



MINUTES Regional Transport



Date:	5 June 2025	
Venue:	Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford	
Document:	TRCID-1492626864-810	
Present:	A Jamieson	Taranaki Regional Council (Chairperson)
	T Cloke	Taranaki Regional Council
	N Volzke	Stratford District Council
	P Nixon	South Taranaki District Council
	H Duynhoven	New Plymouth District Council
	L Stewart	Waka Kotahi
	A Russ	New Zealand Police
Attending:	M Nield	Taranaki Regional Council
	A Harris	Alt Stratford District Council
	L Hawkins	Taranaki Regional Council (zoom)
	F Ritson	Taranaki Regional Council
	N Chadwick	Taranaki Regional Council
	C Gazley	Taranaki Regional Council
	S Bowden	Stratford District Council
	S Knarston	New Plymouth District Council
	V Lim	South Taranaki District Council

The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 10.30am.

Apologies: No apologies were received.

1. Deputation

- 1.1 Sarah Lucas gave a deputation in relation to the lack of investment for improved safety measures of Inglewood and state highways.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) directed officers to prepare an acknowledgement letter of their deputation.

2. Confirmation of Minutes Regional Transport Committee – 13 March 2025

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport committee held at 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on 13 March 2025
- b) noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee meetings held at 47 Cloten Street, Stratford on 13 March 2025, have been circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council for their receipt and information.

Cloke/Nixon

3. Receipt of State Highway 3 Working Group Minutes

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the unconfirmed minutes of the State Highway 3 Working Group (SH3WG) meeting held Uruti Community Centre 1672 Mōkau Road, Mt Messenger, on 4 March 2025.

Cloke/Nixon

4. Receipt of Minutes Regional Transport Advisory Group – 8 May 2025

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the unconfirmed minutes of the Regional Transport Advisory Group (RTAG) meeting held at 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on 8 May 2025.

Cloke/Volzke

5. Regional Stock Effluent Strategy Review

- 5.1 F Ritson advised of the initiation of a process to complete a review of the Regional Stock Truck Effluent Strategy.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the memorandum, Regional Stock Truck Effluent Strategy review
- b) noted that a review of the Regional Stock Truck Effluent Strategy has been initiated for completion during the 2025/2026 financial year.

Nixon/Duynhoven

6. Forestry Impacts on Transport

- 6.1 F Ritson informed the Committee on potential actions to prepare for future forestry harvesting impacts and to determine the necessary actions.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the memorandum, Forestry impacts on transport
- b) approved Option (i) as being a comprehensive package of initial actions to guide decisions to reduce the future impacts of forestry on transport networks
- c) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- d) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Cloke/Volzke

7. Release of Public Transport Plan 2025

- 7.1 F Ritson advised of the release of the Regional Public Transport Plan 2025.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the memorandum, Release of Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035
- b) noted that the Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 guides the delivery of public transport services, information and infrastructure within the Taranaki region with particularly focus on the next three years
- c) noted that realising the ambitions for significant improvements to public transport in Taranaki remains dependent on funding becoming available.

Nixon/Duynhoven

8. Submission on Changes to Driver Licensing

- 8.1 F Ritson. provided an overview and requested approval for the submission to Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) on the proposed changes to the graduated driver licence system.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the memorandum, Submission on changes to driver licensing
- b) received and approved the submission prepared on the proposed changes to the driver licensing system, subject to any amendments requested by the Committee, and instructs staff to submit the submission
- c) noted that an amended *Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Rule 1999* is proposed to be in place by November 2025, with changes to the driver licensing system implemented by 1 July 2026
- d) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002

- e) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Cloke/Duynhoven

9. Correspondence and Information Items

9.1 F Ritson provided an update on information and correspondence received since the last meeting.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received and noted for information purposes the correspondence received from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on the outcome of the speed limit reversal consultation
- b) investigates through the Regulations Review Committee as to whether the decision regarding the affected section of State highway 3 complies with the road safety requirements of the Land Transport Safety Act
- c) noted the speed limits on the two sections of State Highway 3 between Waitara to Bell Block that were consulted on will both be reverting to 100km/h by 1 July 2025
- d) received and noted for information purposes the correspondence received from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on the outcome of the Emergency Works investment policies review in mid-2024
- e) noted that Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has decided to not make further changes to the investment policies for Emergency Works during the current funding period which goes through to 30 June 2027
- f) noted that the Emergency Works investment policies will be revisited for the 2027-2030 funding period.

Duynhoven/Cloke

10. Regional Land Transport Plan Implementation Updates

10.1 S Knartson, New Plymouth District Council provided an update on transport activities within the New Plymouth District.

10.2 V Lim, South Taranaki District Council, provided an update on transport activities within the South Taranaki district

10.3 S Bowden, Stratford District Council provided an update on transport activities within the Stratford District.

10.4 C Gazley, Taranaki Regional Council provided an update on public transport activities.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the update provided by the New Plymouth District Council on its transport activities
- b) received the update provided by the South Taranaki District Council on its transport activities
- c) received the update provided by the Stratford District Council on its transport activities
- d) received the update provided by the Taranaki Regional Council on public transport activities.

Volzke/Nixon

11. NZTA/Waka Kotahi Update

11.1 L Stewart, Waka Kotahi provided an update on regional and national activities.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the updates and presentations provided by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.

Duynhoven/Volzke

12. New Zealand Police Update

12.1 A Russ, New Zealand Police provided a verbal update on road fatalities in Taranaki.

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor A L Jamieson declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed with Karakia at 12.43pm.

Regional Transport

Committee Chairperson: _____

A L Jamieson