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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

- Date:** Thursday, 18 February 2010
- Time:** 10.15am
- Venue:** Council Chamber  
Hawke's Bay Regional Council  
159 Dalton Street  
NAPIER
- Present:** Cr A Dick – Chairman – Hawke's Bay Regional Council  
Cr T Gilbertson – Hawke's Bay Regional Council  
Cr N Speers – Hastings District Council  
Cr M Herbert - Napier City Council  
Cr T Kingston – Central Hawke's Bay District Council  
Mayor L Probert – Wairoa District Council  
J Chetwynd – New Zealand Transport Agency  
C Wallace – Public Safety  
T McMillan – Public Health  
D Murray – Access and Mobility  
M Douglas – Economic Development  
M Mohi – Cultural
- In Attendance:** H Codlin - HBRC  
Carol Gilbertson – HBRC  
E Bate - HBRC  
D Elers - NZTA  
M Kinvig - NZTA  
R Bramley - NZTA  
J Pannu - HDC  
S McKinley - CHBDC  
B Lewis - WDC  
J Schwass - NCC  
J Emmerson – NZ Transport Association - Roothing  
E Shaw – Ministry of Transport  
M Drury – Minute Secretary

**1. WELCOME**

Chairman Dick welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome extended to Mr Tony Friedlander – CEO, Road Transport Forum NZ who would give a Powerpoint presentation.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Furlong and Messrs A Bramley, C Bain, G Cowie and M Van Drogenbroek. An apology of lateness was received from M Douglas.

**Probert/Gilbertson  
CARRIED**

**3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4. SHORT TERM REPLACEMENT (S) ON COMMITTEE**

**Resolution:**

That Councillor Mark Herbert be appointed as a member of the Regional Transport Committee of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council for the meeting on Thursday, 18 February 2010 as short term replacement on the Committee for Councillor Furlong.

**Speers/Wallace  
CARRIED**

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2009**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 18 November 2009, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed.

**Kingston/Speers  
CARRIED**

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2009**

There were no matters arising.

**7. ACTION ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Ms Codlin and Committee members gave an update on items on the Action List and the following point was noted:

**State Highway 38 – Request for Sealing**

The sealing project for 2 sections of SH38 is expected to be completed by the end of this financial year.

**Resolution:**

That the Committee receives the report "Action Items from Regional Transport Committee Meetings and Workshops".

**Herbert/Speers  
CARRIED**

## 8. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS

### (a) NCC Tram Project

#### **Presentation by Tony Friedlander, Chief Executive, Road Transport Forum (NZ)**

Mr Friedlander congratulated the Regional Transport Committee for its support of the heavy vehicle trial and the implementation of it where it has demonstrated to meet the region's strategic transport priorities as set out in the Hawke's Bay Regional Land Transport Plan.

Mr Friedlander gave a Power Point presentation which included an overview of the importance of efficient road freight, freight growth forecasts, the intended changes to Weights and Dimensions and the benefits that would be gained from the changes.

Mr Friedlander outlined the importance of efficient freight services and the ongoing economic growth that regions would experience however, if total costs were too high, sales would be lost

#### ***Mr Douglas joined the meeting at 10.45am***

Mr Friedlander explained the benefits which could result from the planned increased weights and dimensions policy changes; these included a growth in road freight as a result of increased weight limits, safety benefits and reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Responding to a question from Chairman Dick, Mr Friedlander confirmed that Road Transport Forum had good relationships with coastal shipping and rail companies.

#### **Resolution:**

That the Committee receive the Road Transport Forum (NZ) report presented by Mr Friedlander.

**Probert/Gilbertson  
CARRIED**

## 14. VEHICLE DIMENSION AND MASS LIMITS

Ms Codlin advised that following a decision by the RTC at its 18 November 2009 meeting to instruct TAG to work with industry and advisory representatives regarding the implementation of the new Vehicle Dimension and Mass Limit Rule, a meeting was held on 20 January 2010 with NZTA, local authorities and industry representatives and a HB VDM Working Group had now been established.

It was noted that the Group had agreed that the proposed rule would increase productivity in the region and the 3 routes that were a strategic priority were Hastings City to the Port of Napier, Whakatu Industrial Area to the Port of Napier and Pan Pac Forest Products Ltd to the Port of Napier.

After viewing a map with the draft proposals outlined, the Committee expressed concern that Marine Parade was included in a priority route to the Port of Napier as this road was not a SH and was a tourist route in Napier. Napier City Council had worked closely with interested parties in Napier over recent years to curtail the noise effects of heavy vehicles on Marine Parade and following a study in 2004 planned to introduce traffic calming methods however to date this had not been undertaken because planned infrastructure along the Parade had not been completed. Mr Schwass confirmed that it was still Napier City Council's intention to undertake this project with a long term objective to remove all heavy traffic vehicles from Marine Parade.

The Committee discussed the draft strategic routes and the following points were noted:

- The draft strategic routes had been identified by industry representatives and the map illustrating the draft routes was not NZTA's view;
- If Marine Parade was included in the planned routes, 53 ton truck loads would use the road and some truck loads could be 60 tonnes;
- The current capability of some of the region's roads may not be up to handling increased loads;
- NZTA Freight study and Heretaunga Plains Transportation Study will provide critical intelligence moving forward;
- Potential Pre-approved routes need to be considered in the context of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

NZTA confirmed that a large amount of key work was required including engaging with groups and working together in a partnership, an evaluation of technical changes and an assessment of the country's roading network before recommendations are presented to Central Government to enable legislation to be introduced for the Plan change to occur.

Responding to a question from Chairman Dick, NZTA confirmed that engagement with key players in the Waikato region would be first priority because of the region's high productivity gain and highest rates of return.

The Committee agreed that the Working Party develop a Terms of Reference and a report be prepared for the RTC meeting on Friday, 23 April 2010.

**Resolution:**

That the Committee:

- 1.1 Agrees that the Marine Parade route is not to be considered as a route for which the region will seek to be a pre-approved route in accordance with the Vehicle Mass and Dimension rule because of its status as a tourist route.

**Herbert/Kingston  
CARRIED**

- 1.2 Instructs the VDM Working Group to:

- Develop a terms of reference to bring back to the April meeting of the Regional Transport Committee;
- Identify potential pre-approved routes and associated benefit/costs (productivity, infrastructural upgrades, and social and environmental factors);
- Identify implications for funding and potential funding sources

**Douglas/Speers  
CARRIED**

***Mr Friedlander left the meeting at 11.35am***

**13. NEW ZEALAND CYCLE TRAIL PROJECT**

Mr Hansen gave a Power point presentation and updated the Committee on Council's bid for the New Zealand Cycle Trail project which was part of the National Government's \$50m stimulus package.

Mr Hansen advised that Council's bid was one of the 13 successful applications from a total of 54 to move to phase 2 of the feasibility stage with funding of \$40,000 received for this phase. Unfortunately, although Council's bid included 3 themed rides providing multi day cycling experience, only the "landscapes" ride was successful.

Mr Hansen outlined the steps involved in Phase 2 of the feasibility stage which had to be completed by 31 May 2010.

Responding to a question from the Committee, Mr Hansen advised that 20-30kms of Council land was included in the current pathway design.

Councillor Kingston expressed concern that although the Waipawa linkage of the National Cycle Trail did not meet the Government criteria, the community should know why the linkage plan discussed by the Prime Minister has not happened.

Chairman Dick congratulated Mr Hansen and all staff involved in the bid process for a job well done.

**Resolution:**

That the Committee:

- 1.1 Receives the report title "New Zealand Cycle Trail Project"
- 1.2 Requests a further update at the next meeting of the RTC on 23 April 2010.

**Gilbertson/Kingston  
CARRIED**

**9. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY PROJECT PLAN**

Ms Codlin reminded the Committee that at the September 2009 meeting of the Regional Transport Committee, the Committee considered a possible work plan for the next three years. Included in the Plan was a review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy which was to be completed by 30 June 2011 as set out in the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Ten Year Plan. However, the timeframes for some of the key inputs have been extended so it would be necessary to extend the completion date.

The Committee discussed the implications of the proposed extension of time and noted that the development and consultation on the RLTS and RLTP could be undertaken concurrently.

Ms Shaw confirmed that Council would have to apply to NZTA for approval for an 18 month extension and this should be done immediately.

The Committee also noted the proposed timetable as set out below:



**Resolution:**

1. 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. Agrees that the development and consultation on the RLTS and RLTP be undertaken concurrently.
  - 1.3. Approves the timetable set out in Appendix 1 for the review of the RLTS and the preparation of the RLTP for 2012-2015.
  - 1.4. Recommends to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council that the performance target date for the Review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy be amended to 30 June 2012.
  - 1.5. Instruct staff to write a letter to NZTA requesting an extension of time for the completion of the RLTS.

**Herbert/Speers  
CARRIED**

**10. VARIATION (COMMITTED PROJECTS) - REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME**

Ms Codlin presented this Agenda item which requested the Committee to approve a variation to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012 (RLTP) to include a number of committed projects that were excluded from the RLTP due to an administrative error.

The Committee discussed Appendix 1 below which listed the Committed projects to be added to the RLTP.

Responding to a question from the Committee, Mr Clews advised that investigations are currently underway for the Northern Arterial Route and this project has met NZTA criteria and funds have already been committed.

Ms Chetwynd confirmed that funds for the projects listed in Appendix 1 had been committed.

**Resolution:**

1. The Committee recommends that Council:
  - 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. Agrees that the proposed variation is not significant under the criteria contained in section 5.3 of the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009 – 2012 (RLTP) that sets out the Council's policy to determine the significance of a proposed variation to the RLTP.

- 1.3 Approves the variation to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009 – 2012 to include the projects named in Appendix 1 as set out below.

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**COMMITTED PROJECTS TO BE ADDED TO THE RLTP**

**Central Hawke's Bay District Council**

Atua Road - Seal Extension	Construction
Waipawa Cycle lane Network	Construction
Waipukurau Cycle lane Network	Construction

**Hastings District Council**

Emergency Works 08/09	Construction
Northern Arterial Route (R Funded) up to design	Design

**Napier City Council**

Cycle way Project Stage 6	Construction
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**Wairoa District Council**

Emergency Works 2008/09 – May Event	Construction
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**Hawke's Bay Highway & Network Operations**

HB Expressway Southern Extension	Construction
Matahorua Gorge Realignment	Construction
Matahorua Gorge Realignment	Design
Matahorua Gorge Realignment	Property
Prebensen Drive/ Hyderabad Road Interchange	Investigation
Waipukurau Over bridge Realignment	Construction
Waipukurau Over bridge Realignment	Design
Bay View -70kph Zone Traffic Management	Investigation
Corkscrew Gully Northbound Passing Lanes	Investigation
Corkscrew Gully Southbound Passing Lanes	Investigation
Dillons Hill Realignment	Construction
Dillons Hill Realignment Stage 2	Construction
Glencoe Gorge Realignment	Investigation
HB Expressway Meeanee Quay Intersection	Investigation
Mohaka Seismic Retrofit	Construction
Napier Airport to Bay View Passing Lanes	Design
North of Tunanui Road Realignment	Investigation
Opapa Passing Lane Northbound - SH2 Pakipaki	Investigation
Opapa Passing Lane Southbound - SH2 Pakipaki	Investigation
Poukawa Swamp South Passing Lane	Investigation
SH2 Kennels Corner and Curves South	Investigation
SH2 Pilcher Road Intersection	Investigation
SH2 South of SH50 Passing Lane	Design
Te Mahanga North Passing Lane	Design
Te Mahanga South Passing Lane	Design
Waitangi Washout Bridge Replacement	Investigation
Whakaki Road Curves Improvements	Investigation

**Kingston/Probert  
CARRIED**

## 11. VARIATION (PHASING) – REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

Ms Chetwynd advised the Committee the purpose of this Agenda item was to seek approval for a variation to the Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) for the purpose of including additional phases of existing projects and thus seeking inclusion in the National Land Transport Programme. This variation will provide greater flexibility and will enable more effective progress on some projects.

The Committee discussed the proposed future phases of projects to be included in the RLTP as set out below.

### Proposed future phases of projects named in the NLTP and RLTP

Project	Phase
Bay View 70kph Zone Traffic Management	Design
Bay View to SH2/SH5 Intersection Seal Widening	Design
Bay View to SH2/SH5 Intersection Seal Widening	Construction
College Road to Silverstream Realignment & PL	Construction
Corkscrew Gully Northbound Passing Lane	Construction
Corkscrew Gully Southbound Passing lane	Design
Corkscrew Gully Southbound Passing lane	Construction
Glencoe Gorge Realignment	Construction
HB Expressway Kennedy to Ngaruroro Improvements	Design
HB Expressway Kennedy to Ngaruroro Improvements	Construction
HB Expressway Meeanee Quay Intersection	Design
HB Expressway Meeanee Quay Intersection	Construction
Mohaka Bridge Deck Repairs	Construction
Napier Airport to Bay View Passing Lanes	Construction
North of Tunanui Rd Realignment	Construction
Opapa PL Northbound - SH2 Pakipaki	Design
Opapa PL Northbound - SH2 Pakipaki	Construction
Opapa PL Southbound - SH2 Pakipaki	Design
Opapa PL Southbound - SH2 Pakipaki	Construction
Poukawa Swamp Nth PL - SH2 Pakipaki	Construction
Poukawa Swamp Sth Passing Lane	Construction
SH2 Kennels Corner and Curve South	Design
SH2 Kennels Corner and Curve South	Construction
SH2 Napier Road Intersection	Design
SH2 Napier Road Intersection	Construction
SH2 Pilcher Rd Intersection	Construction
SH2 South of SH50 Passing Lane	Construction
SH2 Tutira Section Corridor Mass Action	Construction
SH2/50 Intersection Improvements	Construction
SH2/50A Pakipaki Junction with SH50A	Design
SH2/50A Pakipaki Junction with SH50A	Construction
SH2/SH5 Intersection Improvements	Construction
SH5 Te Pohue golf course to mistletoe mass action	Design

Project	Phase
SH5 Te Pohue golf course to mistletoe mass action	Construction
Tahaenui Bridge Replacement and Realignment	Design
Tahaenui Bridge Replacement and Realignment	Construction
Tangoio Straight Seal Widening	Design
Tangoio Straight Seal Widening	Construction
Te Mahanga Nth Passing Lane	Construction
Te Mahanga Sth -Passing Lane	Construction
Tuiroa Cutting Realignment and Seal Widening	Construction
Tutira section corridor mass action	Construction
Whakaki Rd Curves Improvements	Construction

**Resolution:**

That the Committee recommends Council:

- 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 Agrees that the proposed variation is not significant under the criteria contained in section 5.3 of the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009 – 2012 (RLTP) that sets out the Council's policy to determine the significance of a proposed variation to the RLTP.
- 1.3 Approves the proposal to prepare a variation of the RLTP in accordance with Section 18D of the Land Transport Management Act.

**Chetwynd/Herbert  
CARRIED**

## **12. WALKING AND CYCLING MODEL COMMUNITIES**

Ms Codlin advised that this Agenda item was seeking the Committee's endorsement of any application by the Territorial Local Authorities as Approved Organisations (AO)s to become a Model Community under the Walking and Cycling Model Communities programme.

Staff representatives from Napier City Council and Hastings District Council confirmed they would be forwarding applications to NZTA expressing an interest in establishing a Walking and Cycling Model Communities programme.

Ms Chetwynd explained that funding for this programme would be targeted to communities that had a long term commitment to significantly increase walking and cycling as a practical and safe travel outcome in order to reduce congestion.

Mayor Probert expressed concern that if the existing criteria for this programme remained in the future, smaller areas like Wairoa and Central Hawke's Bay would be disadvantaged.

**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. Instructs staff to prepare a letter of support for Hastings District Council and Napier City Council to become a Model Walking and Cycling Community.

**Gilbertson/Speers  
CARRIED**

**15. NZTA REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms Chetwynd gave the Committee an update on NZTA activities and decisions which had occurred since November 2009. Ms Chetwynd noted that the Freight Study was almost finished and a report would be available in about 2 weeks. However, the freight and tourism routes still had to be identified.

Mr Kinvig showed a presentation which highlighted progress on current projects –

- SH50A Southern Extension with a budget of \$12m and due to be completed mid 2011;
- SH2 Matahorua Gorge – a budget of \$30m and due to be completed early 2011;
- SH2 - Waipukurau Overbridge Realignment – a budget of \$6.4m and due to be completed in April 2010]
- SH 5 - Dillon's Hill Realignment – a budget of \$5m and due for completed in April 2010;

Mr Kinvig then outlined NZTA's current programme focus which includes replacement of the Waitangi bridge, and an improved State Highway 5 improved security in heavy weather events by way of communication and processes involving the public. Mr Kinvig also described the new "Customer's First" concept which would be included in future new maintenance contracts.

Responding to questions from the Committee, Mr Kinvig noted the following points:

Tarawera Hill project was a high priority and it was hoped to commence the first phase of this project shortly;

The Stock Truck Effluent Disposal Site on Glengarry Road is progressing satisfactorily;

Mr Schwass advised that NCC had not received any objections to designations in relation to Prebensen Drive and NCC had obtained the necessary Resource Consents.

Ms Shaw advised that it was hoped the Road Safety 20/20 report would be released shortly.

Councillor Kingston complimented NZTA on the way traffic delays issues had been dealt recently at the new Waipukurau Bridge site.

**Resolution:**

That the Committee:

- 1.1 Receives the Verbal Update Report from NZTA.

**Herbert/Probert  
CARRIED**

## **16. OBJECTIVE AND ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

The Objective and Advisory representatives provided the Committee with verbal update reports and the following highlights were noted:

### **Mike Mohi - Cultural**

Treaty negotiations are continuing with the region now divided into 7 areas with the hope of all settlements being completed by 2014;

The advisory position in future may be filled by a Treaty partner member;

### **David Murray – Access and Mobility**

“Driving Miss Daisy” business operating in Napier and Hastings is filling a much needed gap in the community – very successful;

A new road safety initiative is currently being developed by VSL Simulators where various road conditions can be experienced via a simulator;

### **Chris Wallace – Public Safety**

Still high occurrence of unrestrained occupants in motor vehicles in the region;

Early February drink drive checkpoints, 3,000 drivers checked and 36 will make courts appearances for drink drive charges;

Graduated Driver’s Licence – ran checkpoint in October and 1086 people were breaching licence conditions – those drivers were offered incentives to complete their full licence however only 6 or 7% responded – research to be undertaken on other 1,000 drivers to attempt to establish why they did not respond to the incentives offered;

### **Tracey McMillan – Public Health**

Ongoing focus to reduce the number of people presenting at the hospital’s Emergency Department- alcohol affected road accidents still account for a high number of admissions to this department;

### **KiwiRail - Rail Advisory**

Concerns expressed at previous meetings over the future of the Napier to Gisborne line have been communicated to the Senior Executive at KiwiRail – there is still optimism that commercial operations will help secure the line’s future;

Aaron Templeton – General Manager Rail Operations KiwiRail Freight will be the regional representative on the Committee with Michael van Droegenbroek – Group Manager Strategic Project office as a back up;

Possible discussions with Tourism Hawke's Bay over rail tourism services to be had by Ross Hayward – National Manager – Rail Passenger Group;

**Resolution:**

That the Committee receive the verbal reports of the Objective and Advisory Representatives.

**Speers/Probert  
CARRIED**

**17. PROGRESS REPORT ON REGIONAL/JOINT PROJECTS**

Ms Codlin and Mrs Gilbertson provided an updated report on the regional and/or jointly funded projects contained in the National Land Transport Programme for Hawke's Bay.

Mrs Gilbertson confirmed that an application to NZTA for funding assistance had been approved and detailed work would commence after 1 July 2010. It was hoped that a draft would be ready for the Committee to consider later in the year.

Responding to a question, Mrs Gilbertson confirmed that a report outlining passenger numbers using the public bus services operated by Go Bus will be prepared for the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee on 24 March 2010.

**Resolution:**

That the Committee receives the Progress Report on Regional/Jointly Funded Projects.

**Gilbertson/Murray  
CARRIED**

**18. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**NCC Tram Project**

Councillor Herbert updated the Committee on the proposed NCC Tram Project.

**April Meeting – Change of Date**

The Committee agreed to change the date of the **April Meeting from Thursday, 22 April to Friday, 23 April 2010.**

**Closure:**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.45pm

Signed as a true and correct record.

**DATE:** .....

**CHAIRMAN:** .....