

**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 Tuesday 24 June 2008  
commencing at 10.30 am.**

<b>Present</b>	Councillors	R F H Maxwell	(Chairperson)
		M J Cloke P D Horton B J Marsh	
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
<b>Representatives</b>	Councillors	G Lawson	(South Taranaki District Council)
		H Dodunski	(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) from 10.50am
	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)
		W Wallace	(Technical Officer Transport Projects)
		C Clarke	(Passenger Services Officer)
		P Ledingham	(Information Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Messrs	M Aves	(New Plymouth District Council)
		A Wilson	(New Plymouth District Council)
		A Wright	(Toll New Zealand)
Ms	E Shaw	(Ministry of Transport) from 10.50am	

One member of the media from 10.40am.

**Apologies** The apologies from Councillor D L Lean, Councillor B R Jeffares, Mr I May (Taranaki District Health Board), Inspector N Wynne (New Zealand Police) and Mrs S Foley (Toll New Zealand) were received and sustained.

**Notification of Late Items** There were no late items of business.

**1. Confirmed Minutes - Regional Land Transport Committee:  
13 March 2008**

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting held on Thursday 13 March 2008 at 1.30 pm.

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Cloke/Marsh

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**2. Passenger transport operational update**

- 2.1 The memorandum providing Members with an update on passenger transport operational matters was received and discussed by the Committee. The memorandum provided updates on: the New Plymouth Concession Fare Scheme; the progress in the implementation of the new Contract for bus services in New Plymouth commencing 1 July 2008; the South Taranaki Transport Services trials; the Inglewood to New Plymouth Services trial; the next step in the Passenger Services four trial services; the Total Mobility ID card system and the Total Mobility \$10 flat rate payment.

**Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the update on the New Plymouth Concession Fare Scheme Agreement passenger's services trial
2. receives and notes the update on the New Plymouth services Contract commencing 1 July 2008
3. receives and notes the update on the Inglewood to New Plymouth passenger's services trial
4. receives and notes the update on the South Taranaki passenger's services trial
5. receives and notes the update on the extension of the four passenger's services trials until 30 June 2009
6. receives and notes the update on the Total Mobility I.D Card System
7. receives and notes the update on the Total Mobility \$10 flat rate payment.

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Maxwell/Horton

**3. Passenger survey responses**

- 3.1 The Committee received and discussed the memorandum informing Members of the

results of passenger transport surveys undertaken in the 2007/2008 financial year for the Inglewood to New Plymouth, Waverley to Hawera, Opunake to Hawera and Opunake to New Plymouth bus services.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the 2007/2008 survey of passenger transport users in the Taranaki region.

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Marsh/Dodunski

## **4. Stock truck effluent disposal update**

- 4.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum providing the Committee with an update on issues pertaining to stock truck effluent disposal sites in the region.
- 4.2 Members noted and discussed the apparent overuse of the regions four stock truck effluent sites due to no disposal sites being available near the Taranaki regional boundary. The Committee endorsed the request of the Taranaki Stock Truck Effluent Disposal Working Party for Transit New Zealand to investigate sites for the Wanganui/Manawatu and Waikato regions.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes that correspondence has been sent by the Council on behalf of the Taranaki Stock Truck Effluent Disposal Working Party to Transit New Zealand noting concerns that no stock truck disposal sites have yet been installed near to Taranaki's regional boundaries.

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Cloke/MacLeod

## **5. Rail update**

- 5.1 The memorandum updating members on progress made by the Stratford to Okahukura Railway Line Working Party and providing information on the Government's recent purchase of the rail and ferry assets from Toll Holdings Limited was received and noted by the Committee.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes that a report has been developed by ONTRACK which investigates the condition and future usage of the SOL Line and that this report will be presented to the next Regional Land Transport Committee meeting

2. receives the information on the Government's recent purchase of the rail and ferry assets from Toll Holdings Ltd.

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Lawson/Edwards

## **6. State Highway 3 Working Party update**

- 6.1 The Committee received and discussed the memorandum providing an update to Members on the State Highway 3 Working Party following their meeting held 9 April 2008.
- 6.2 Members noted the concern of the State Highway 3 Working Party regarding the turning movements of vehicles into the Onaero Motor Camp on State Highway 3. The Committee agreed to send formal correspondence to Transit New Zealand and Transfield Services requesting improvements be made noting recent changes in use and increased vehicle movements at the Motor Camp.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the meeting notes of the State Highway 3 Working Party meeting held at the Awakino Bowling Club on 9 April 2008
2. notes the issues that the State Highway 3 Working Party is addressing through their continued advocacy and promotional initiatives
3. agrees to write to Transit New Zealand and Transfield Services requesting improvements be made to the Onaero Motor Camp entrance situated on State Highway 3, North Taranaki, noting recent changes in use and increased vehicle movements.

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Dodunski/Cloke

## **7. Waikato Inter Regional Transport Study**

- 7.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing to the Committee the development of an Inter Regional Transport Study for the Waikato Region that has linkages through to the Taranaki Region.
- 7.2 Environment Waikato has proposed the implementation of an inter-regional transport study to assess the appropriate land transport provision and network requirements in the future for Waikato and neighbouring regions. Such a study requires a collaborative approach between the Waikato, Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Taranaki Regional Council's, ONTRACK, Transit New Zealand and Land Transport New Zealand.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the development of an Inter Regional Transport Study for the Waikato Region

2. notes that the Study has implications for the Taranaki Region
3. agrees that the Regional Land Transport Committee for Taranaki be part of the Project Reference Group.

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MacLeod/Geraghty

## **8. Taranaki Regional Funding update**

- 8.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum providing an update to Members on the finalised Regional Funding Project Priority List sent to Land Transport New Zealand by the due date of 28 March 2008 and the amount of regional funds both allocated and spent within the Taranaki region to date.
- 8.2 Mrs R Orr, Land Transport New Zealand, advised that Land Transport New Zealand have supported the Committee's recommendations for R funding for 2008/2008.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the finalised Regional Funding Project Priority List sent to Land Transport New Zealand by the due date of 28 March 2008
2. notes the information provided by Land Transport New Zealand on the amount of Regional Funds currently allocated to Taranaki, what has been spent or allocated so far, and what is left over.

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Marsh/Cloke

## **9. New Plymouth Strategic Study update**

- 9.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum introducing to the Committee a report entitled Summary Report of Transport Issues and Options for the New Plymouth District Council (the Report) and a draft submission prepared on behalf of the Regional Land Transport Committee in response.
- 9.2 Mr A Wilson, New Plymouth District Council, provided a powerpoint presentation on the Report and Mr E Christiansen, Transit New Zealand, provided a presentation on the next steps of the report from the perspective if possible implementation and funding of the conclusions pertaining to the state highway network within the New Plymouth district.
- 9.3 Members conducted a general discussion on the Report and noted that any traffic control methods that could congest or slow down the flow of vehicles along the northern outlet from New Plymouth would require further consideration.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the development of a *Summary Report of Transport Issues and Options* for the *New Plymouth Strategic Transport Study*
2. receives a presentation from the New Plymouth District Council and Transit New Zealand on the *Summary Report of Transport Issues and Options* for the *New Plymouth Strategic Transport Study*
3. endorses the submission prepared by officers of the Taranaki Regional Council in response to the *Summary Report of Transport Issues and Options Report*, subject to comments made at the meeting.

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## **10. Land Transport Management Amendment Bill update**

- 10.1 The Committee received and noted the memorandum providing information to Members of the Transport and Industrial relations Select Committee Report (the Report) prepared in response to the submissions received on the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill (the Bill) and the implications of the Report on the Taranaki region.
- 10.2 Mr E Christiansen, Transit New Zealand, (as a follow-on from his powerpoint presentation in Item 9) and Mrs R Orr, Land Transport New Zealand, provided an update to the Committee on the changes to their respective organisations and the implications to the Regional Land Transport Committee of the Land Transport Amendment Bill expected to be passed into law by the end of June 2008.
- 10.3 The New Zealand Transport Agency comes into effect 1 July 2008 formed by combining the functions of Land Transport New Zealand and Transit New Zealand. Members noted and supported the inclusion of Taranaki into a central zone including Manawatu and other 'southern' regions. Members noted and agreed to advocate to the newly formed New Zealand Transport Agency to have a presence with the Taranaki region.
- 10.4 The Select Committee did not recommend any changes to the Bill in terms of committee membership and voting rights. The membership of the Committee will reduce from 19 to 12 members and will be reformed as a Regional Transport Committee before 1 October 2008. Committee Chairperson, Councillor R F H Maxwell, noted and thanked the Representative Members for their work and support during their term on the Committee.

### **Recommended**

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the changes made to the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill by the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee
2. notes the implications of this Select Committee Report on the Taranaki Region
3. notes that the 24 June 2008 Regional Land Transport Committee meeting is the last meeting to be held before membership changes, further to the requirements of the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill

4. agrees to advocate to the New Zealand Transport Agency to have a presence within the Taranaki region and that the Taranaki region be serviced from the south.

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## **11. Update from Land Transport New Zealand**

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

## **12. Update from each of the three District Councils**

- 12.1 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.

## **13. Update from New Zealand Police**

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

## **14. Update from Transit New Zealand**

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

## **15. 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 12.30 pm.

**Confirmed**

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

**Date:** **1 July 2008**