

**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 2 December 2015
commencing at 10.30am.**



Members	Councillor	R F H Maxwell	(Committee Chairperson)
	Councillor	C S Williamson	(Committee Deputy Chairperson)
	Councillor	H Dodunski	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Mayor	N Volzke	(Stratford District Council)
	Councillor	M Powell	(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)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Mrs	F Ritson	(Policy Analyst)
	Ms	K Watt	(Passenger Transport Officer)
	Mrs	D Toombs	(Transport Administration Officer)
	Mr	P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)
	Messrs	D McGonigal	(NZ Transport Agency)
		R I Anson	(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)
	Sgnt	G White	(NZ Police)
	Ms	M Becroft	(Ministry of Transport)
	Mr	D Greig	(Ministry of Transport)
	Ms	J Johnson	(New Plymouth District Council)
Ms	A Crawford	(New Plymouth District Council)	
Apologies	The apology from Mayor R Dunlop (South Taranaki District Council) was received and sustained.		
Notification of Late Items	There were no late items of general business.		

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 7 October 2015

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 7 October 2015 at 10.30am
2. notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 3 November 2015.

Maxwell/Volzke

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group

- 2.1 The minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group (RTAG) meeting held on Wednesday 18 November 2015 were received and noted.
- 2.2 In relation to the Indicative Business Case report (SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Investigation Project), Ms R Bleakley, NZ Transport Agency, advised the Committee that the report is still working through a process within the Agency but is progressing towards being available for release publically.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives for information purposes the confirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on Wednesday 18 November 2015

Maxwell/Powell

3. Request to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/2021

- 3.1 The memorandum seeking approval of a request from the South Taranaki District Council (STDC) for a variation to the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 – 2020/21* (RLTPlan) was considered.
- 3.2 Mr V Lim, South Taranaki District Council, provided a presentation to the Committee on the proposed variation being an extension of Nukumarū Station Road as an alternative route to Waiinu Beach and the Silver Fern Farm Waitotara processing plant. The proposed extension is a new 6km road from the end of Nukumarū Station Road to Waiinu Beach with the existing Limeworks Bridge on Waiinu Beach Road eventually being removed.

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 South Taranaki District Council, to include the following project:
 - Nukumarū Station Road Extension
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 for their consideration and approval for co-investment.

Maxwell/Dodunski

4. New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Report

- 4.1 Ms R Bleakley, New Zealand Transport Agency, spoke to the Regional Report updating Members on Agency news and activities and deliverables from the current National Land Transport Programme.
- 4.2 Ms Bleakley noted to the Committee that Mr Fergus Gammie has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the NZ Transport Agency and he will take up his position on 1 March 2016. Mr Dave Brash will act as Chief Executive over the interim period from 18 December 2015 until Mr Gammie's employment commences.
- 4.3 Mr D McGonigal, NZ Transport Agency, provided an update to the Committee on the Normandy Overbridge Realignment Project. An archaeological site has been uncovered at the south end of the project site. The NZ Transport Agency is following their internal protocol in dealing with this matter involving the local Iwi of the area and Heritage New Zealand. Work around the site has been halted while investigations are undertaken by an expert archaeological team. All other site works are continuing and it is not expected to delay the completion of the project.
- 4.4 The Committee were advised that the next phase of the Bell Block to Waitara investigation project was to develop a Programme Business Case. Workshops will continue with key stakeholders to help shape the overall project. The Committee expressed desire to see opportunities to provide input from the key stakeholders into the project at a local/regional level continue and that public consultation commence on the design options at an early stage.
- 4.5 Mayor N Volzke, Stratford District Council, requested that up to date information and timing on the maintenance and repairs of Taranaki's state highway networks, particularly SH43 post the June 2015 regional flooding event, be made available to affected communities where works are being carried out. It was advised that the NZ Transport will respond to this request.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes and receives the Regional Report from the New Zealand Transport Agency dated 2 December 2015.

Maxwell/Volzke

5. Regional Road Safety Update

- 5.1 Mrs Marion Webby (Road Safety Co-ordinator) and Sergeant G White (Traffic Alcohol Group) of the Taranaki Road Safety Action Planning Group provided an update to the Committee on road safety activities in the Taranaki region.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

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

Maxwell/Williamson

6. Ministry of Transport presentation on its Strategic Policy Programme

- 6.1 Ms M Beacroft and Mr D Greig, Ministry of Transport, provided a presentation to the Committee on the Ministry's Strategic Policy Programme.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes and receives with thanks the presentation provided by representatives of the Ministry of Transport on its Strategic Policy Programme.

Maxwell/Bleakley

7. New Plymouth District Blueprint

- 7.1 Ms J Johnson, New Plymouth District Council, provided a presentation to the Committee on the New Plymouth District Council's development of the New Plymouth District 30-year Blueprint and how it will inform the review of the Council's District Plan on issues relevant to transport planning.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes with thanks the presentation provided by Juliet Johnson, New Plymouth District Council, on the New Plymouth District 30-year Blueprint.

Maxwell/Williamson

8. Passenger transport operational update for the quarter ending 30 September 2015

- 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 30 September 2015.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the operational report of the public transport services for the quarter ending 30 September 2015.

Volzke/Dodunski

9. General Business

Invitation to the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee to visit the Waikato Regional Transport Committee

The Committee noted that the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee has been issued an invitation from the Waikato Regional Transport Committee to visit the Waikato region in late March/early April 2016 to reciprocate the visit by the Waikato RTC to Taranaki earlier this year. Interest and availability in the tour will be gauged in early 2016.

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor R F H Maxwell, declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 12.35pm.

Confirmed

Committee Chairperson: _____
R F H Maxwell

Date: **9 March 2016**