



**Date** 3 March 2021, 10.30am  
**Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford  
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<b>Present</b>	Councillors	M McDonald	Taranaki Regional Council (Chairperson)
		T Cloke	Taranaki Regional Council ( <i>zoom</i> )
	Mayors	N Volzke	Stratford District Council
		P Nixon	South Taranaki District Council ( <i>zoom</i> ) <i>Left at 11.40am</i>
	Councillor	H Duynhoven	New Plymouth District Council
	Ms	E Speight	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
<b>Attending</b>	Messrs	M Nield	Taranaki Regional Council
	Ms	S Hiestand	Taranaki Regional Council
	Ms	F Ritson	Taranaki Regional Council
	Miss	L Davidson	Taranaki Regional Council
	Mr	S Bowden	Stratford District Council
	Mr	V Lim	South Taranaki District Council ( <i>zoom</i> )
	Mr	R Leitao	New Plymouth District Council
	Mr	S Knarston	New Plymouth District Council
	Ms	A Sanson	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency ( <i>zoom</i> )
	Ms	S Downs	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
	Mr	P Ledingham	Taranaki Regional Council
	Ms	M Webby	South Taranaki District Council
	Senior Sgt	R O'Keefe	NZ Police
	Inspector	A Gurney	NZ Police
	Sgt	A Wong-Too	NZ Police
<b>Apologies</b>	Apologies were received from Ross I'Anson (Waka Kotahi, NZ Transport Agency).		
<b>Notification of Late Items</b>	Update on the North Taranaki trip Ms E Speight, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, took in a truck.		

**1. Confirmation of Minutes – 2 December 2020**

**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 2 December 2020
  - b) notes that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee held at the Taranaki Regional Council on Wednesday 2 December 2020 at 11.00am, have been circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council for their receipt and information.
- Speight/Volzke

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**2. 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 Friday 18 December 2020
- b) receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on Wednesday 10 February 2021.

Nixon/Cloke

**Matters arising**

- 2.1 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency have just instigated a new regional structure. Sarah Downs (based in Wellington) is one of the new people who will be forming part of the regional leadership team, made up of four people, located in the Central North Island. Part of their roles and responsibilities will be to be engaged within the Taranaki region.
- 2.2 The main difficulty RTAG are having is getting timely and regular updates on State Highways, particularly projects. More Waka Kotahi staff being actually based in the Taranaki region would make a big difference in a number of ways, most specifically for building local knowledge and relationships.

**3. Annual Monitoring Report for 2019/20**

- 3.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum presenting Members with the Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21: Annual Monitoring Report for 2019/20.
- 3.2 Concerns were raised by New Plymouth District Council regarding the SHS Waitara to Bell Block project and the time this work is taking to get through the design phase. Ms E

Speight, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, will provide an update in her presentation regarding this.

- 3.3 Mr R Leitao, New Plymouth District Council, clarified that NPDC have included in their Long-Term Plan provisions for an extension of Colson Road to help provide ease of movement at the Egmont Road intersection.
- 3.4 The lack of progress on the SH3 Waitara to Bell Block safety improvements is of concern to all councils throughout the Region as this is a major road with significant ongoing safety issues.

#### **Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives and adopts the Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21: Annual Monitoring Report for 2019/20
- b) notes that annual monitoring and reporting of the RLTP is time consuming and no longer considered fit for purpose for reviewing implementation of the RLTP
- c) agrees that Council discontinue annual reporting in favour of quarterly monitoring and reporting to the Committee from those organisations contributing to the RLTP in accordance with the new monitoring framework specified in the Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2021-27
- d) notes and agrees that the attached Annual Monitoring Report will be the last of its kind for the RLTP monitoring and reporting purposes.

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#### **4. Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 – draft for consultation**

- 4.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members’ consideration the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/22-2026/27 and seeking adoption of the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/22-2026/27 for public consultation.
- 4.2 No substantive changes to the draft Plan were proposed. Some minor changes were discussed, including that an amendment be made to the Rail network section, Page 12 of the Plan, to include wording clarifying that investment would be required to get the eastern Rail network up to a safe standard. Officers will continue finalising the document ready for release for public consultation from 11 March 2021 to 13 April 2021.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 – draft for consultation and draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021*
- b) notes that a workshop with the Committee and Regional Transport Advisory Group was held to confirm key aspects of the draft *Regional Land Transport Plan 2021* on Monday 22 February 2021
- c) agrees that the draft *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2021*:

- contributes to the purpose of the LTMA, which is to contribute to an effective, efficient, and safe land transport system in the public interest
  - is consistent with the 2021 Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS 2021)
  - has taken into account:
    - relevant national and regional policy statements or plans under the *Resource Management Act 1991*
    - the *National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy*
    - likely funding from any source
  - has considered (during its development) alternative regional land transport objectives that would contribute to the purpose of the LTMA, and the feasibility and affordability of those alternative objectives
- d) agrees to the recommended priority ordering of activities included in Table 6 of the draft *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2021*, subject to any changes agreed by the Committee
- e) adopts the draft *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2021* for public consultation, subject to any changes agreed by the Committee.

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## 5. Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Update

- 5.1 Ms E Speight, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, gave a presentation providing the Committee with an update on Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's activities nationally and regionally.

*Mayor P Nixon, South Taranaki District Council, left at 1140am*

- 5.2 It was clarified that Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency do not approach land owners regarding land acquisitions until the design is confirmed as they do not know how much land will be required.
- 5.5 Ms E Speight provided an update on the Mt Messenger Bypass project. The Environment Court provided an interim decision that was then appealed to the High Court. The High Court then heard the appeal and declined that appeal which was then reverted back to the Environment Court. If that decision is not appealed Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency expects a decision in March.
- 5.8 Mayor N Volzke, thanked Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for the work carried out to replace the SH43 Pohokura culvert.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives with thanks the presentation provided by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

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**6. Regional Road Safety Update**

- 6.1 Ms M Webby, Road Safety Co-ordinator and Snr Sgt R O'Keefe, NZ Police, gave a presentation providing an update on the road safety activities in the region coordinated by the Taranaki Road Safety Action Planning Group.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives and notes with thanks the update on road safety activities in the region provided by representatives of the Taranaki Road Safety Action Planning Group.

Moved/Seconded

**7. Territorial Authorities Update**

- 7.1 Mr R Leitao, New Plymouth District Council, spoke to his report and answered questions arising.
- 7.2 Mr S Bowden, Stratford District Council, spoke to the report and answered questions arising.
- 7.3 Mr V Lim, South Taranaki District Council, spoke to the report and answered questions arising.

**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.

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**8. Public Transport Update for the Quarter Ending 31 December 2020**

- 8.1 Mr S Hiestand, Contracts and Relationships Manager – Public Transport, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum providing members with an operational report on public transport services for the quarter ending 31 December 2020.
- 8.2 An application has been received for a Total Mobility Service provider in Stratford. Ms S Hiestand is meeting with the applicant next week to check eligibility.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives and notes the operational report of the public transport services for the quarter ending 31 December 2020.

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**9. Climate Change Commission Consultation on Draft Advice**

- 9.1 Ms F Ritson, Senior Policy Analyst, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum advising the Committee of the release of the Climate Change Commission's draft advice to Government for consultation.
- 9.2 The Committee requested that a submission be drafted by officers and circulated for their feedback. It was noted that fundamental changes to investment and behaviour are required, and there will be significant challenges for the National Land Transport Fund. Submission points for inclusion were discussed, including the lack of overall national strategy inhibiting change; the need for lead infrastructure (e.g. EV charging stations) to support the mode shift changes required; and funding support for such infrastructure.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum, Climate Change Commission consultation on draft advice
- b) notes the consultation period on the Climate Change Commission's draft advice to the Government has been extended to 28 March 2021.

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**10. General Business**

- 10.1 Ms E Speight provided an update on her drive on North Taranaki roads in a truck.

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor M J McDonald, declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 1.22pm.

**Confirmed**

**Taranaki Regional Transport  
Committee Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**M J McDonald**

**Wednesday 2 June 2021**