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WHICH OPTION DO YOU SUPPORT?

Option 1 (the Council's proposal): Right investment, right time

Comments:

I believe that the council is for the most part on the right path with this proposal.

How ever there are some very important omissions.

One of the main ones is in the transport infrastructure is the omission of spending on the cycle paths and lanes.

Many examples of these overseas show that for every dollar spent in this area many more are saved by being able to delay or eliminate the need for spending on roading. Hamilton is currently in a very good position to improve this infrastructure before its too late and we become another Auckland with their traffic issues, far better to spend now that try to retrofit later at a much higher cost.

Option 2: Borrow more, do some projects earlier

Which projects would you like to see completed earlier and why?

Option 3: Borrow less, do some projects later

Which projects would you like to see deferred to later and why?

Other:

None of these options

Comments:

Don't know

Comments:

PROPOSAL TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE THE MUNICIPAL POOL

Do you support or oppose the proposal to permanently close the Municipal Pool? Don't know

Comments:

OTHER COMMENTS:

As mentioned, the cycle infrastructure of Hamilton desperately needs improvement, if good cycle infrastructure is provided many more people will cycle.

I have a few people who I work with who have said if there was lanes where they feel safe they would ride, both for "utility riding" and recreation.

Some who do ride only do so on the trails such as Ta Awa as they feel safe there but would ride on the road more, eliminating car trips if the lanes were provided.

Hamilton has perfect terrain for easy cycling and with the likes of the Avantidrome, TeAawa etc Hamilton city and the surrounding area could be come a cycling mecca.

Already the traffic volumes in Hamilton are making driving vs cycling marginal time wise and the addition of effective cycle infrastructure will reduce/eliminate the need for expensive roading

improvements and additional car parks in particular in the city centre where parking for workers and residence is very difficult.

The lack of cycle friendly river crossings in the city is a particular problem.