

5:10:59 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Stop using tier 1s that take the piss out of the rate payer coffers to keep their international owners and investors happy. Use local SME and keep our rate money local!!!



Eruera Tuhakaraina

5:11:07 PM 20 May 2024 Hidden

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Neil Blackstock

5:23:25 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Wbopdc, just print off the face book comment, formal proff of comment. You could start with listening. Bigger sections, wider roads. We all know there is a need for housing but please, small sections, narrow roads is not helping safety, insurance or social costs. Don't let develop3rs drive housing. Profit before peoples needs is not helpfull. Good planning now and future is what is required.



Kimberley Carter

7:04:40 PM 20 May 2024 Created

Spend less on wages. You don't need all those ceo leeches who have shares which make them millions



Debbie Duncan

7:55:14 AM 21 May 2024 Created

Can you make forms available in your contact points, eg libraries, where people who would like to do it the old fashioned way can.



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8:58:37 AM 21 May 2024 Created

Debbie Duncan Already done



Michael Edward Burke

2:06:07 PM 21 May 2024 Created

Spend less on wages.



Lou Murray

8:09:39 PM 21 May 2024 Created

Maintenance is the key an you do zero



BC Warren

11:11:15 AM 31 May 2024 Created

Can you define what a post harvest property is in your LTP survey documents please as it needs clarifying... No one can find it

11:27:51 AM 10 Jun 2024

Edited Post



Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Let's talk towns - specifically, the Town Centre Development Fund. What even is this fund? It's a pool of money shared between the four major towns in our District - Waihi Beach, Katikati, Ōmokoroa and Te Puke. It's built up by collecting \$10 annually from every property in the District. It's been doing its thing since 2007, helping spruce up these towns. While it's funded some cool projects, we're seeing some limitations. It takes forever to come back around, and not every area gets a piece of the pie. Soooo we were thinking we should stop the fund collection altogether and merge town centre projects into our regular Council plans. What are your thoughts? The other option is to swap the fund for a new setup, funded by a \$10 per property rate.

We want to permanently stop collecting the District-wide Town Centre Development Fund

Have your say: [HAVEYOURSAY.WESTERNBAY.GOV.T.NZ](https://www.westernbay.govt.nz/haveyoursay) (view link)

We want to permanently stop collecting the District-wide Town Centre Development Fund – Do you agree?

The current picture The Town Centre Development Fund is a poo...

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There are two options: 1. Our preferred option - Permanently stop collection of the District wide Town Centre Development Fund with any future town centre projects being funded through existing Council planning processes. Impact on rates: There are no rates impacts planned over 10 years. However, future rates funded projects may be approved and change this. Impact on debt: No impact on debt over 10 years. Impact on levels of service: No impact on levels of service. 2. Replace collection of the District-wide Town Centre Development Fund with a contestable fund, funded by a targeted rate of \$10 per property across the District. Impact on rates: \$10 (0.26%) per rateable property per year. Impact on debt: No

impact on debt over 10 years. Impact on levels of service: No impact on levels of service. Share your thoughts at <https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/town-centre-development-fund>



Western Bay of Plenty District Council

11:18:55 AM 10 Jun 2024 Created

Side note, giving us your thoughts on social media is cool, but online is better. But hey we get it, you're busy! So we will be using social media comments as sentiment in our analysis. Other ways you can give feedback: Email us on haveyoursay@westernbay.co.nz + fill out a hard copy form from any of our libraries + come say hi to us at any of our events (check our FB events section) + get it done in 5 mins online: <https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/hub-page/ltp>



Peter Arnold

3:42:41 PM 11 Jun 2024 Created

Western Bay of Plenty District Council oo



Ivana Sparkle

7:41:35 AM 15 Jun 2024 Created

Western Bay of Plenty District Council don't want to create an account, not complete the survey



Sue Lessing

2:06:54 PM 10 Jun 2024 Created

Another 'Baywave' would be great to have between Omokoroa and Katikati so families and everyday users can attend swimming, water aerobics, gym etc from surrounding areas and not having to travel to Mt Maunganui. The school hols will also be great for kids and families.



Glenys Stace

2:08:18 PM 10 Jun 2024 Created

I won't agree to cookies!



Western Bay of Plenty District Council

2:48:48 PM 10 Jun 2024 Created

Glenys Stace Feel free to message us or you can email haveyoursay@westernbay.govt.nz :)



Nick Knights

6:26:24 AM 11 Jun 2024 Created

Stop the fund and there will be a million reasons NOT to spend the equivalent money from rates. Keep it going, so what if it takes 5 years to come round, gives time for proper planning. Katikati should really be spruced up big time, it is the first town you come to from the north into the BoP and should represent the BoP. At the moment it's a drive through town.



Diane Newton

7:31:11 AM 11 Jun 2024 Created

Nick Knights Bypass. I've seen in travels that small towns thrive after a bypass. Even though resistance to change was difficult to overcome, the benefits to the community are manifold.



Nick Knights

5:19:32 PM 11 Jun 2024 Created

Diane, I had a thought about that. An alternative way to go might be that council assist in costs to shop owners on the main street to turn the shops around. Behind the shops is a great space which is just a carpark and delivery area, whereas we sit on the pavement to have a coffee or pie. Make the on street parking a delivery area. ☐♂



Paul Cherry

6:41:01 AM 13 Jun 2024 Created

Nick Knights will be bypassed in due course for sure. Having to transit thru enroute is a pain, and like many other towns, Otaki, Levin, Te Puke, and many more so too will this lovely little ex town be bypassed. Doesn't mean shouldn't spruce it up though.



Gary King

9:13:06 AM 11 Jun 2024 Created

Who benefits from these "spruce ups", don't tell me the whole town because that is nonsense, usually it's the commercial sector that benefits, the normal rate payer is again being asked to fund the prosperity of others having no trickle down benefits for them. How about spruce up your own business premises and reap the benefits of of your own investment.



Kimberley Carter

9:25:23 AM 11 Jun 2024 Created

We need to bring the rates MORE inclined with community to stop the decisions for our communities being made by the council puppet masters



Kylie Griffin

4:40:18 PM 11 Jun 2024 Created

Can you give us some examples of how the money has been sent in the past and how much roughly has been spent in each town?



Western Bay of Plenty District Council

2:29:54 PM 12 Jun 2024 Created

Kylie Griffin Sure can. The Community Boards in these respective areas determine the works undertaken with sign-off by Council: * Te Puke (2007 – 2010) –A total of around \$672,000 was used for the heritage walkway, Jubilee Park and associated town centre developments and the original

main street upgrade. The town centre fund was a component. * Waihi Beach (2011 – 2014) – A total of around \$748,707 was used for town centre planning, Two Mile Creek walkway planning, Dillon Street land purchase and sale, future bridge over Two Mile Creek and future additional carpark. * Katikati (2015 – 2018) – A total of around \$720,000 used for upgrade of the ex-fire station to museum, Memorial Plaza in front of the Memorial Hall, Cherry Court upgrade, \$200,000 contribution to Community hub, future implementation of the town centre plan. * Ōmokoroa (2019 – 2022) – A total of around \$880,000 used for purchase of the old library as a community building, old pavilion relocation and upgrade. The total funds accumulated are not always fully spent. The following are the reserve balances for town centre development as at 30 June 2023: * Te Puke - \$88,375 * Waihi Beach - \$465,071 * Katikati - \$490,841 (includes the additional funds from the Katikati Town Centre Development rate) * Ōmokoroa - \$119,087 * Unallocated town centre development reserve - \$226,164 Let me know if you need anything else ☐



Annatjie Venter

6:58:22 AM 14 Jun 2024 Created

Kylie Griffin very informative



Aaron Smith

10:28:46 PM 15 Jun 2024 Created

I'll believe it when I see it.



Richard Logan

9:08:27 AM 17 Jun 2024 Created

And this is "consulting on the Long Term Plan"? What an insult to ratepayers..."here stupid have a say on this inconsequential trivia and take your focus away from the excesses in the rest of the 500-page-plus LTP. It'll fully occupy your tiny minds while we continue our grande plan". What we actually want you to do is find a way to stop rates from increasing 100% in the next 8 years! Align rates increases with CPI. CEO Holyoake is Empire Building with massive unexplained leaps in operating expenses, most notably in personnel costs, every 3 years. He's lucky there's only 3 or 4 Councillors willing to stand up to him, and that doesn't include Mayor Denyer. Rubber stamping costly wish lists is not what Councillors are elected to do.

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Te Puna Station Road.... permanently closed?



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Share your thoughts! <https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/close-te-puna-station-road>



Helen Sisley

5:57:53 AM 08 Jun 2024 Created

Western Bay of Plenty District Council you have no bladdy idea what you are doing you pack of clowns.



Helen Sisley

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Kushla Williams



Kushla Williams

10:16:48 AM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Maybe spell check please council.



Western Bay of Plenty District Council

10:18:42 AM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Kushla Williams Well spotted. ☐



Kushla Williams

10:19:30 AM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Western Bay of Plenty District Council yep don't know where is Te Pune



Western Bay of Plenty District Council

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Kushla Williams

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Sue Larsen

10:19:21 AM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Close it to traffic



Western Bay of Plenty District Council

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<https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/close-te-puna-station-road>



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towards State Highway 2) and relocate the shared path. This option allows traffic flow towards State Highway 2 with ongoing maintenance costs. Cost: \$2m* in Year One (2024/25) + \$50,000/year maintenance Impact on Rates: 1.39% increase over 10 years for all properties. Impact on Debt: No impact on debt over 10 years. Impact on Levels of Service: Local impact on residents and regular road users. Option 3 : Reopen Te Puna Station Road in both directions with significant stabilisation work. This costly option poses ongoing maintenance challenges and no guarantee of permanent access. Cost: \$5m* in Year One (2024/25) + \$100,000/year maintenance Impact on Rates: 4.85% increase over 10 years for all properties. Impact on Debt: No impact on debt over 10 years. Impact on Levels of Service: No impact on levels of service.

<https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/close-te-puna-station-road>



Elton Wells

10:28:50 AM 04 Jun 2024 Created

What happens to Clarke Road with these options? Cause it is a shambles at the moment. And there is going to be a significant cost to sort that out if you go with option 1 or 2.



Western Bay of Plenty District Council

10:40:46 AM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Elton Wells Kia ora, yes we recognise that closing this road will predominantly impact the Te Puna community including the business park and Clarke Road residents. Council plans to address this through undertaking upgrades to the other roads in the area. We've got more on costs for each option here: <https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/close-te-puna-station-road> □



Elton Wells

10:54:25 AM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Western Bay of Plenty District Council I cant find those costs for Clarke road in the approx 400 pages attached. Ill have another look when i have a week spare. Cheers



Cheryl Brüssow

5:10:45 PM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Western Bay of Plenty District Council if upgrading other roads in the area what is the cost to rate payers and were these upgrades in the future planning? Will they still be done if option 2 or 3 are chosen?



Western Bay of Plenty District Council

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Janet Louise Pendleton

10:31:22 AM 04 Jun 2024 Created

I live in Matahiwi road and miss not going that way we not town it would be great if it was accessible again in the near future



Phil Williams

10:46:29 AM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Leave it closed to vehicular traffic as the closure has eliminated the log jam at Te Puna station rd and SH2. The rat runners are now using the te puna roundabout where traffic is better managed.



Kris Newcombe

10:59:30 AM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Keep it open, shortens the trip and removes traffic from main highway. Pain in butt it being closed.



Mark Stead

11:41:09 AM 04 Jun 2024 Created

So you've already unilaterally decided to close it and are now going through the cosmetics of consultation etc



Laura Rae

9:44:41 PM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Mark Stead My understanding is they are required by the auditor of the

LTP to have a preferred option before going out to consultation rather than what you suggest.



Dene O'Loughlin

12:20:53 PM 04 Jun 2024 Created

From the perspective of someone who doesn't live in Te Puna, I am quite happy not to have the merging traffic into SH2. Te Puna residents have other options. The decision should be theirs and if they decide they want it enough, is their a targeted rates option? As a WBOPDC ratepayer I don't mind subsidising the repairs a bit, but the majority cost should be for the residents if they want it badly enough.



Ian Anne Brouwers

9:26:30 PM 08 Jun 2024 Created

Dene O'Loughlin by targeted rate who would you target ? Why should rate payers of Te Puna who don't use that road pay for it



Sandy Walker

12:28:02 PM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Option 1



Victoria Hewson

4:38:49 PM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Steven Hewson



Steven Hewson

9:19:03 AM 05 Jun 2024 Created

Unreal eh, just fix the road and let property owners and businesses continue as they should. With the amount of money generated in that area from development this shouldn't even need consultation. Roothing infrastructure is shockingly poor and they want to significantly reduce capacity, come on people this is awful....



Skinny Colson - Fan Site

5:16:59 PM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Sweet az push the rest in Sure has made the morning traffic flow better



Nessie Kuka

5:31:39 PM 04 Jun 2024 Created

option 1, with the advent of the Takitimu Northern Link surely tensions will be loosened



Lisa Sawyer

8:15:23 PM 04 Jun 2024 Created

Option 3, but would be nice if only locals could use it



Shirley Kuka

1:37:04 PM 05 Jun 2024 Created



Before you do that, can you please erect a 'slow down for school' sign on the borell road bend just before the school , people are fully speeding around it , most of which are coming from main road via snodgrass and then onto either station or te puna road - dangerous



Shirley Kuka

1:38:10 PM 05 Jun 2024 Edited

Before you do that, can you please erect a 'slow down for school' sign on the borell road bend just before the school , due to increase of vehicles and road closures , people are fully speeding around it , most of which are coming from main road via snodgrass and then onto either station or te puna road - dangerous



Mark-Leonie McLaren

2:41:53 PM 05 Jun 2024 Created

Wait till the container park is up and running☐



Anton Matthews

8:46:52 PM 05 Jun 2024 Created

Open it to locals only and stop the rat run down snodgrass



Steve Napier

9:26:27 PM 05 Jun 2024 Created

Close permanently please. Not worth the cost of repairing and stops the rat runners using it.



Anton Matthews

8:43:51 AM 10 Jun 2024 Created

Steve Napier still have rat runners down snodgrass and out clarke



Beth Anderson

8:30:28 AM 07 Jun 2024 Created

Option 1 definitely. We also can't see the point of having a 2 lane roundabout at Te Puna as this causes traffic to back up when trying to merge back into 1 lane.



Kris Newcombe

10:42:06 AM 07 Jun 2024 Unhidden

Keep it open, shortens the trip and removes traffic from main highway. Pain in butt it being closed.



Helen Sisley

5:51:10 AM 08 Jun 2024 Created

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5:53:23 AM 08 Jun 2024 Edited

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Sharon Mckeown

8:28:41 AM 08 Jun 2024 Created

I understanding the merging onto the state highway in the morning isn't great, would a one way back into Te Puna work? Taking the Te Puna local traffic off the highway before Te Puna, might help with flow?.. Dont close it completely though, what a nightmare for locals :/



Greg Naylor

7:42:59 AM 09 Jun 2024 Created

Fix the fucking road



Michael McAvoy

10:54:49 AM 09 Jun 2024 Created

Rip it all up and turn into a reserve. Move road metal storage from the bridge area and move to to this site and rehabilitate the bridge area to a reserve and not a storage dump.



Richard K Rvrevu

7:13:15 PM 09 Jun 2024 Created

Ever thought of putting a bridge next to the railway bridge? Probably will cost the same.



Swampy Marsh

7:13:16 PM 09 Jun 2024 Created

Should have been fixed by now



Swampy Marsh

7:14:29 PM 09 Jun 2024 Created

2into 1doesnt work



John Douglas

9:05:14 AM 10 Jun 2024 Created

This was done by chemtrailing geo engineering this was there goal



Janet Johansen

4:34:36 PM 11 Jun 2024 Created

Please keep our road open - it needs to be reopened!



Janet Johansen

4:36:42 PM 11 Jun 2024 Created

This by Brenderwyn standards is not a big job to re open - us the moterists would like it to b re opened as soon as possible!! It's been very inconvenient



Richard Munford

9:13:17 PM 13 Jun 2024 Created

Gotta have certain groups involved ...always



Antje Zufall

6:36:43 PM 14 Jun 2024 Created

Why so PC? U guys gonna do what u want anyway



Deborah Lawton

7:10:05 AM 15 Jun 2024 Created

Make the speed limit from bethlehem to tepuna 50km. Please!!!!



Isaac Broome

1:42:16 PM 15 Jun 2024 Created

Start up a suburban commuter rail service within Tauranga between Apata and Te Puke using the now surplus Auckland Transport ADL DMU trains and reopen Te Puna Station.



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1:45:19 PM 15 Jun 2024 Created

Western Bay of Plenty District Council Start up a suburban commuter rail service within Tauranga between Apata and Te Puke using the now surplus Auckland Transport ADL DMU trains and reopen Te Puna Station. Bay of Plenty Regional Council



Lyn Burgess

8:54:11 PM 15 Jun 2024 Created

Ho



Rachel Freedom

9:49:14 PM 16 Jun 2024 Created

All part of the Agenda.



Rob Van Der Kroft

3:05:56 AM 17 Jun 2024 Created

Do you jobs a keep the roads at an acceptable level. Lazy pricks just want to not spend money.



Scott Dismore



Scott Diggelmann

6:20:53 AM 17 Jun 2024 Created

fix the road!!



Elisabeth Batt

7:12:32 AM 17 Jun 2024 Created

Try building a bridge

3:46:30 PM 13 Jun 2024

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Western Bay of Plenty District Council

In 2000, we introduced a \$20/year targeted rate for Pukehina property owners to fund a potential wastewater scheme. After pausing this rate due to community feedback and changing government rules, we now have the freedom to decide its future. □ Here's the current picture: □ Balance of the fund: \$528,053 □ Future wastewater scheme cost: \$30-\$40 million (not expected within the next 10 years) What do you think about: 1. Should we permanently stop collecting the Pukehina Development Rate? 2. On the basis that we permanently stop collecting the Pukehina Development Rate - What should we do with the money already collected?

We want to permanently stop collecting the Pukehina Development Rate - what do you reckon?

Tell us what you think

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Western Bay of Plenty District Council

3:47:25 PM 13 Jun 2024 Created

Side note, giving us your thoughts on social media is cool, but online is better. □ But hey we get it, you're busy! So we will be using social media comments as sentiment in our analysis. Other ways you can give feedback: Email us on haveyoursay@westernbay.co.nz + fill out a hard copy form from any of our libraries + come say hi to us at any of our events (check our FB events section) + get it done in 5 mins online: <https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/hub-page/ltp>



Rob Clarke

4:10:52 PM 13 Jun 2024 Created

Western Bay of Plenty District Council - do you guys realise that it's a real pig to click on the link and finally navigate to the feedback then get told you have to create an account. It's almost like you don't actually want feedback. (also, for crying out loud, do you even need feedback with some of this stuff? Like the one the other day about charging \$10 to everyone in different ways, does anyone really care? Just make it simpler, take our money, and stop wasting money having a discussion about rearranging the deck chairs).



Jade Chalmers

6:06:47 PM 13 Jun 2024 Created

Rob Clarke I went to do it, read all the info, got to the 'create an account' bit then put my phone down.



Rob Clarke

6:07:38 PM 13 Jun 2024 Created

Jade Chalmers - me too. It does seem to actively discourage a response.



Hayden JD

10:59:34 PM 13 Jun 2024 Created

It takes less than two minutes to make an account? Social media is fake, Most people with sense aren't on FB anymore anyway. There's no way that Councils should be using Facebook comments to judge public sentiments on things at all.



Western Bay of Plenty District Council

9:05:32 AM 14 Jun 2024 Created

Rob Clarke Jade Chalmers It's just a way for us to verify you, plus it's a formal consultation, which means we need your details so we can email you a response etc etc etc. I'll pass on your complaints to the Engagement team ☐ Also side note - not sure what you're referring to about "\$10" ? Feel free to message me if you'd like more info or if you need to raise a service request with us.



Justyne Lee Robinson-Bartells

11:36:38 AM 15 Jun 2024 Created

Western Bay of Plenty District Council I tried several times to hook into site and have given up, totally agree it's not user friendly ☐



Sugar Leaf Labs

7:55:00 AM 16 Jun 2024 Created

Western Bay of Plenty District Council side note - was an example ☐☐♀



Troy K Daysh

4:26:29 PM 13 Jun 2024 Created

Is Pukehina above or below the sea level when you figure this out?



Nicola Hamon

5:41:30 PM 13 Jun 2024 Created

Troy K Daysh <https://interactives.stuff.co.nz/2022/04/sinking-cities-sea-level-rise/>



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Troy K Daysh

5:49:14 PM 13 Jun 2024 Created

Nicola Hamon because they have control over what happens when tectonic plates shift. No model can show what's coming. Only guessing.



Hayden JD

11:00:53 PM 13 Jun 2024 Created

Who is this "They"? Oh god, The Pronoun people control the Tectonic plates?!



Denise Awhimate

6:15:17 PM 13 Jun 2024 Created

I think you should stop collecting maketu waste water rates from those of us that don't use it.



Grant Macleod

8:13:48 AM 14 Jun 2024 Created

Denise Awhimate and dump rates as there is no dump at maketu any more but still paying them



Stuart Mallasch

8:40:19 PM 13 Jun 2024 Created

We need to stop this rate so I encourage everybody to go online and have your say.



AM Daysh



Ait Rose

10:24:35 PM 13 Jun 2024 Created

It's likely rates will increase 13.6%. Mine will go up by more than \$400. I'd prefer to stop the Development Rate and receive a cash refund. Half would pay for the increase in rates, the other half into KiwiSaver (which would attract the 50% subsidy, so an extra \$200 invested for the future). Or you could spend it with our various local business, from local tradies to the cafe. And if you're lucky enough not to need it, donate to our First Responders. Be good to have a choice on how to spend it.



Denise Awhimate

9:29:36 AM 14 Jun 2024 Created

Give it to the surf club.



Denise Awhimate

9:38:43 AM 14 Jun 2024 Deleted

Give it to the surf club.



Myles Hill

6:21:35 PM 14 Jun 2024 Created

Nicki Leinert



Denise Awhimate

8:57:57 PM 14 Jun 2024 Created

Where is the ad that you want to increase our rates by 10%?



Kiel Mans

6:52:46 AM 15 Jun 2024 Created

or 13%



Justyne Lee Robinson-Bartells

11:38:55 AM 15 Jun 2024 Created

Yes stop collecting fund but Pukehina Community should be able to have opinions as to what to use on and not what's already being done by Council. Could have gone towards Community Hall repairs instead of charging on our rates



Stuart Mallasch

7:22:08 PM 15 Jun 2024 Created

I believe this is for Pukehina Ratepayers only as we are the ones who have paid into this fund and so we are the ones who decide - democracy at its best



Nick Cutting

6:55:56 AM 16 Jun 2024 Created

Fix the the boat ramp it's always better on second or third attempt



Sue Gray

11:50:35 PM 16 Jun 2024 Created

Stop it good luck paying it back though some payers will have passed away some

moved address unknown some will have emigrated to other countries. I doubt you could pay it back. I'd like a footpath on the seaside of the parade.