

**Minutes of the Regional Transport
Committee Meeting of the Taranaki
Regional Council, held in the Taranaki
Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road,
Stratford on Wednesday 1 June 2016
commencing at 11.00am.**



Members	Councillor	C S Williamson	(Committee Chairperson)
	Councillor	R F H Maxwell	(Committee Deputy Chairperson)
	Councillor	H Dodunski	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Mayor	N Volzke	(Stratford District Council)
	Mayor	R Dunlop	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Ms	R Bleakley	(NZ Transport Agency)
Attending	Councillor	M J Cloke	
	Messrs	M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		C B Clarke	(Transport Services Manager)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy & Strategy Manager)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Mrs	F Ritson	(Policy Analyst)
	Mrs	K Watt	(Passenger Transport Officer)
	Messrs	R I Anson	(NZ Transport Agency)
		N Walker	(NZ Transport Agency)
		V Lim	(South Taranaki District Council)
		B Manning	(South Taranaki District Council)
		C Whittleston	(New Plymouth District Council)
		S Bowden	(Stratford District Council)
	Ms	M Webby	(Roadsafe Taranaki)
	Snr Sgnt	A Whaley	(New Zealand Police)
Sgnt	G White	(New Zealand Police)	

One Member of the Media.

Apologies There were no apologies.

Notification of Late Items There were no late items of general business.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 9 March 2016

Resolved

THAT the Regional Transport Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations and confidential minutes and recommendations of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of the

Taranaki Regional Council, held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 11.00am

2. notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 5 April 2016.

Williamson/Maxwell

Matters arising

Deputation to the Regional Transport Committee – Sarah Ashworth and Esther Kirk

The Committee requested an update on progress towards the proposal to reduce the speed limit at Oakura following the deputation to the Committee on 9 March 2016. Noted to the Committee was the development of a new 200-lot subdivision at Oakura and whether the increase in traffic will impact on the area under scrutiny. The NZ Transport Agency advised the Committee that discussions have been held with the New Plymouth District Council regarding the speed limit proposal and the potential increase in traffic in the area. A safety review of the area is currently being undertaken by the Agency that will be reported back to the Committee at the next meeting.

2. Minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group

- 2.1 The unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group (RTAG) meeting held on Wednesday 11 May 2016 were received and noted.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives for information purposes the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on Wednesday 11 May 2016.

Maxwell/Dunlop

SH43 – sealing

Mayor N Volzke, Stratford District Council, noted the matter of punctures on SH43 being noted and discussed by the Regional Transport Advisory Group and that the NZ Transport Agency would investigate this matter with the roading maintenance contractor. Mayor Volzke concurred that due to a decrease in the quality of the unsealed portion of SH43, vehicle punctures were becoming more common. The Agency noted that action would be taken on this matter.

There was wider discussion on the viability and costs of completing the sealing of SH43, estimated at around \$9M. The Committee recalled receiving an estimation of costs in 2012 of \$1M for the re-sealing and sought clarification on the variances between the two estimates. The Committee noted to the Agency that sealing all of SH43 was a roading project that was important to the regional community to be completed at some stage in the near future.

3. Notes of the State Highway 3 Working Party

- 3.1 The unconfirmed notes of the State Highway 3 Working Party meeting held on Thursday 14 April 2016 were received and noted.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives for information purposes the unconfirmed notes of the State Highway 3 Working Party meeting held on Thursday 14 April 2016.

Dodunski/Bleakley

General – SH3 North

Discussion was held with the NZ Transport Agency regarding concerns on the condition of the road surface on SH3 North which has deteriorated following recent heavy rain making the road hazardous for motorists. The Agency advised the Committee that a new study of the SH3 route (in preparation for the new SH3 North roading projects) is currently being undertaken that will include road surface improvements and maintenance. It was agreed that the Agency will report back to the Committee on this matter via an email update.

Taranaki Regional Transport Committee visit to Waikato 14-15 April 2016

Committee Chairperson, C S Williamson, provided an update to the Committee on the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee visit to the Waikato region 14-15 April which was very informative and well received by participants.

4. Request to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/16-2020/21

- 4.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum seeking approval of a request from the New Zealand Transport Agency for a variation to the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 – 2020-21* (Taranaki RLTPlan).
- 4.2 The Government has announced additional accelerated funding for a bypass of Mount Messenger on State Highway 3 (SH3). The new project needs to be included within the Taranaki RLTPlan in order to be progressed. The Transport Agency has therefore lodged a request to vary the current RLTPlan.
- 4.3 The Committee noted and encouraged the NZ Transport Agency to engage early with affected communities, including Iwi (Ngāti Tama) and landowners re the new Mount Messenger Bypass roading project to avoid any misunderstanding or misrepresentation going forward. The Agency advised the Committee that a stakeholder engagement plan for the project is being developed that will be reported back to the next meeting.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum, Request to vary the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*
2. agrees to the requested variation to the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*, made by the New Zealand Transport Agency, to add the following project:
 - SH3 Mount Messenger Bypass
3. adopts this variation to the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21* and forwards it on to the New Zealand Transport Agency.

Maxwell/Dunlop

5. New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Report

- 5.1 Ms R Bleakley, New Zealand Transport Agency, spoke to the Regional Report updating Members on Agency news and activities.
- 5.2 Members of the Committee raised a number of matters with the Agency as follows:

Programme Business Case: Bell Block to Waitara Investigation

The Committee noted that the Agency has recently completed the programme business case with a report outlining recommendations on how the next phases of the business case should proceed being approved by the Agency on 12 May 2016. Members requested copies of the report and these were able to be printed off and distributed at the meeting.

Point of Entry Case: Safe Roads Alliance – New Plymouth to Hawera

Councillor H Dodunski, New Plymouth District Council, requested the investment logic mapping workshop, to be held later in June 2016, include Durham Road and Dudley Road intersections into SH3, citing safety concerns being raised by the local community.

SH3 Vickers to City

Councillor H Dodunski, New Plymouth District Council, advised of concerns regarding the uneven and damaged road surface along the Vickers to City new roading corridor. It was noted that the Agency will email a response back to the Committee through the Chairperson regarding this matter together with the next 12 months maintenance schedule planned for the area. The Committee will be kept informed of details of the official opening once a date has been confirmed.

Maintenance and Operations

Mayor N Volzke, Stratford District Council, relayed concerns on the safety and reliability of SH43 following the June 2015 weather event. A recent Whangamomona residents' meeting with the SDC highlighted community concerns on the number of uncompleted works along the state highway and the likelihood of further slippages that may occur during the forthcoming winter months resulting in road closures.

Mr R I Anson, NZ Transport Agency, *tabled* a State Highways Central Region Flood Repair Update for Taranaki that included the current status of slips and under-slips along SH43. The Agency provided an assurance that repairs were close to being finalised and that the state highway would continue to be maintained and kept open. It was suggested that an information leaflet be sent to affected road users along the route to keep them updated on road repairs progress.

Mayor Volzke also sought discussion on the condition of the road surface on SH3 at the approaches to the roundabouts in Stratford, in particular the southern roundabout. The road surface has deteriorated further with heavy rain. Recent repairs to the potholes have not been successful. It was agreed that the Agency would report back to the SDC (Mayor Volzke) regarding this matter.

Councillor H Dodunski, New Plymouth District Council, outlined to the Agency a number of areas where road maintenance on state highways in the New Plymouth district may have been overlooked. It was noted to Councillor Dodunski to identify these areas and log a service request call with the Agency's customer management request system which can then be followed up and actioned accordingly.

Councillor H Dodunski further noted ongoing concerns around the safety and efficiency of the Moturoa SH44 area (entry to Port Taranaki), and advised that the area needed to be revisited from all angles. A report back on this from the NZ Transport Agency was requested.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes and receives the Regional Report from the New Zealand Transport Agency dated 1 June 2016.

Dunlop/Volzke

6. Regional road safety update

- 6.1 Ms M Webby, Senior Sgnt A Whaley and Sgnt G White, Taranaki Road Safety Action Planning Group, provided an update/presentation to the Committee on road safety activities in the region.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

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

Dodunski/Dunlop

7. Presentation on the Hawera town centre revitalisation project

- 7.1 Mr B Manning, South Taranaki District Council, provided the Committee with a briefing on the South Taranaki District Council's project to revitalise the Hawera town centre (*Hawera Town Centre Strategy*).

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives with thanks and notes the presentation on the South Taranaki District Council's *Hawera Town Centre Strategy*.

Dunlop/Volzke

8. Passenger transport operational update for the quarter ending 31 March 2016

- 8.1 Mr C B Clarke, Transport Services Manager, spoke to the memorandum providing the Committee with an operational report of the public transport services throughout Taranaki as at 31 March 2016.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the operational report of the public transport services for the quarter ending 31 March 2016.

Volzke/Dodunski

9. General Business

There were no items of general business.

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor C S Williamson, declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 1.15pm.

Confirmed

Committee Chairperson: _____
C S Williamson

Date: 7 September 2016