



Date 1 December 2021, 10.30am
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
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Present

Councillors	M McDonald	Taranaki Regional Council (Chairperson)
	M Cloke	Taranaki Regional Council (late)
Mayor	N Volzke	Stratford District Council
Mayor	P Nixon	South Taranaki District Council
Councillor	H Duynhoven	New Plymouth District Council
Ms	L Stewart	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

Attending

Mr	M Nield	Taranaki Regional Council
Ms	S Hiestand	Taranaki Regional Council zoom
Ms	F Ritson	Taranaki Regional Council
Ms	S Downs	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
Mr	S Bowden	Stratford District Council
Mr	R Leitao	New Plymouth District Council zoom
Mr	V Lim	South Taranaki District Council
Mrs	E Borrows	South Taranaki District Council
Senior Sgt	R O'Keefe	NZ Police
Inspector	A Gurney	NZ Police
Mr	R Broad	AA Taranaki
Mr	P Ledingham	Taranaki Regional Council
Ms	K Humphrey	Taranaki Regional Council
Miss	L Davidson	Taranaki Regional Council

One member of the media.

Apologies There were no apologies received.

Notification of Late Items Councillor H Duynhoven, requested to have a discussion on road patrols.
 Mayor N Volzke wished to bring a letter received from the Stratford A&P Association to the attention of the Committee.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 1 September 2021

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee meeting held audio-visual link (zoom) on Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 10.30am
- b) notes that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee held audio-visual link (zoom) on Wednesday 1 September 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.

Cloke/Duynhoven

Matters arising

- 1.1 SH3 Prioritisation List – Councillor T Cloke, Waka Kotahi representatives met last Friday and undertook a drive of SH3 looking at the prioritisation list and adding new items. There are some items that need consultation with iwi. It was agreed that a finalised list can be brought back to the Committee early in 2022 for consideration.
- 1.2 Ahititi Stock Effluent Facility – The site continues to be operational with effluent being trucked offsite. The new tanks are not yet installed.

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 Wednesday 3 November 2021.

Cloke/Volzke

Matters arising

- 2.1 SH3 Egmont Village to Hāwera Feasibility study – It was clarified that this feasibility study has not yet started but is scheduled for 2022.
- 2.2 It was noted that three years ago a safety study of SH3 was undertaken. This study never went through to final endorsement but it is being used as a base for the current safety studies.
- 2.3 It was clarified that the Speed & Safety reviews for SH3 New Plymouth to Egmont Village are currently out for engagement Waka Kotahi have not stated any particular speeds for any areas of highway. The timeframe for this to be finalised is the end of 2022.
- 2.4 The Committee would like a submission to Waka Kotahi drafted on the safety and speed reviews and emailed out to the Committee for comment before it is submitted.

3. State Highway 3 Working Group Minutes - 8 October 2021

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the unconfirmed minutes of the State Highway 3 Working Group meeting held on 8 October 2021 at 10.30am via audio-visual link (Zoom).
Duynhoven/Volzke

- 3.1 Councillor Duynhoven raised the slow vehicle passing bay in Mokau noting that we do not want the item to get lost.

4. Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Update

- 4.1 Ms L Stewart, Director Regional Relationships, Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, gave a presentation updating Members on activities of the Agency.
- 4.2 SH3 Inglewood to Midhirst should be completed by the end of next week, weather depending. The Committee expressed their thanks to Waka Kotahi for getting the work done and noted that the detour was well signposted with speed limit signage. Thanks was also extended to the Police team for their efforts on the detour.
- 4.3 Safety review SH3 New Plymouth to Egmont village – Concerns were raised around the lack of access to the crematorium if travelling from the south and trying to turn in to the crematorium, people would have to go up to the roundabout to turn around. It is usually not just a few vehicles it is a whole funeral procession.
- 4.4 Waka Kotahi would like to facilitate a workshop regarding visibility across the RLTP and council programmes. Wednesday 9 February 2022 was suggested as it is the first RTAG meeting for the year.
- 4.6 Forestry - It was noted that LGNZ have done a lot of work in this space. A number of councils in the Lower North Island formed a group to fund a study. Waka Kotahi will connect with them to utilise information from their study.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives with thanks the presentation and the detailed updates provided by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.
McDonald/Volzke

5. Territorial Authorities Update

- 5.1 Mr S Bowden, Stratford District Council, spoke to the report updating the committee on transport activities within the Stratford District. The following points were noted:
 - The emergency culvert replacement on Manaia Road had to be replaced with a culvert that was over twice its original in order for it to comply with regulatory changes. The cost of this will be around \$300,000 which is a huge cost and will become an affordability issue for Councils in the future.
 - Mayor N Volzke tabled a letter he had received from the Stratford A&P association raising safety concerns around the Flint road/SH3 intersection. Some of the concerns raised sit with Waka Kotahi and some with the District Council. A

meeting will be set up with Waka Kotahi to discuss further. The letter will be emailed out to the Committee.

- 5.2 Councillor H Duynhoven raised issues around motorist behaviour, he had received a number of complaints to him about poor driving. Councillor H Duynhoven will contact Senior Sgt R O'Keefe, NZ Police.

Councillor H Duynhoven left at 12.09pm

- 5.3 Mr V Lim, South Taranaki District Council, spoke to the report updating the committee on transport activities within the South Taranaki District.
- 5.4 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.

McDonald/Nixon

6. Public Transport Operational Update for the Quarter Ending 30 September 2021

- 6.1 Ms S Hiestand, Transport Manager, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum providing members with an operational report on public transport services for the quarter ending 30 September 2021.
- 6.2 Passenger transport services across the region have been impacted hugely in the last year, the impacts were not as bad as originally thought and they have started to bounce back slightly.
- 6.3 Over the next few years public transport will see increases in policy direction and growth in services. Transport are working closely with Waka Kotahi and the New Plymouth District Council. The New Plymouth District Council CBD Plan will encourage alternative transport options including public transport.
- 6.4 Recovery from the first lockdown in April 2020 was significantly slower than the recent August 2021 lockdown. There were a lot of vulnerable people moved off public transport to a discounted taxi service.
- 6.5 Throughout December there will be three free services run in to New Plymouth as well as some free services operating within New Plymouth.
- 6.6 The Your Connector services for Dialog were postponed due to the SH3 roadworks. This has now been rescheduled to start on Monday. One of the buses was utilised to transport staff from New Plymouth to the OMV site. There has been more interest in these types of services from large organisations in Taranaki.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the memorandum *Public Transport Operational Report for the Quarter Ending 30 September 2021*.

Cloke/Volzke

7. Transport policy updates

- 7.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum updating Members on a range of transport policy matters.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the memorandum entitled *Transport policy updates*
- b) notes that more detailed updates on individual transport policy work streams will be brought to the Committee in due course.

Cloke/Nixon

8. Request to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/22-2026/27

- 8.1 Mr M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum seeking approval of a request to vary the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2021/22-2026/27*.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the memorandum, Request to vary the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2021/22-2026/27*
- b) agrees to the requested variation to the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2021/22- 2026/27*, made by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, to add a Property purchase phase to the SH3 Waitara to Bell Block project
- c) notes this variation to the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2021/22-2026/27* and forwards it on to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

Cloke/Nixon

9. General Business

- 9.1 Senior Sgt. R O'Keefe, NZ Police, provided a brief update from the NZ Police, The following points were noted:

- Taranaki is on track for a low fatals year with two fatalities to date.
- A lot of good work has been going on with staff patrolling in the right areas.
- Taranaki Police have been involved in border controls at Mokau and some were sent to Hamilton to work at border controls there.
- Road Safe Taranaki - Over the Christmas period spotters will be out taking down details of drivers who are not following road rules e.g. not stopping and stop signs. They will be sent a letter advising of this but will not be infringed.

9.2 Ms L Stewart, Waka Kotahi, informed that an EV Charging station is being installed in Mokau. It is a ChargeNet station so can be used by all EV's.

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor M J McDonald, thanked the Committee for their excellent work throughout the year and declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 12.35pm.

Confirmed

**Taranaki Regional Transport
Committee Chairperson:** _____

M J McDonald

Wednesday 2 March 2022