

**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 6 September 2017 commencing at
11.00am.**



Members	Councillor	C S Williamson	(Committee Chairperson)
	Councillor	M J McDonald	(Committee Deputy Chairperson)
	Councillor	H Duynhoven	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Mayor	N Volzke	(Stratford District Council)
	Mayor	R Dunlop	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Mr	R I Anson	(NZ Transport Agency)
Attending	Councillor	M J Cloke	
	Messrs	M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)
		C B Clarke	(Transport Services Manager)
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)
	Mrs	F Ritson	(Policy Analyst)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Ms	L Rowland	(Digital Communications Co-ordinator)
	Mrs	R Smith	(Transport Administrator)
	Messrs	D Langford	(New Plymouth District Council)
		S Bowden	(Stratford District Council)
		V Lim	(South Taranaki District Council)
		B Dowsett	(NZ Transport Agency)
		C McKegg	(Safe Roads Alliance)
	Ms	J Stewart	(NZ Transport Agency)
	Ms	M Davison	(NZ Transport Agency)
	Ms	K Gyorak	(NZ Transport Agency)
Mrs	M Webby	(RoadSafe Taranaki)	
Snr Sgnt	R O'Keefe	(NZ Police)	

Mr Roger Maxwell

Apologies The apology from Ms P McLean (NZ Transport Agency) was received and sustained.

**Notification of
Late Items**

Item 11 Correspondence and information items – Mobile Black Spot Fund update

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 14 June 2017

Resolved

THAT the Regional Transport Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. takes as read and confirms the 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 14 June 2017 at 11.00am.
2. notes that recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 27 June 2017.

Williamson/McDonald

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 16 August 2017 were received and noted.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives for information purposes the minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on 16 August 2017

Duynhoven/I'Anson

3. Mid-term review of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/16 – 2020-21

- 3.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on the mid-term review of the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 – 2020-21* (the RLTP); noting and receiving the outputs from the Investment Logic Mapping (ILM) process undertaken as part of the interim review; and seeking support of minor changes proposed by the interim review to the strategic policy framework in Section 4, structure for the programme of activities within Section 5 and prioritisation process to follow for any regionally significant works.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Mid-term review of the Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*

2. notes that an externally-facilitated Investment Logic Mapping process has been undertaken with key stakeholders as part of the review of the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*
3. receives the investment relationship maps created as part of the Investment Logic Mapping process undertaken for the mid-term review of the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*
4. agrees to the minor changes proposed to the strategic policy framework within the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*
5. agrees to the proposed structure for the programme of activities within the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21* Plan and the proposed prioritisation process to follow for any significant works.

Duynhoven/Dunlop

4. New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Report

- 4.1 Mr R I Anson, NZ Transport Agency, spoke to the NZ Transport Agency's Quarterly Report to the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee updating Members on Agency news and activities.
- 4.2 A number of matters were discussed by the Committee including:
 - Sealing SH43 and reinstatement works timeline and progress
 - De Havilland Drive intersection and Airport Drive intersection proposed safety improvements in the Bell Block to Waitara project
 - road surface repairs/maintenance matters SH3 between Eltham and Hawera
 - sealing of Stratford plateau carpark (under special purpose roads). Stratford District Council has applied for funding and is waiting to hear back from NZ Transport Agency. The Committee will be provided an update on this matter in due course.
 - agreed list of actions for the Old Mountain Road (previous section of SH3 before Normanby Bridge Alignment project) before being handed back to South Taranaki District Council as a local road
 - culvert update at Lake Mangamahoe – repairs to SH3 and new culvert to be installed by NZ Transport Agency following recent heavy rainfall event.
- 4.3 Mr B Dowsett, NZ Transport Agency, provided a presentation to the Committee on State Highway Investment Proposal and Corridor Management Plan.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the Regional Report from the NZ Transport Agency dated 6 September 2017

Williamson/Duynhoven

5. New approach to speed management

- 5.1 Ms J Stewart and Ms M Davison, NZ Transport Agency, provided a presentation to the Committee on a new approach to speed management in New Zealand, including an overview of the *Speed Management Guide* and related activities.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the presentation on the *Speed Management Guide* and the new *Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2017* by the NZ Transport Agency.

McDonald/Dunlop

6. Regional road safety update

- 6.1 Ms M Webby, RoadSafe Taranaki, and Snr Sgt R O'Keefe, NZ Police, provided a presentation to the Committee from the Taranaki Road Safety Action Planning Group on road safety activities in Taranaki.

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.

McDonald/Volzke

7. SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Programme update

- 7.1 Mr C McKegg, Safe Roads Alliance, provided a presentation to the Committee on the Stage One and Stage Two Corridor Improvements Project as part of the SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger programme.

- 7.2 Mr R I'Anson, NZ Transport Agency, provided an update presentation to the Committee on the Mt Messenger Bypass project following the recent announcement by the Minister of Transport on the preferred bypass option that is due to be completed by 2021.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the update provided by Mr Campbell McKegg, Safe Roads Alliance, on the SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mount Messenger Programme – Corridor Improvements project.

Volzke/Williamson

8. Mobility as a Service presentation

- 8.1 Ms K Gyorgak, NZ Transport Agency, provided a presentation to the Committee on the Agency's Mobility as a Service (MaaS) work and the launch of the Choice App which is a key aspect of the MaaS work.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the presentation by staff of the NZ Transport Agency on Mobility as a Service.

Williamson/Duynhoven

9. SH43 improvements advocacy

- 9.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to ratify the recommendations proposed in the electronically circulated memorandum (SH43 Investigation Report 31 July 2017) and to discuss the next steps in the Committee's advocacy for improvements to State Highway 43.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. ratifies the recommendations contained in the Agenda Memorandum 'SH43 Investigation Report dated 31 July 2017' (Document #1907510), which were supported via email –
 1. receives the report *State Highway 43 Investigation* prepared by Abley Transportation Consultants
 2. notes the recommendations made in the *State Highway 43 Investigation* report, including :
 - a. The potential to upgrade the One Network Road Classification (ONRC) of SH43 from Secondary Collector to Primary Collector.
 - b. The NZ Transport Agency be asked to provide additional funding for the maintenance of SH43 in light of its increasing importance both as a key tourist route, and as a freight route.
 - c. The NZ Transport Agency investigate and implement measures for reducing the crash risk on SH43 including improved signage and road markings.
 - d. The Government be approached to fund the estimated \$7.6-\$8 million cost of sealing the remaining 12km unsealed section of SH43 as a contribution towards increasing the attraction of the region as a destination for tourists, and to maximise the potential benefits of the upgrading of the Taranaki Crossing day walk and other substantial investments in visitor offerings. As the tourism benefits would not be achieved until the sealing is completed, the sealing should be undertaken over a single construction season.

3. agrees to provide the *State Highway 43 Investigation* report to the Minister of Transport, local Members of Parliament and the NZ Transport Agency.
2. notes the correspondence providing the *State Highway 43 Investigation* report to the Minister of Transport, local Members of Parliament and the NZ Transport Agency
3. notes the response received from the Minister of Transport on the *State Highway 43 Investigation* report
4. requests that the NZ Transport Agency report back to the next (November 2017) Committee meeting on their response to the *State Highway 43 Investigation* report
5. consider what action the Committee would like to take in furthering the *State Highway 43 Investigation* report's recommendations.

McDonald/Volzke

10. Passenger transport operational update for the quarter ending 30 June 2017

- 10.1 Mr C B Clarke, Transport Services Manager, spoke to the memorandum providing the Committee with an operational report of the public transport services as at 30 June 2017.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the operational report of the public transport services for the quarter ending 30 June 2017
2. receives and notes the responses, provided by email on 4 July 2017, to Members queries regarding public transport services raised at the previous meeting.

Williamson/McDonald

11. Correspondence and information items

- 11.1 The memorandum updating Members on correspondence and information received since the last Committee meeting was noted.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives and notes for information purposes the following correspondence:
 - a. dated 19 June 2017, sent on behalf of the SH3 Working Party to the NZ Transport Agency, on the short-list of options being considered for the SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Corridor Improvements project
 - b. dated 21 June 2017, to the NZ Transport Agency, regarding concerns about state highway maintenance throughout the region
 - c. dated 28 June 2017, to the NZ Transport Agency, providing feedback on the draft 2018-21 State Highway Investment Proposal

- d. dated 28 June 2017, to the Chair of the Taranaki Regional Economic Development Strategy, providing feedback on potential transport projects for inclusion
- e. dated 3 July 2017, to the NZ Transport Agency, providing feedback on the draft Long Term Strategic View
- f. dated 13 July 2017, from the NZ Transport Agency, providing information on the Visiting Drivers Project
- g. dated 14 July 2017, from the NZ Transport Agency, providing a response to feedback on the draft 2018 Investment Assessment Framework
- h. *tabled*, Mobile Black Spot Fund announcement made on 30 August 2017 on the extension of mobile coverage for state highways and tourist areas.

Duynhoven/McDonald

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor C S Williamson, declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 2.10pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____
C S Williamson

Date **29 November 2017**