

Date: 2 March 2022, 10.30am
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
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Present	Councillors	M McDonald	Taranaki Regional Council (Chairperson)
		H Duynhoven	New Plymouth District Council <i>zoom</i>
	Mayors	P Nixon	South Taranaki District Council <i>zoom</i>
		N Volzke	Stratford District Council
	Ms	L Stewart	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency <i>zoom</i>
Attending	Mr	M Nield	Taranaki Regional Council
	Ms	S Hiestand	Taranaki Regional Council <i>zoom</i>
	Ms	S Downs	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency <i>zoom</i>
	Mr	D Cross	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency <i>zoom</i>
	Mr	S Bowden	Stratford District Council <i>zoom</i>
	Mr	R Leitao	New Plymouth District Council <i>zoom</i>
	Mr	S Knartson	New Plymouth District Council <i>zoom</i>
	Mr	V Lim	South Taranaki District Council <i>zoom</i>
	Mr	R Broad	AA Taranaki
	Miss	R Sweeney	Taranaki Regional Council
	Ms	K Humphrey	Taranaki Regional Council <i>zoom</i>
	Ms	F Ritson	Taranaki Regional Council <i>zoom</i>
	Mr	G Sykes	Egmont Village Community Representative
	Ms	J Coulson	Egmont Village Community Representative
	Mr	J Bullivant	Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport <i>zoom</i>
	Ms	M Willberg	Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport <i>zoom</i>

Apologies There were no apologies received.

Notification of Late Items There were no late items.

1. Deputation - Egmont Village Safety Improvements

- 1.1 Mr G Sykes & J Coulson gave a deputation to the Council regarding the Inglewood Safety Improvements in regards to traffic speed through Egmont Village and road noise impacting the Egmont Village School.
- 1.2 The committee asked for information on what plans the school or the Education Board had put in place for noise reduction such as acoustic barriers.
- 1.3 Ms L Stewart, Director Regional Relationships, Waka Kotahi, acknowledged the deputation and advised that it would be logical for the improvements needed at Egmont Village to be done as part of the planned safety improvement works. A safety assessment is planned which will feed into a feasibility study. It was advised that changing the speeds is a more complex as it has to go through a regulatory process to look at potential speed reduction.
- 1.4 Ms L Stewart, Director Regional Relationships, Waka Kotahi, acknowledged Ms J Coulson, Egmont Village Safety's request for engine break signs to be erected in the interim and advised that it was currently being investigated.

2. Confirmation of Minutes - 1 December 2021

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee meeting held at 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Wednesday 1 December 2021 at 10.30am
- b) notes that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee held at 47 Cloten Street, Stratford on Wednesday 1 December 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.
Duynhoven/Volzke

Matters arising

- 2.1 Councillor M J Cloke has been closely working alongside Ms S Downs, Portfolio Manager, Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, on the State Highway 3 prioritisation process, as such an update on the slow vehicle passing lane requested in Mokau and followed up on by Councillor H Duynhoven would be available in due course.

3. Regional Transport Advisory Group Minutes - 9 February 2022

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the confirmed minutes of the Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on Wednesday 9 February 2022.
Cloke/Nixon

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 Ms L Stewart advised that KiwiRail's participation in ongoing works with Waka Kotahi is particularly engaged and connected, working closely on the Rail Network improvement programme and advised that across the region they are resource constrained.
- 4.3 Ms L Stewart advised that consultation works alongside Councils was still needed to identify the most appropriate freight routes for the One Network Strategy.
- 4.4 The Committee gave overall feedback on the 'Road to 0' and that they were concerned the speed feels like the major tool to fix things as opposed to infrastructure.
- 4.5 The Committee raised concerned over the tar sealing around Inglewood generating a huge number of complaints and advised that the restricted speed signs linger for a duration of time after works have been completed and the roads swept.
- 4.6 Ms L Stewart advised that the primary reason for contractors leaving segments of the highway at restricted speeds is to try overcome some of the issues that are being experienced with resealing, as traffic is being used to do a lot of the rolling, in differing weather conditions speeds need to be reduced to allow the works to be 'bed in'.

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/Duynhoven

5. Territorial Authorities Update

- 5.1 Mr V Lim, South Taranaki District Council, spoke to the report updating the committee on transport activities within the South Taranaki District. It was noted:
 - Mr V Lim, South Taranaki District Council provided an update on the Stent Road washout permanent repair, advised that is scheduled to take place in the following weeks however further advised that they would work with the contractor to reprioritise the timelines.
- 5.2 Mr S Bowden, Stratford District Council, spoke to the report updating the committee on transport activities within the Stratford District. It was noted:
 - Mayor N Volzke stated that the Stratford District Council would endeavour to present to the committee members at the next meeting with detail around the proposed differential targeted rate for Forestry Owners, the current damage being done, how they would determine whether or not a property is a forestry property alongside further issues that arise.
 - Mayor P Nixon advised that South Taranaki would also like to submit figures in relation to damage caused by Forestry Owners, they are watching the targeted rate with interest to see the result for Stratford.
- 5.3 Mr R Leitao, New Plymouth Council, spoke to the report updating the committee on transport activities within the New Plymouth District. It was noted:

- The Webinar organised by Lawrence Yule that took place on 2 March 2022, can be provided to anyone who wishes by requesting through Mayor N Volzke or Mayor P Nixon.

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.

Nixon/Duynhoven

6. Public Transport Operational Update for the Quarter Ending 31 December 2022

- 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 31 December 2021.
- 6.2 Ms S Hiestand updated the councillors on the increased use of the Total Mobility Service, the users of this service that have health conditions have opted to use the services as opposed to buses in the height of the COVID-19 pandemic for increased safety.
- 6.2 The Committee noted that positive feedback has been received from users of the Hāwera to New Plymouth Service.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the memorandum *Public Transport Operational Report for the Quarter Ending 31 December 2021*.

Volzke/Duynhoven

7. Consultation on the review of the Road User Chargers System

- 7.1 Josh Bullivant, Graduate Adviser, Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport, spoke to the presentation to update Members on the review of the Road User Chargers (RUC) system.
- 7.2 The Committee advised that it wished to make a submission. The submission will be prepared and circulated for comment.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) receives the memorandum entitled *Consultation on review of the Road User Charges System*
- b) receives with thanks the presentation provided by the Ministry of Transport on the 2022 Road User Charges system consultation.

McDonald/Volzke

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor M J McDonald, thanked the Committee for their work and declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 12.41pm.

Confirmed

**Taranaki Regional Transport
Committee Chairperson:** _____

M J McDonald

Wednesday 1 June 2022