

To: Mr Chairman & Members of the Community Board.
From: Ian Williamson

1. I notice in reading through the Agenda for our meeting today on page 48 the first item dated as Aug 20/19 having the S/P No. 80985 has been issued for my enquiry regarding the repainting of the Heritage S/L's near the footpath of Motueka Museum. As an update on progress I have received a phone call from Lynn Hall of TDC and she will send me a copy of her research notes to follow up the repainting procedure with Steve Elkington.

2. Recent comments in the media by Adrian Orr the Reserve Bank Manager are suggesting the Government should be spending more of its money on infrastructure while finance is available and interest rates are very low. Could I suggest a fresh approach be made to Damien O'Connor our local Labour MP to remind him of the desperate need of our "High Street Upgrade" especially with the prospect of a major Mussell Harvesting Project being developed at the Taka Kōhe Harbour and the subsequent increase in heavy trucks passing through Motueka & of necessity using our aged Motueka Bridge, a very narrow passageway.

Thankyou Mr Chairman.

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Criticism over Twyford 'spite'

Thomas Coughlan

National MPs are fuming after Transport Minister Phil Tywford declined their requests to meet with NZTA officials, including one from Judith Collins.

Tywford received 38 requests for in-person meetings with NZTA officials between February 2018 and June 2019, he declined eight, all from National MPs.

The others, from a mix of Labour, Green, and National MPs were all approved.

National Transport spokesperson Chris Bishop said it showed "spite" from the minister to only decline National MPs.

Electorate MPs often request

meetings with NZTA officials to discuss transport projects in their electorates and to push for constituency projects.

But each of these meetings is subject to the approval of the minister of transport.

Bishop said the minister was blocking local MPs from doing their jobs. "The minister shouldn't be preventing MPs from talking about projects in their local area," he said.

Tywford denied allegations of politicisation.

"Plenty of opposition MPs have had meetings and we take it on a case-by-case basis, just like the former government did," Twyford said.