



MINUTES Regional Transport



Date 2 December 2020, 11am
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
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Present	Councillors	M McDonald	Taranaki Regional Council (Chairperson)
	Mayors	T Cloke	Taranaki Regional Council
		N Volzke	Stratford District Council
Ms	P Nixon	South Taranaki District Council	
Attending	Messrs	E Speight	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
		M Nield	Taranaki Regional Council
	Ms	C Clarke	Taranaki Regional Council
		F Ritson	Taranaki Regional Council
	Miss	L Davidson	Taranaki Regional Council
	Messrs	R I'Anson	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
		S Bowden	Stratford District Council
	Ms	V Lim	South Taranaki District Council
		P Ledingham	Taranaki Regional Council
	Ms	R Arber	National Road Carriers Assoc.
		C Symes	South Taranaki District Council
Ms	K Smith	New Plymouth District Council	
Councillor	C Littlewood	Taranaki Trails Trust	
Senior Sgt	R O'Keefe	NZ Police	
Inspector	A Gurney	NZ Police	

One member of the media, Mr Mike Watson, Taranaki Daily News.

Apologies Apologies were received from Councillors H Duynhoven and C Johnston from New Plymouth District Council.
McDonald/Cloke

Notification of Late Items There were no late items.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 17 June 2020

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Wednesday 9 September 2020 at 11am
- b) notes that the unconfirmed minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held at the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Wednesday 9 September 2020 at 11am were circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council for their receipt and information.

Nixon/Cloke

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Minutes of the Regional Transport Advisory Group

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group Meeting held on Wednesday 21 October 2020.

Volzke/Speight

Matters arising

- 2.1 Taranaki Trails Trust Presentation - It was clarified that land on the railway corridor between Kaponga and Ōpuanake is now a combination of KiwiRail land and privately owned land and using this rail corridor and accessing the land will be an issue.

4. State Highway 3 Working Party Minutes

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the unconfirmed minutes of the State Highway 3 Working Party meeting held on 10 September 2020 via audio-visual link (zoom).

Speight/McDonald

Matters arising

- 3.1 Ahititi Stock Truck Effluent Facility – Waka Kotahi are currently working on design, have been speaking with the Taranaki Regional Council regarding decommissioning the ponds.

4. RLTP Annual Monitoring Report for 2019/20

- 4.1 Mr M J Nield, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum updating Members on delays in the preparation of the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21: Annual Monitoring Report for 2019/20*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum, *RLTP Annual Monitoring Report for 2019/20*
- b) notes that the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21: Annual Monitoring Report for 2019/20* will now be brought to the first meeting of the Regional Transport Committee in 2021.

Cloke/Nixon

5. Developing the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021

- 5.1 Mr M J Nield, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum to:
- update the Committee on development of the *Regional Land Transport Plan 2021* including challenges and the planned way forward
 - advise of the release of the final *Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2021* and Ministry of Transport portfolio changes following the General Election
 - provide the *Waka Kotahi Investment Proposal 2021-31* for which feedback is being sought.
- 5.2 Ms E Speight, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, provided clarification on the timeframes and delays. Conversations have been had with RTAG members regarding support that can be provided to assist with TIO.
- 5.3 It was suggested that an invitation be extended for a delegate to meet with the new Minister. Ms E Speight was happy to assist with connections and a strategy for meeting with the Minister.
- 5.4 It was clarified that with the delays we will still be able to meet the deadline of 30 June 2021 for the RLTP it will be very tight but is achievable.
- 5.5 The absence of NPDC was noted and will ensure they have an NPDC representative for the workshops and the March meeting as decisions need to be made.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the Memorandum, *Developing the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021* and notes the challenges that have resulted in delays in drafting sections of the Plan

- b) receives and notes for information purposes the update provided on the release of the final *Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2021*
- c) receives and notes for information purposes the update provided on Ministry of Transport portfolio changes
- d) receives and notes the release of the *Waka Kotahi Investment Proposal 2021-31* including the regional summary for Taranaki
- e) notes that a workshop with the Committee will be scheduled for mid-February 2021 to work through aspects of the draft RLTP in detail prior to the Committee's 3 March 2021 meeting receiving the full draft to approve for public consultation.

Cloke/Nixon

6. Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Update

- 6.1 Ms E Speight, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, provided an update on the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's activities nationally and regionally and answered questions arising.
- 6.2 The High Court has dismissed the appeal against the Mt Messenger bypass. Now awaiting the Environment Court decision which will have a number of further conditions on the project and possible appeal on those conditions.
- 6.3 Movements in regards to the purchase of land can not be made until a decision from the Environment Court has been confirmed.
- 6.4 Credit was given to the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency team who are working on the Mt Messenger project. They have continued to be persistent in getting good information and have pushed through to get the project up and running. It was suggested this be communicated appropriately with the team.
- 6.5 Mayor P Nixon, South Taranaki District Council, expressed his gratitude regarding the Innovating Streets programme. South Taranaki have two towns on State Highway 3, Eltham and Waverley, which are lucky enough to be benefiting from the programme to assist with traffic and pedestrians.
- 6.6 It was requested that Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency ensure clear communications are shared with the public about where repairs on the highway are at there is a lot of frustration. Communications have started and people are encouraged to use the 0800 4 HIGHWAYS number to report faults on the network.
- 6.7 Mr R I Anson, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, provided an update on upcoming repair works for the Taranaki network.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives with thanks the presentation provided by waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.

McDonald/Cloke

7. Development of Active Modes (walking and Cycling)

- 7.1 Ms K Smith, New Plymouth District Council, provided a presentation updating on active modes in the New Plymouth District.
- 7.2 Mr S Bowden, Stratford District Council, provided a presentation updating on active modes in the Stratford District.
- 7.3 Mrs C Symes, South Taranaki District Council, provided a presentation updating on active modes in the South Taranaki District.
- 7.4 Ms C Littlewood, Taranaki Trails Trust, provided an update on activities undertaken by the Taranaki Trails Trust and a draft map was provided for discussion purposes.
- 7.5 It was noted that the proposed tracks and trails shown on the map are very high-level indications for strategic planning purposes only. There have been no conversations with land owners and iwi.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives with thanks the update provided by the New Plymouth District Council on walking and cycling activities in their district
- b) receives with thanks the update provided by the Stratford District Council on walking and cycling activities in their district
- c) receives with thanks the update provided by the South Taranaki District Council on walking and cycling activities in their district
- d) receives with thanks the verbal update provided by the Taranaki Trails Trust on their activities
- e) receives and notes the draft Taranaki Trails Vision Map presented at the meeting for discussion.

McDonald/Cloke

8. Updates from Approved Organisations

- 8.1 The updates were attached to the agenda for members.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the update provided by the New Plymouth District Council on its transport activities
- b) receives the update provided by the Stratford District Council on its transport activities
- c) receives the update provided by the New Plymouth District Council on its transport activities.

Cloke/Nixon

9. Public Transport Operational Update for the quarter ending 30 September 2020

- 9.1 Mr C Clarke, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum providing members with an operational report on public transport services for the quarter ending 30 September 2020.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives and notes the operational report of the public transport services for the quarter ending 30 September 2020.

Cloke/Speight

10. Correspondence and Information Items

- 10.1 Mr M J Nield, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on correspondence and information items since their last meeting and to:

- Seek formal endorsement of the regional submission on the *Proposed Approach to Speed Management – Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits*; and
- Update the Committee on correspondence and information items on changes sought to speed limits, state highway maintenance and KiwiRail activities and seek guidance on responses where appropriate.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) adopt the submission on the *Proposed Approach to Speed Management – Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits*
- b) receives and notes for information purposes the correspondence from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency regarding the confirmed speed limit changes for State Highway 3 Waitara to Bell Block
- c) receives and notes for information purposes the correspondence to and from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency regarding concerns about the level of maintenance on state highways throughout the region
- d) receives and notes the update that efforts to connect with KiwiRail continue but are yet to translate into improved engagement.

McDonald/Volzke

11. General Business

- 11.1 Mr M J Nield, gave acknowledgement to the work of Mr C Clarke, Taranaki Regional Council, who has resigned from his position as Transport Manager after 13 years. Chris has put a lot of effort in to the public transport for the region and the Regional Transport Committee meetings.

- 11.2 NZ Police provided a brief update on activities around the Police network.

11.3 Meeting times for the Regional Transport Committee meetings will be 10.30am starts for 2021.

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor M J McDonald, declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 1.12pm.

Confirmed

**Taranaki Regional Transport
Committee Chairperson:** _____

M J McDonald

Wednesday 3 March 2021