

**Minutes of the Regional Land Transport  
Committee Meeting of the Taranaki  
Regional Council, held in the Taranaki  
Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road,  
Stratford on Thursday 13 March 2008  
commencing at 1.30 pm.**

<b>Present</b>	Councillors	R F H Maxwell M J Cloke P D Horton B R Jeffares B J Marsh	(Chairperson)
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
<b>Representatives</b>	Councillors	G Lawson H Dodunski	(South Taranaki District Council) (New Plymouth District Council)
	Mayor	J D Edwards	(Stratford District Council)
	Messrs	E Christiansen	(Transit New Zealand)
		B Eriksen	(Taranaki Disabilities Information Centre Trust)
		J H Geraghty	(Road Transport Association – Western Central District)
	A Jamieson	(Bus & Coach Association)	
	Mrs	R Orr	(Land Transport New Zealand)
	Mrs	K Stowers	(New Zealand Automobile Association)
<b>In Attendance</b>	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		R A Phillips	(Director-Operations)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy Manager)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
		J Bielski	(Policy Analyst)
	Messrs	W Wallace	(Technical Officer Transport Projects)
		C Clarke	(Passenger Services Officer)
		P Ledingham	(Information Officer)
	Messrs	M Aves	(New Plymouth District Council)
		A Wilson	(New Plymouth District Council)
Ms	E Shaw	(Ministry of Transport)	
	Two members of the public		
	Two members of the media		
<b>Apologies</b>	The apologies from Councillor D L Lean, Mr P McQueen (ONTRACK), Inspector N Wynne (New Zealand Police) and Mrs S Foley (Toll New Zealand) were received and sustained.		

**Notification  
of Late Items**

Item 8A – Update of New Plymouth service contract process.

**Welcome and  
Introduction**

Committee Chairperson, Councillor R F H Maxwell, welcomed the district council representatives and other representative organisations to the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting.

**1. Confirmed Minutes - Regional Land Transport Committee:  
13 September 2007**

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting held on Thursday 13 September 2007 at 10.30 am.

08/050

Marsh/Edwards

**Matters arising**

Update on the Stratford to Okahukura Railway Line Working Party

It was noted that ONTRACK's report on the current condition of the line and the work needed to enable passenger excursion trains to be reinstated (due by end of year 2007) had not been completed/received. It is hoped that the report will be available at the next Regional Land Transport Committee meeting.

Regional Walkways and Cycleways Strategy for Taranaki

It was noted that the development of an implementation plan for the Strategy is still being progressed and will be made available at the next Regional Land Transport Committee meeting.

**2. Submission on the draft Updated New Zealand Transport Strategy**

- 2.1 Mrs J Bielski, Policy Analyst, spoke to the memorandum introducing the Council's submission made to the Ministry of Transport on the Sustainable Transport: Update of the New Zealand Transport Strategy Discussion Paper and to recommend the endorsement of the submission by the Committee. The submission was sent by the due date of 15 February 2008.

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the development of a *Sustainable Transport: Update of the New Zealand Transport Strategy* Discussion Paper by the Ministry of Transport; and

2. endorses the submission prepared by officers of the Taranaki Regional Council in response to the *Sustainable Transport: Update of the New Zealand Transport Strategy Discussion Paper*.

08/051

Marsh/Eriksen

### **3. Role and composition of regional land transport committees**

- 3.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum updating Members on possible changes to the role and composition of regional land transport committees arising from the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill (the Bill).
- 3.2 It was noted that once the Bill is finalised, a report will be presented to the next meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee outlining the final decisions made with regard to the Committee's composition and roles. Possible changes in the role and membership of the Committee would take effect in the 2008/2009 financial year.

#### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the possible changes to the role and composition of regional land transport committees arising from the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill.

08/052

Maxwell/Marsh

### **4. Submission on Transit New Zealand's 2008/2009 Land Transport Programme and 10-Year Financial Forecast**

- 4.1 Mrs J Bielski, Policy Analyst, spoke to the memorandum introducing the Council's draft submission prepared by the Regional Technical Officers Group in response to Transit New Zealand's draft 2008/2009 Land Transport Programme and 10-Year Financial Forecast and to recommend the endorsement of the submission by the Committee. The submission was sent by the due date of 7 March 2008. It was noted that any further comments on the submission received at the meeting could be forwarded to Transit New Zealand.
- 4.2 Members of the Committee endorsed and supported the submission and the points/issues raised in so much that it reflected the long-held view and opinions of the Committee. General discussion on various Taranaki roading projects was held, in particular, the curves projects included as small and medium projects included in the draft Forecast.

#### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the development of a draft *2008/09 Land Transport Programme and 10-Year Financial Forecast* by Transit New Zealand; and
2. endorses the submission prepared by officers of the Taranaki Regional Council and Regional Technical Officers Group in response to Transit New Zealand's

## **5. Regional Funding Priorities**

- 5.1 The memorandum outlining a draft Project Priority List for the funding of land transport projects from Regional Funds (referred to as R Funds) and to recommend the list be forwarded to Land Transport New Zealand by the due date of 28 March 2008 was received and discussed by the Committee.
- 5.2 The Regional Technical Officers Group met on 22 February 2008 to redefine the Regional Funding Project Priority List for Taranaki for 2008 following the publication of Transit New Zealand's draft 2008/2009 Land Transport Programme and 10-Year Financial Forecast (refer to minutes item 4). The list is a continuation of the Project Priority List that has been in circulation for the last three years with some minor amendments including a request for the Regional Passing Lane Study for several sections of the state highway network between Pio Pio and New Plymouth to be placed higher in the List.
- 5.3 Members sought discussion and clarification on Land Transport New Zealand's allocation and definition of R Funds and National Funds and the percentage allocation of both funds to roading projects in Taranaki. This will be reported back to the next meeting.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on priorities for regionally distributed funding; and
2. agrees to forward the list of priority Regional Funding projects for the Taranaki region as agreed to by the Committee to Land Transport New Zealand by 28 March 2008.

## **6. Submission on the Public Transport Management Bill**

- 6.1 Mrs J Bielski, Policy Analyst, spoke to the memorandum introducing the Council's submission on the Public Transport Management Bill and to recommend the submission be endorsed. The submission was sent by the due date of 14 December 2007.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the development of the Public Transport Management Bill

2. endorses the submission prepared by officers of the Taranaki Regional Council in response to the Public Transport Management Bill.

08/055

Maxwell/Marsh

## **7. Submission on the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill**

- 7.1 The memorandum introducing the Council's submission on the Land Transport Management Bill and the recommendation to endorse the submission was received and discussed by the Committee.
- 7.2 It was noted that the Council's Chief Executive, Mr B G Chamberlain, and Chairperson, Councillor D N MacLeod, spoke to the submission at the hearing of the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee on Thursday 21 February 2008.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the development of the Land Transport Management Bill; and
2. endorses the submission prepared by officers of the Taranaki Regional Council in response to the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill.

08/056

Maxwell/Lawson

## **8. New Plymouth Passenger Service Trial – Sixth Quarter Update (Second Financial Quarter of 2007/2008)**

- 8.1 Mr C Clarke, Passenger Services Officer, spoke to the memorandum providing Members with the sixth quarter (second financial quarter of 2007/2008) update of the 24 month New Plymouth passenger transport services trial that commenced operating on 1 July 2006.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the memorandum on the sixth quarter (second financial quarter of 2007/2008) update of the New Plymouth passengers services trial.

08/057

Marsh/Horton

## **8A. Update of New Plymouth service contract process**

- 8A.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum updating Members on the contract process for the continuation of the New Plymouth, Waitara and Oakura passenger services after 1 July 2008.

## **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the report on the update of the New Plymouth passenger transport services contract process; and
2. notes that a Gross Contract will be in place for implementation by 1 July 2008.

08/058

Cloke/MacLeod

## **9. South Taranaki Passenger Transport Services Trial Update**

- 9.1 Mr W Wallace, Technical Officer Transport Projects, spoke to the memorandum by providing members with an update of the first six months of the 18-month trial of three South Taranaki passenger transport services that commenced operating in the first week of July 2007. Trials are due to finish in December 2008.

## **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the memorandum on the first six months update of the South Taranaki passenger services trial; and
2. agrees to continue the Waverley-Patea leg of the Waverley-Patea-Hawera service until the end of the current trial in December 2008.

08/059

Lawson/Jeffares

## **10. Update on Inglewood Passenger Service Trial**

- 10.1 Mr W Wallace, Technical Officer Transport Projects, spoke to the memorandum providing Members with the first quarter update of the Inglewood passenger service trial that operates a once-a-week service between Inglewood and New Plymouth (return). The service commenced on 1 November 2007 for a one year period.

## **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the memorandum on the first quarter update of the Inglewood-New Plymouth passenger service trial.

08/060

Maxwell/Cloke

## **11. Total Mobility Update**

- 11.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum by updating Members on the implementation and conditions of a \$10 flat rate payment system established by Land Transport New Zealand for each Total Mobility trip operated with a wheelchair hoist vehicle and the implementation of a photo I.D card system for all Total Mobility

Scheme users in the Taranaki Region.

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the update on the implementation of both a \$10 Flat Rate Payment to taxi operators for wheelchair hoist trips and an I.D. Card system for all users of the Total Mobility Scheme; and
2. notes the implementation date of 7 April 2008 for both the \$10 Flat Rate Payment and the photo I.D. Card scheme.

08/061

Maxwell/MacLeod

**12. Total Mobility Scheme Expenditure for the first six months of 2007/08**

- 12.1 The memorandum updating Members on expenditure under the Total Mobility Scheme for the first six months of 2007/2008 was received and discussed by the Committee.

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on Total Mobility Scheme expenditure for the first six months of 2007/2008;
2. notes that expenditure on Total Mobility for the first six months of the 2007/08 year is running well within budget and, on the current rate of expenditure, will result in expenditure under budget of \$69,806 by the end of the current financial year; and
3. notes that Council officers will continue to monitor Total Mobility Scheme expenditure over the third and fourth quarters of the 2007/08 financial year.

08/062

Marsh/Edwards

**13. Western Blue Highway Transport Study**

- 13.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum informing members of the intention by Port Taranaki and the Council to contract a consultant to investigate the economic feasibility of a 'Western Blue Highway' sea freight transport proposal subject to funding approval from Land Transport New Zealand.

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the intent by Port Taranaki and the Council to contract a consultant to investigate the economic feasibility of a "Western Blue Highway" sea freight transport proposal.

08/063

Cloke/Geraghty

**14. Update from each of the three District Councils**

14.1 Mrs H Dodunski (New Plymouth District Council), Mayor J Edwards (Stratford District Council) and Mr G Lawson (South Taranaki District Council) provided the Committee with matters of interest from their districts.

**15. Update from Land Transport New Zealand**

15.1 Mrs R Orr provided the Committee with matters of interest from Land Transport New Zealand.

**16. Update from New Zealand Police**

16.1 Due to the absence of Inspector N Wynne from the meeting, no update from New Zealand Police was made available.

**17. Update from Transit New Zealand**

17.1 Mr E Christiansen provided the Committee with matters of interest from Transit New Zealand.

**18. General Business**

There were no items of general business.

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor R F H Maxwell, declared the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**D N MacLeod**

**Date:** **8 April 2007**