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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

**Date:** 24 June 2009

**Time:** 1.30pm

**Venue:** Totara Room  
Kennedy Park  
Storkey Street  
NAPIER

### **Regional Transport Committee**

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

### **Technical Advisory Group**

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

### **Advisory**

Chris Bain – Port of Napier  
J Emmerson – Road Representative

### **In Attendance:**

Cr F Wilson

**1. WELCOME/ /APOLOGIES**

Chairman Dick welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that Councillor Fenton Wilson was attending as an observer and Tracey McMillan from Hawke's Bay District Health Board would replace Dr Carolyn McElnay on the Committee.

Apologies were received from Councillor T Gilbertson, Inspector Chris Wallace and Mrs C Gilbertson.

**Speers/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 member/s cannot attend.

This item is to formalise the need for any such appointment(s) at this meeting.

**Resolution:**

That Senior Sergeant R Smith be appointed as a member of the Regional Transport Committee of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council for the meeting on Tuesday 24 June 2009 as a short term replacement on the Committee for Inspector Chris Wallace.

**Kingston/Furlong  
CARRIED**

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 2009**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 2 June 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 MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 2009**

**12. Update of Passenger Transport**

Councillor Furlong advised that 25 locations for bus stops had been painted with another 10 locations ready for painting.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

- (a) Update Report – J Chetwynd
- (b) Te Pohue Toilet location

**7. REASSESSMENT OF PROJECTS AGAINST THE REVISED GPS CRITERIA**

Ms Codlin reminded the Committee that at the meeting on 2 June 2009, the Committee instructed the Regional Technical Advisory Group (TAG group) to reassess the projects in the Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) against the new Government Policy Statement using the revised draft assessment criteria that had been recently made available by the New Zealand Transport Agency. The Committee wanted to ensure that the RLTP contained sufficient analysis of the new

GPS from a regional perspective for the NZTA to consider when it prepares the National Land Transport Programme.

Mr McKinley then outlined the re-assessment process that the TAG group had undertaken and the impact that the revised Government Policy Statement (GPS) had had on the regionally prioritised projects contained in the draft RLTP.

Mr McKinley drew the Committee's attention to Appendix 3a which showed three R funded projects – Taihape Rd Seal Extension, Northern Arterial Route and the Prebensen Drive four laning and interchange at Hyderabad Rd and explained that although these projects had been ranked lower by NZTA, TAG felt strongly that following evaluation against the new GPS, these projects would maintain the high priority given them in the RLTP based on the Committee's knowledge of the requirements for the region and the Plan to be submitted to Central Government on that basis.

Replying to a question from the Committee, Ms Chetwynd confirmed that the national freight and tourists routes had not yet been identified but was hopeful these would be confirmed in 3-4 months. She agreed that the lack of identification of these routes would have an impact on project rankings in the region.

The Committee discussed Appendix 3b and agreed that transport planning studies should have a higher priority than the other transport activities in Table 2.

Referring to a project to undertake a study into the economics of Rail and Coastal shipping as alternatives to road transport, Mr Bain advised that a publicly funded study was already underway to establish cost effective means of moving export product from Gisborne to Napier so savings could result in this activity.

During further discussions on Table 1, Ms Chetwynd indicated that they would like to include an additional project (SH38 Mangahohi bridge replacement) that had been inadvertently missed from the Draft RLTP. It was noted that because it had not been consulted on, the only way it could be included in the RLTP was through a variation. The Committee then considered the Policy on Significance in relation to variations to RLTPs and agreed that it could be included without formal consultation.

In addition, the HB Expressway/Meeanee Quay intersection also needed to be inserted into Table 1 and since it was already contained in Appendix 1 of the RLTP, it could be included in Table 1 without further consultation.

**Resolution:**

That the Committee:

- 1.1. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted policy on significance and that Council can exercise its discretion under Sections 79(1)(a) and 82(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community and persons likely to be affected by or to have an interest in the decision due to the nature and significance of the issue to be considered and decided.
- 1.2. Approves the proposed changes to Section 3.6.3 of the draft Regional Land Transport Programme as presented in Appendix 2.
- 1.3. Approves the proposed changes to Sections 2 and 3 as presented in Appendix 4 and Paragraph 16.1 of the agenda item.
- 1.4. Adopts the reassessed profiling, ranking and priority for the three projects targeted for "R" funding as contained in Table 1 (Appendix 3a).

**Kingston/Speers**

**CARRIED**

1.5 Adopts the reassessment and prioritisation of the other transport activities contained in the draft Regional Land Transport Programme against the new Government Policy Statement as outlined in Table 2 (Appendix 3b) below:

**Table 2 – List of Other Transportation Activities for Hawke’s Bay in Priority Order**

**Note:** This table contains the assessment and prioritisation (unbold) based on NZTA criteria provided for the initial Government Policy Statement as well as a reassessment and prioritisation based on the draft criteria for the new Government Policy Statement (May 2009) (shown in bold).

Other Transport Activity	Project Description		Assessment			National Project profile ranking	RTC’s support for R funding	RTC’s priority order
			Seriousness & Urgency/ Strategic Fit	Effectiveness	Efficiency			
Transport Planning	Heretaunga Plains study of transportation, including the revision of the model.	HDC NCC HBRC NZTA	H <b>H<sup>1</sup></b>	M	-	3 <b>1</b>	N/A	1
Transport Planning	Hawke’s Bay Rural Transport Study - adjunct to the RLTS review and the Heretaunga Plains transport study, demographics, patterns, projections relating to primary producers and rural areas of HB.	HBRC	H <b>H</b>	M <b>M</b>	-	5 <b>1</b>	N/A	2
Transport Planning	A study into the economics of Rail and Coastal shipping as alternatives to Road Transport	HBRC	H <b>H</b>	M <b>M</b>	-	5 <b>2</b>	N/A	3
Transport Planning	A study into regional walking and cycling requirements and possible solutions from a commuter perspective.	HBRC	H <b>H</b>	M <b>M</b>	-	5 <b>2</b>	N/A	4
Kiwirap Black Route Safety Strategic Studies	Strategic Studies on road safety	NZTA	H <b>H</b>	M <b>M</b>	-	5 <b>2</b>	N/A	5
Travel Planning - Workplace and Schools	Facilitating, overseeing and monitoring a workplace travel plan.	HBRC	L	M <b>M</b>	M <b>M</b>	10 <b>5</b>	N/A	6
Travel Planning - Community Focused - New	To work in collaboration to develop travel management plans for a large business, and a school as examples and show cases of improvements available	HDC	L <b>M</b>	M <b>M</b>	M <b>M</b>	10 <b>5</b>	N/A	7
Passenger Transport Bus Improvements (New)	Ahuriri Trial; extended times; Increased frequency; Extend Saturday services Introduce Sunday services	HBRC	H <b>M<sup>1</sup></b>	M <b>M</b>	L <b>L</b>	5 <b>8</b>	N/A	8
Omahu Rd/ E’way Pedestrian Crossing	Provide suitable facilities to increase safety for cyclists and pedestrians crossing the state highway at the dual-lane round-a-bout.	NZTA	H <b>M</b>	M <b>M</b>	L <b>L</b>	5 <b>8</b>	No	9
SH 2 Waitangi Bridge to Clive Township	To provide off-road cycleway	NZTA	H <b>M</b>	M <b>M</b>	L <b>L</b>	5 <b>8</b>	No	10
Waipukurau Cycle Lane Network	To interface the Waipukurau off-road cycle facilities with SH2	NZTA	H <b>M</b>	M <b>M</b>	L <b>L</b>	5 <b>8</b>	No	11
Waipawa – Waipukurau Cycleway	To provide off road cycleway between Waipawa and Waipukurau	NZTA	H <b>M</b>	M <b>M</b>	L <b>L</b>	5 <b>8</b>	No	12
Bay View Cycleway – HB Study	Installation of walking and cycling facility through Bay view Township	NZTA	H <b>M</b>	M <b>M</b>	L <b>L</b>	5 <b>8</b>	No	13
Wairoa township Walking & Cycling	Provide cycleway & walkway as per Wairoa Walking & Cycling Strategy	WDC	H <b>M</b>	M <b>M</b>	L <b>L</b>	5 <b>8</b>	No	14
Public Transport Infrastructure	Provision of facilities, upon completion of feasibility into providing car parking areas close to main bus	HDC	H <b>M<sup>1</sup></b>	M <b>M</b>	L <b>L</b>	5 <b>8</b>	No	15

	routes as designated park and ride facilities.							
NAP's Ahuriri West Quay/Pirimai	NAP's project for Ahuriri West Quay and Pirimai	NCC	M M	L	M M	10 5	N/A	16

<sup>1</sup> Reassessed profile against the new Strategic Fit criteria

1.6 Agrees the SH38 Mangahohi Bridge replacement does not trigger the Significance Policy, does not require further consultation and therefore can be included in Table 1 of the RLTP at a priority to be advised by the NZTA and be N funded.

1.7 Agrees that HB Expressway Meeanne Quay project previously consulted on be included in Table 1 of the RLTP at a priority point to be advised by NZTA.

**Dick/Furlong  
CARRIED**

1.8 Adopts the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-12 as amended as a result of decisions on submissions made at the meeting on 2 June 2009 and Committee decisions at the meeting on 24 June 2009.

**Furlong/Probert  
CARRIED**

1.9 Lodge the adopted RLTP for approval by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council at its meeting on Wednesday, 30 June 2009.

**Probert/Kingston  
CARRIED**

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Updated Report – J Chetwynd**

Ms Chetwynd advised the Ministry of Transport had completed a restructure of the organisation which would have a large impact on all departments.

Ms Chetwynd also advised that NZTA had several presentations available for viewing by the Committee and that she is happy to arrange for that at subsequent meetings.

Following an offer from Ms Chetwynd to liaise with Mr Aaron Templeton of KiwiRail, Ms Codlin would write to Mr Templeton to confirm their nomination for the rail Advisory position in time for the next meeting.

### **Te Pohue Toilet Location**

Councillor Speers updated the Committee with the difficulties HDC are encountering in regard to the replacement of a public toilet facility at Te Pohue.

### **Next meeting:**

It was considered that the next meeting of the Regional Transport Committee be scheduled to co-ordinate with NZTA consultation on the proposed National Freight and Tourism Route Plans and that at that time a work programme for the following 12-18 months be considered. The meeting scheduled for 16 July is therefore cancelled. It was also noted that the scheduled meeting date of 17 September was also not suitable for Cr Kingston and he sought that it be taken into account when scheduling the next meeting.

### **Closure:**

Prior to closing the meeting, Chairman Dick congratulated the TAG Group and Ms Codlin for the excellent work undertaken in the preparation of the Regional Land Transport Plan.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.05pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

**DATE:** .....

**CHAIRMAN:** .....