



Unconfirmed

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 2 June 2009
Time: 10.15am
Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
NAPIER

Regional Transport Committee

Cr A Dick – Chairman – HBRC
Cr T Gilbertson – HBRC
Cr K Furlong – NCC
Cr N Speers – HDC
Cr T Kingston – CHBDC
Mayor L Probert – WDC
Jenny Chetwynd – NZTA
M Mohi – Cultural Representative
David Murray – Access and Mobility
Murray Douglas – Chamber of Commerce
Senior Sergeant R Smith – NZ Police

Technical Advisory Group

Carol Gilbertson – HBRC
Helen Codlin - HBRC
Denise Elers - NZTA
Jon Schwass - NCC
Jag Pannu – HDC
Shawn McKinley – CHBDC
Bill Lewis – WDC
Rob Bramley – NZTA
Mark Owen – NZTA
Maureen Drury – Minute Secretary

Advisory

Chris Bain – Port of Napier

Chairman Dick welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Furlong requested that she leave the meeting at 11.45am and return at 1.00pm. This request was granted.

An apology was received from Mr A Bramley.

Apologies from J Emmerson and A Temperton (KiwiRail) were noted.

**Kingston/Probert
CARRIED**

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. SHORT TERM REPLACEMENTS ON COMMITTEE

Allowance has been made in the terms of reference of the Committee for short term replacements to be appointed to the Committee where the usual members cannot attend.

Resolution:

That Senior Sergeant Ross Smith be appointed as a member of the Regional Transport Committee of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council for the meeting on Tuesday 2 June 2009 as short term replacement on the Committee for Inspector Chris Wallace.

**Gilbertson/Furlong
CARRIED**

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 6 MARCH 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 6 March 2009, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed.

**Kingston/Speers
CARRIED**

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 6 MARCH 2009

6. Action items – Advisory Position Rail

Chairman Dick / Helen Codlin to follow up on progress with this position.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP HELD ON FRIDAY, 15 MAY 2009

Minutes of the workshop held on Friday, 15 May 2009, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed.

**Speers/Furlong
CARRIED**

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP HELD ON FRIDAY, 15 MAY 2009

There were no matters arising.

8. ACTION ITEMS FROM RTC MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Advisory Rail Position – The presentation planned for the meeting on Tuesday, 2 June was postponed due to the unavailability of the Kiwi Rail representative. Ms Codlin to follow up.

Road Transport Forum – Ms Codlin to extend an invitation to the Road Transport Forum to present to the Regional Transport Committee.

9. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no matters of general business.

10. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

A summary of the verbal reports given at the workshop on Friday, 15 May of the Objective representatives were presented.

Mr Douglas noted that he did refer to the HB Airport and this should be included in discussions about transport modes.

Resolution:

That the Committee receives the representative reports.

**Douglas/Speers
CARRIED**

11. GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT ON LAND TRANSPORT FUNDING

Ms Codlin gave the Committee an overview of the recently released Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding (GPS) in order for the Committee to take it into account when considering and determining submissions on the draft Regional Land Transport programme.

Ms Codlin and Ms Chetwynd outlined the purpose of the Government Policy Statement and the specific impacts Government hoped to achieve in line with its focus on high quality infrastructure projects and transport services which encourage the efficient movement of people and freight.

Ms Codlin advised that although the detailed criteria manual to assess projects had not yet been updated, the Committee needed to highlight projects which were consistent with national priorities and also decide whether to reassess the entire work programme or reassess some projects to see where they fit under the new criteria.

Ms Codlin then took the Committee through a set of proposed amendments to the Programme that would reflect the Committee's consideration of the GPS.

The Committee discussed a number of matters including the importance and relevance of information, such as the Port handling 4% GDP, on national priorities and the importance of the links to the Port such as Prebensen Drive.

Councillor Gilbertson noted whilst the Hawke's Bay does not have any Roads of National Significance (RONS) the importance of the rural roads to transport goods to the RONS needs to be highlighted. Mayor Probert commented that the value of the goods transported not just the volume should also be taken into account. Mr Douglas suggested that it would be unwise for the Committee not to reassess the programme against the new criteria as there would not be another opportunity for three years.

Following further discussion, the Committee agreed that the TAG group would meet to fully review the projects against the new criteria. It was noted that Mr Chris Bain, Advisory Representative for Coastal Shipping should attend the TAG meeting.

The Regional Transport Committee meeting adjourned at 11.00am and Item 9 lay on the table.

Chairman Dick then invited all TAG members present to discuss the implications of the Government Policy Statement priority of Economic Growth and Productivity on the projects for the 2009-2012 Regional Land Transport Programme for Hawke's Bay.

Ms Chetwynd outlined the draft Strategic Investment Direction assessment criteria and the draft Strategic Fit Assessment guidelines and noted that the criteria for the Strategic Fit Assessment replace the 'seriousness and urgency' criteria.

The Committee agreed that it was important that, in undertaking the reassessment that TAG pulls together all relevant information about the economic benefits of the projects and how they interlink with other projects for greater effectiveness, as well as an assessment of what this Committee considers to be key freight and tourist routes. This follows concerns that the National Freight Demand Study might be relied on by NZTA to determine key routes and that the data in that study was incomplete.

The TAG meeting closed at 11.45am.

Councillor Furlong left the meeting at 11.45am.

The Regional Transport Committee meeting reconvened at 11.50am.

11. GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT ON LAND TRANSPORT FUNDING

Resolution:

That Council:

1. That the Committee receives the report on the Implications of the Government Policy Statement for Land Transport Funding (May 2009) and considers the extent to which projects should be reassessed against the new assessment criteria for the Government Policy Statement.
2. That the Committee instruct the Technical Advisory Group to fully re-assess the Regional Land Transport Programme under the new criteria for the Government Policy Statement and finalise the Regional Land Transport Programme accordingly, along with any changes arising from decisions on submissions, for adoption at a Regional Transport Committee on Wednesday, 24 June 2009 at 1.30pm.

**Kingston/Probert
CARRIED.**

12. UPDATE OF PASSENGER TRANSPORT

Mrs Gilbertson updated the Committee on passenger transport issues now that Council's new bus service provider, Go Bus, had been in place for 3 months. Mrs Gilbertson noted that Council had received good data for passenger numbers and SuperGold Card passengers since February however it was difficult to compare total passenger numbers from Council's previous provider Nimons as the information received from Go Bus is more detailed than that previously provided.

Mrs Gilbertson confirmed that a satisfactory school bus services contract between affected schools and Nimons was now in place and Council would have no further involvement in this contract.

Mr Schwass also confirmed that following a meeting with Go Bus, HBRC and NCC, 40 locations were required for bus stops. 25 of these would be painted immediately as approval had been received from adjacent landowners however 15 still required approval from adjacent landowners.

Resolution:

That the Committee receives the report "Update on Passenger Transport Issues

**Probert/Speers
CARRIED**

13. SUBMISSIONS ON DRAFT REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME 2009-2012

Ms Codlin advised that 22 submissions were received, 19 directly and 3 that were contained within submissions to the Regional Council's Ten Year Plan, for the draft Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

Ms Codlin also advised that although the full Committee had speaking rights in relation to these submissions, voting on any recommendations to amend the regional land Transport Programme was limited to the funding agencies being New Zealand Transport Agency, Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Wairoa District Council, Napier City Council, Hastings District Council and Central Hawke's Bay District Council.

Resolution:

1. That the Committee considers all submissions received on the Draft Regional Land Transport Programme 2009 – 2012 and decide on any changes needed to the Regional Land Transport Programme in response.

**Kingston/Speers
CARRIED**

The Committee then commenced hearing from submitters that had requested to make a verbal presentation to the Committee.

16. Hastings District Council – Jag Pannu

The submitter commented that HDC considered that transport planning should be priority number 1 over all other activity classes. Concern was also expressed about SH2/50a Pakipaki Intersection and that it should be completed in conjunction with the HB Expressway southern extension works, Clive bridge cycleway and pedestrian facilities and improvements to Omaha Rd/Expressway intersection.

The submitter also requested an acceleration to the passenger transport trials that are proposed in years 2 and 3 of the Regional Council's Ten Year Plan into an 18 month period and outlined the reasons for this.

The meeting adjourned at 12.20pm and reconvened at 1.00pm.

Councillor Furlong returned to the meeting at 1.00pm.

The Committee continued to hear verbal submissions.

20. Barrie Crabbe

Mr Crabbe commenced his presentation with a commentary in support of the use of rail. The submitter then spoke about the need for all bus services to be able to carry cycles so passengers could get from home to bus and back again. This could increase passenger numbers. The submitter also requested consideration be given to using smaller buses on some routes due to lower passenger numbers and other forms of passenger transport for Eskdale to Pakipaki or to Waipukurau.

2. HB Forestry Group – Mr Brett Gilmore

3. Pan Pac Forest Products Ltd (Panpac) – Mr Brett Gilmore

Mr Gilmore supported the focus on safe, secure, efficient road networks with strong links to adjacent regions but did not consider rail as a preferred transport option for forestry for several reasons. He also requested that priority be given to the SH2 passing opportunities and the project be brought forward in alignment with the Matahorua Gorge project to avoid traffic delays.

19. Federated Farmers of New Zealand (the Federation) – Mr Kevin Mitchell

Mr Mitchell highlighted the key points of the submission, speaking in support of strategic investment in the Hawke's Bay roading network and infrastructure as the farming community are dependent on these. He expressed concern about the proportion of public transport funding and whether it was justified and suggested consideration be given to a user pays system or targeted more to the residential sector.

9. Sports Hawke's Bay – Mr Colin Stone/Mr Brian Fisher

The submitters spoke to key points, noting the benefits of cycling and walking are to health. They recognised the value of the Napier Gisborne rail line but wanted to bring to the Committee's attention the possibility of it as a rail trail cycleway should rail pull out. They requested increased promotion in regard to the benefits of public transport and active transport.

6. Gordon Vogtherr

Mr Vogtherr spoke about the proposed rate on all ratepayers of Hastings and Napier to subsidise a public bus service. He was very concerned that the rates were levied on land value and the large increase ratepayers would face over the next 2-3 years. He strongly believed that public transport was not the role of the Regional Council.

The Committee then commenced considerations of all submissions received.

The Committee specifically noted the following points in response:

1. There is a need to better publicise the rating formula for the urban bus services to clarify that rural ratepayers are not rated for this service;
2. The Regional Transport Committee supports the Heavy Vehicle Trial and its implementation where appropriate and will amend the RLTP to contain a reference to it;

3. NZTA indicated that the State Highway 2 passing lanes (slow vehicle bays) are being investigated in Year 1 for construction in Yr 2 of the RLTP;
4. The Regional Transport Committee was disappointed that KiwiRail were not able to attend the meeting and they look forward to discussing the points raised in the submissions;
5. The Regional Transport Committee noted the concerns raised about the use of land value as a rating base for public transport. This is a matter for the Regional Council to determine how it collects its local share. There was general support for a reconsideration of the methodology to determine whether a fairer, more equitable method was available;
6. The Regional Transport Committee is committed to ensuring that the Napier/Gisborne Rail is maintained for current and potential future use, should it become a viable transport option and that it would not support the replacement of the rail line with a rail trail cycleway. However, the Committee considered that it might be possible that a cycleway could be constructed along a side section of the rail track and that small cycle way loops could also be explored;
7. The Regional Transport Committee noted that the walkway/cycleway from Bayview township to link with the commencement of the Bayview-Marine Parade walkway was still planned to proceed however, difficulties were being experienced as to the actual placement of the walkway along the main road. NZTA were unable to confirm a start date;
8. The Regional Transport Committee noted the initiatives being taken in the Central Hawke's Bay Community in relation to looking at transport options both within Central Hawke's Bay and between Districts. The RTC were happy to offer the assistance of the Sustainable Transport Officer in the exploration of options such as a car pooling scheme for residents travelling to Hastings or Napier.
9. The Regional Transport Committee notes the initiative being undertaken by Roadsafe, NZTA and the NZ Police in relation to developing a map showing the fatigue rest areas.
10. The Regional Transport Committee support the correction to the RLTP to include the Central Hawke's Bay District Council's walking and cycling programme which includes the designation and creation of cycling lanes within the rural communities of the Central Hawke's Bay District, noting that the budget for this project is already contained in the Programme;
11. The Regional Transport Committee support the inclusion of a new study to prepare the Public Transport Plan and the associated Procurement Strategy.
12. The Regional Transport Committee acknowledged and endorsed the suggestion from Horizons Regional Transport Committee to meet to discuss areas of mutual interest as highlighted in their submission;
13. The Regional Transport Committee noted the studies undertaken in Christchurch in regard to the carriage of cycles on buses. The Committee also noted Guidelines are being prepared by NZTA with respect to the carriage of

bikes on buses and that the Regional Council and Gobus will consider those to see if solutions can be found.

Submission 1 – HB Fruitgrowers Association Inc

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Amend Figure 1 in the RLTP to remove reference to Whakatu/Tomoana Link.

**Gilbertson/Speers
CARRIED**

Submission 2 – HB Forestry Group – Mr Brett Gilmore

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Include a reference to the Heavy Vehicle Trial in the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Speers/Kingston
CARRIED**

Submission 3 – Pan Pac Forests Ltd – Mr Brett Gilmore

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Include a reference to the Heavy Vehicle Trial in the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Kingston/Probert
CARRIED**

Submission 4 – KiwiRail – Mr Aaron Templeton

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Makes no change to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Dick/Kingston
CARRIED**

Submission 6 – Mr Gordon Vogtherr

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Makes no change to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Dick/Kingston
CARRIED**

Submission 7 – Paora and Aramanu Ropiha

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Makes no change to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Kingston/Probert
CARRIED**

Submission 8 – Cycle Aware HB

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Note that an assessment of intermodal links between public transport and cycling is undertaken in Year 2 of the Demand Management programme;
2. Makes no change to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Furlong/Probert
CARRIED**

Submission 9 – Sports Hawke's Bay Mr Colin Stone/Mr Brian Fisher

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Note that an assessment of intermodal links between public transport and cycling is undertaken in Year 2 of the Demand Management programme;
2. Makes no change to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Kingston/Speers
CARRIED**

Submission 10 – HB Mountain Bike Club

That the Committee:

1. Makes no change to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Furlong/Gilbertson
CARRIED**

Submission 11 – Hawke’s Bay District Health Board

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Makes no change to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Probert/Kingston
CARRIED**

Submission 12 – Accident Compensation Corporation

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Amend section 2.9.1 reducing the number of young road users and motor cyclists involved in crashes....

**Gilbertson/Kingston
CARRIED**

Submission 13 – NZ Sleeping Strategy

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Makes no change to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Furlong/Kingston
CARRIED**

Submission 14 – Horizons Regional Transport Committee (staff)

Resolution

That the Committee:

1. Makes no change to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Probert/Kingston
CARRIED**

Submission 15 – NZ Transport Agency

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Instructs staff to reassess the programme in relation to the new criteria

Submission 16 – Hastings District Council – Jag Pannu

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Requests NZTA to reconsider its priority of the project SH2/50a Pakipaki Intersection with a view to completing the project in conjunction with the Southern Expressway Extension
2. Makes no change to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Kingston/Gilbertson
CARRIED**

Submission 17 – Central Hawke’s Bay District Council

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Include Central Hawke’s Bay District Council’s walking and cycling programme (being the designation and creation of cycling lanes within the communities of the Central Hawke’s Bay District

**Gilbertson/Kingston
CARRIED**

Submission 18 – Hawke’s Bay Regional Council

Resolution:

That the Committee

- Include a new project in the Transport Planning category for the development of a Public Transport Plan and associated Procurement Strategy at an estimated cost of \$50,000 to be included in the RLTP made up of 75% from NZTA (\$37,500) and 25% (\$12,500) to come from the Regional Council budgets for 2009 -12 for the following amounts: 2009/10 - \$15,000; 2010/11 - \$30,000; and 2011/12 - \$5,000.

**Kingston/Gilbertson
CARRIED**

Submission 19 – Federated Farmers – Mr Kevin Mitchell

Resolution:

That the Committee:

2. Include a reference to the Heavy Vehicle Trial in the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Kingston/Probert
CARRIED**

Submission 20 – Mr Barry Crabbe

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Makes no change to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Speers/Furlong
CARRIED**

Submission 21 – Phyllis Gudgeon

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Makes no change to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Dick/Probert
CARRIED**

Submission 22 – Mr Ray Metcalfe

Resolution:

That the Committee:

1. Makes no change to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012.

**Kingston/Chetwynd
CARRIED**

Closure:

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.20pm

Signed as a true and correct record.

DATE: 24 June 2009.

CHAIRMAN: A. Dick