

Puka Whakauru Submission Form



Ka pēhea tētahi tuku kōrero ai How to make a submission

- You can:**
- Complete the submission form online at participate.boprc.govt.nz/rtp-2026
 - Email your submission to RPTP@boprc.govt.nz
 - Post your completed submission form using this freepost address:
Freepost 122076
RPTP 2026–2036 submissions
Bay of Plenty Regional Council,
PO Box 364, Whakatāne 3158
 - You can also pick up and/or drop off a submission form at any Bay of Plenty Regional Council office:
 - 1118 Fenton Street, Rotorua
 - 1 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga
 - 5 Quay Street, Whakatāne

Ngā rā hirahira Key dates

6 July 2026

Public consultation opens



6 August 2026

Public consultation closes



Hearings



Deliberations



December 2026

Regional Council adopts the plan



Consultation closes at 4pm
Thursday 6 August 2026

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Ngā wero kei mua

The challenges ahead

Public transport needs to respond to a range of challenges and opportunities across our region.

Question 1

What are the most important challenges facing public transport in the Bay of Plenty?

Please select the three challenges you think are most important.

What we're looking at

What makes it challenging

☐ **Transport choice**

In some parts of the region, people rely heavily on private vehicles because public transport options are limited or may not suit all journeys.

☐ **Access needs**

Many people face challenges accessing public transport for everyday needs, and service levels vary across the region.

☐ **Reducing transport emissions**

Transport is one of the region's largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions.

☐ **Funding our network**

Public transport costs are increasing while available funding remains limited.

☐ **Adaptability and resilience**

Public transport needs to respond to changing travel patterns, funding pressures and community needs over time.

Please tell us why you selected these challenges, or let us know if there are other challenges we should focus on.



He whatunga waka tūmatanui angitu

A successful public transport network

The draft plan proposes a stronger focus on reliability, accessibility and customer experience across the public transport network.

Question 2

What matters most for successful public transport in the Bay of Plenty?

Please select the three priorities you think are most important.

☐ **Accessibility and inclusivity:**

Better access and customer experience

☐ **Convenience:**

Improving reliability

☐ **Integration between transport choices:**

Better transport connections

☐ **Affordability:**

Balancing investment and value for money

☐ **Sustainability:**

Improving environmental outcomes

☐ **Safety and wellbeing:**

Ensuring people are safe

☐ **Community engagement:**

A system that reflects the needs of communities

Please tell us why you selected these priorities or let us know if there are other areas we should focus on.

Te whakahaere tonu i ngā pahi i ngā wāhi

Keeping buses moving in busy areas

The draft plan proposes introducing a new Objective 8: Reducing congestion to enhance productivity.

This would place greater emphasis on improving reliability and helping public transport move more efficiently in busy urban areas.

This could include measures such as:

- bus lanes
- traffic signal priority
- queue jumping lanes.

Question 3

Do you support the inclusion of Objective 8, prioritising public transport on congested urban routes?

☐ **Strongly support**

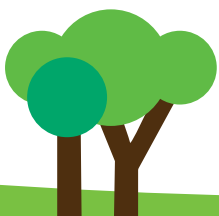
☐ **Support**

☐ **Neutral/no preference**

☐ **Oppose**

☐ **Strongly oppose**

Please tick one.



Kōrero mai Comments

Question 4

Do you have any other comments, feedback, or suggested changes to the draft plan?

Please write your answer below and include section numbers if relevant.

E pā ana ki a koe About you

These questions help us understand who we are hearing from.

Name: _____

Organisation (if you are submitting on behalf): _____

Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

What age group are you in?

- ☐ Under 18 ☐ 45 - 64
☐ 18 - 24 ☐ 65+
☐ 25 - 44 ☐ Prefer not to say

Where in the region do you live?

- ☐ Tauranga ☐ Whakatāne
☐ Western Bay of Plenty ☐ Ōpōtiki
☐ Rotorua ☐ Kawerau
☐ Other _____

Are you a regular bus user (3+ times per week)?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, what would encourage you to use the bus more often?

Speaking to your submission

All submitters have the opportunity to present their feedback to council during hearings held in August 2026.

Do you wish to speak to your submission?

(Please select/tick box that applies) ☐ Yes ☐ No

I wish to speak in:

- ☐ English ☐ Te Reo Māori ☐ NZ Sign Language

I wish to speak in the location of:

(Please select/tick box that applies)

- ☐ Tauranga ☐ Whakatāne ☐ Rotorua ☐ online

Questions about Baybus services?

For general Baybus service information, customer feedback or assistance, please contact:

Phone: **0800 4 BAYBUS (4 229 287)**

Email: **support@baybus.co.nz**

Website: **baybus.co.nz**