

Date 2 June 2021, 9am
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
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Present	Councillors	M McDonald	Taranaki Regional Council (Chairperson)
		T Cloke	Taranaki Regional Council
	Mayors	N Volzke	Stratford District Council
		P Nixon	South Taranaki District Council
	Councillor	H Duynhoven	New Plymouth District Council
	Ms	E Speight	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
Attending	Messrs	M Nield	Taranaki Regional Council
	Ms	S Hiestand	Taranaki Regional Council
	Ms	F Ritson	Taranaki Regional Council
	Miss	L Davidson	Taranaki Regional Council
	Ms	L Stewart	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
	Mr	R I'Anson	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
	Mr	S Bowden	Stratford District Council
	Mr	R Leitao	New Plymouth District Council
	Mr	S Knarston	New Plymouth District Council
	Mr	D Langford	New Plymouth District Council (<i>part meeting</i>)
	Ms	A Sanson	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
	Ms	S Downs	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (<i>part meeting</i>)
	Mr	P Ledingham	Taranaki Regional Council
	Inspector	A Gurney	NZ Police (<i>part meeting</i>)
	Sgt	A Wong-Too	NZ Police (<i>part meeting</i>)

One member of the media, Mr M Davey, Taranaki Daily News and submitters being heard.

Apologies There were no apologies received.

Notification of Late Items Ahititi Stock Effluent Disposal facility.

1. **Hearing of submissions on the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/22-2026/27**
 - 1.1 Councillor Mr MJ McDonald, spoke to the memorandum introducing the submissions on the draft *Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/22-2026/27* (the draft Plan), hear those submitters who wish to speak to their written submission and to recommend any changes to the Plan.
 - 1.2 The following submitters were heard by the committee:
 - **Kaitake Community Board** – Doug Hislop – Submission number 47
 - **Hiringa Energy** – Dion Cowley - Submission number 56
 - **Urs Signer** – Submission Number 35 (Zoom)
 - **NZ Automobile Association** – Ralph Broad – Submission number 37
(Councillor H Duynhoven, New Plymouth District Council, declared an interest in this submission as he is a member of the NZ Automobile Association)
 - **Taranaki Trails Trust** – Stacey Hitchcock and Charlotte Littlewood – Submission Number 38
 - **Barbara Hammonds** – Submission Number 44 (zoom)
 - **New Plymouth District Council** – Neil Holdom – Submission Number 46
 - **Sport Taranaki** – Andrew Moffat and Anna Crawford – Submission Number 51
 - **Climate Change Taranaki** – Emily Bailey – Submission Number 52 (Zoom)
 - 1.3 As NPDC have removed Wairau Road from their Long-Term Plan, all reference to it will be removed from the RLTP.
 - 1.4 Ms F Ritson, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the Officers report and a proposed track-changes copy of Section 4 [Strategic Framework] of the Plan. The following changes were made to the officer’s recommendations:
 - **Headline targets – Improving Safety** – A 40% reduction in deaths and serious injuries.
 - **Policies and measures (methods)**
 - **Objective 1** – Remove last two bullet points related to rail. It was noted that Councillor H Duynhoven, New Plymouth District Council was against this recommendation.
 - **Objective 3** – point 8 change the word contrasting to differing.
 - **Objective 3** – point 9 add “and be evidence based” to the end.
 - **Objective 6** – point 8 remove the reference to EV’s
 - **Objective 6** – point 10 remove reference to EV and use reference to low emission instead.
 - 1.5 Acknowledgement was given to the Policy Team especially Fiona Ritson for the work that she has put in to this process which was a lot more challenging that previous years.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives and acknowledges with thanks the submissions forwarded in response to the draft Plan
- b) adopts the recommendations contained within the attached Officer's Report subject to any changes requested by the Committee and, as a result of submissions, amends the draft Plan to give effect to those recommendations
- c) notes the amended Plan will then be adopted at the 29 June 2021 Ordinary Meeting
- d) notes that the adopted Plan must be submitted to Waka Kotahi by 30 June 2021.
Clove/Duynhoven

The meeting was adjourned at 12.25pm and reconvened at 12.45pm.

2. Confirmation of Minutes – 3 March 2021

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 10.30am
- b) notes that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee held at the Taranaki Regional Council on Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 10.30am, have been circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council for their receipt and information.

Clove/Nixon

Matters arising

- Mr R Leitao, New Plymouth District Council, provided an update on the Colson Road extension it was noted that the project is not safety related as there have been no accidents. The issues in that area are congestion issues. The first three years of the Long-Term Plan will look at the business case for the project.
- NZTA have no changes to the network planned in relation to the Egmont Road SH3 intersection.

3. Regional Transport Advisory Group Minutes

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the confirmed minutes of the Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on Wednesday 28 April 2021

- b) receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on Wednesday 12 May 2021.

Volzke/Nixon

Matters arising

- 28 April - STDC update - Nukumarū Station Road - Should be started next financial year.

4. State Highway 3 Working Group Minutes

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the unconfirmed minutes of the State Highway 3 Working Group meeting held on 23 April 2021 at 10.30am at the St Johns Rooms, Mokau.

McDonald/Duynhoven

Matters arising

It was noted that the Councillor M J Cloke and Mr R I Anson are to catch up regarding the prioritisation of the SH3 North improvements.

5. Active Transport (Walking and Cycling) Update

- 5.1 Ms L Beck, New Plymouth District Council provided a presentation on walking and cycling activities in the New Plymouth District.
- 5.2 Ms C Littlewood, Taranaki Trails Trust provided a verbal update on Trails Trust activities.
- 5.3 Ms S Downs, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Provided a presentation on Waka Kotahi activities.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- 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 verbal update provided by the Taranaki Trails Trust on their activities.
- c) receives with thanks the presentation provided by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on their activities.

Cloke/Duynhoven

6. Submissions for Endorsement

- 6.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum, seeking formal endorsement from the Committee on the following regional submissions that have been undertaken since the last meeting:
- Submission on *Waikato Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2051*
 - Submission on *Horizons Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021*
 - Transport-focused submission on the *Climate Change Commission Draft Advice 2021*.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the memorandum entitled *Submissions for endorsement*
- b) adopts the following submissions:
 - Submission on *Waikato Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2051*
 - Submission on *Horizons Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021*
 - Regional Transport Committee Submission on the *Climate Change Commission Draft Advice 2021*.

Volzke/Duynhoven

7. Future Transport Related Consultations by Government

- 7.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum, advising Members of other consultations underway that the Committee may wish to consider submitting on:
- *Hikina te Kohupara – Transport Emissions: Pathways to Net Zero by 2050*
 - *Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2021*
 - Public Transport Operating Model review.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the memorandum entitled *Future transport related consultations by Government*
- b) submits on the *Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2021*.

Cloke/McDonald

8. Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Update

- 8.1 Ms E Speight, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, introduced Ms Linda Stewart, who is the new Director Regional Relationships for Manawatu, Whanganui, Taranaki, Hawke's Bay and Gisborne.

- 8.2 Ms E Speight, provided a presentation updating the Committee on the Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency's activities nationally and regionally and answered questions arising.
- 8.3 Concerns were raised by the Committee around the setting of speed limits rule. Especially the current poor condition of the Taranaki State Highways.
- 8.4 The Mayoral Forum is having a meeting with Waka Kotahi Board deputy chair and it was suggested that the Regional Transport Committee Chairperson, Councillor M McDonald be invited to attend the meeting.
- 8.5 Committee Chairperson, Councillor M McDonald, thanked Ms E Speight for her participation in the Regional Transport Committee meetings over the past year.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives with thanks the presentation provided by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.
McDonald/Nixon

9. Territorial Authorities Updates

- 9.1 Mr S Bowden, Stratford District Council, spoke to the report updating the committee on transport activities within the Stratford District.
- 9.2 Mayor P Nixon, South Taranaki District Council, spoke to the report updating the committee on transport activities within the South Taranaki District.
- 9.3 Mr R Leitao, New Plymouth Council, spoke to the report updating the committee on transport activities within the New Plymouth District.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

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

10. Public Transport Operational Update for the Quarter Ending 31 March 2021

- 10.1 Ms S Hiestand, Transport Manager, spoke to the memorandum, providing members of the Regional Transport Committee with an operational report on public transport services for the quarter ending 31 March 2021.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the report *Public Transport Operational Report for the Quarter Ending 31 March 2021*
- b) notes the operational report of the public transport services for the quarter ending 31 March 2021.

Cloke/Nixon

11. Log Movement on Rail in Taranaki-Whanganui Feasibility Study Report June 2020

- 11.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum, providing the Committee with the commissioned report on the feasibility study undertaken to consider rail movement of logs in Taranaki as provided by Kiwirail in May 2021.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the Log Movement on Rail in Taranaki-Whanganui Feasibility Report June 2020.

McDonald/Volzke

12. General Business

12.1 Police Update

Inspector A Gurney, NZ Police provided a brief update to the committee on Police activities within the District. The following points were noted:

- There have been no road deaths in the Taranaki region in the last six months.
- Police presence on roads will be increased over Queens Birthday weekend.
- An exercise is being undertaken in conjunction with Z Inglewood over Queens Birthday Weekend. There will be police present at the fuel station as well as the potential for media to be around.
- There is a Bill going through parliament at the moment for Police to implement roadside drug testing. Once it has been confirmed it will be about 12 months before testing can start.

12.2 Ahititi Stock Effluent Disposal

Ms E Speight, Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, provided an update on the Ahititi Stock Effluent Disposal facility:

- The current facility will be closed as the resource consent has expired.

- The cost estimate that came in was significantly over the budget approved for the project. The team are currently working through the budget and design.
- Elected members expressed serious concerns around the site being closed. This could cause overflows from trucks on to roads which poses a massive safety risk and urged Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency to work options to have the facility available at the site until the new facility is complete.

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor M J McDonald, declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 3.33pm.

Confirmed

**Taranaki Regional Transport
Committee Chairperson:** _____

M J McDonald

Wednesday 1 September 2021