

**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 8 March 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)
	Ms	P McLean	(NZ Transport Agency)
Attending	Councillor	M J Cloke	
	Councillor	A Jamieson	(Stratford District Council)
	Messrs	M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)
		C B Clarke	(Transport Services Manager)
	Mrs	F Ritson	(Policy Analyst)
	Mrs	R Smith	(Transport Administration Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Messrs	R I Anson	(NZ Transport Agency)
		I Rossiter	(NZ Transport Agency)
		B Dowsett	(NZ Transport Agency)
		D Langford	(New Plymouth District Council)
		V Lim	(South Taranaki District Council)
		S Bowden	(Stratford District Council)

Apologies There were no apologies.

Notification of

Late Items There were no late items of business.

1. Minutes Regional Transport Committee meeting – 7 September 2016

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 7 September 2016 at 11.00am.
2. notes that the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in Taranaki

Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 11.00am were authenticated by the Committee Chairperson, C S Williamson, and the Taranaki Regional Council Chief Executive, B G Chamberlain, pursuant to Model Standing Orders.

Williamson/Volzke

Matters arising

New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Report

It was noted to the New Zealand Transport Agency that the webpage (<https://nzta.govt.nz/taranaki>) has not been updated since November 2016. The purpose of the webpage was to provide current information. The Committee believes the website should be regularly updated. The Agency advised the Committee that matters surrounding the webpage and the delay in uploading content have been resolved and email notifications will now be sent to key stakeholders announcing updates when they become available.

2. Minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group

- 2.1 The minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group (RTAG) meetings held on 5 October 2016 and 15 December 2016 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 5 October 2016
2. receives for information purposes the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on 15 December 2016.

Volzke/Dunlop

3. Notes of the State Highway 3 Working Party meeting

- 3.1 The notes of the State Highway 3 Working Party (SH3WP) meeting held on Thursday 8 September 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 8 September 2016.

Williamson/McDonald

4. Key functions and terms of reference for the Regional Transport Committee

- 4.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum advising Members of the Committee of the functions of the Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki, providing a Terms of Reference for the Committee for consideration and endorsement, advising Members of the functions of the Regional Transport Advisory Group for Taranaki, and providing a Terms of Reference for the Group for consideration and endorsement.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. notes the role of regional transport committees, as required by the *Land Transport Management Act 2003*
2. receives and endorses the Terms of Reference for the Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki
3. receives and endorses the Terms of Reference developed for the Regional Transport Advisory Group for Taranaki.

Williamson/Dunlop

5. New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Report

- 5.1 Ms P McLean, 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.

- 5.2 A number of matters were discussed by the Committee including:

- Progress/status of road improvements at Motorua (New Plymouth) on SH44
- State Highway reinstatement works, notably SH43, following the June 2015 flooding event
- State Highway 3 New Plymouth to Hawera corridor project
- Signage for tourism sites in region – the NZ Transport Agency will review concerns raised as to the adequacy and frequency of directional signs to tourist spots on the Taranaki state highway network.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

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

McDonald/Williamson

6. Transport Projects

- 6.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum informing the

Committee on matters of interest and current transport projects.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the information provided on the review of the Regional Stock Truck Effluent Strategy for Taranaki
2. receives and notes the information provided on the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018/19 – 2027/28
3. receives and notes the information provided on the Regional Land Transport Plan review
4. receives and notes the information provided on the State Highway 43 investigation. Williamson/Duynhoven

7. Request to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/2016 – 2020/2021

7.1 Mr R I Anson, NZ Transport Agency, spoke to the memorandum seeking approval of a request to vary the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21* (Taranaki RLTPlan):

- changes to phase costs and timing of an activity in the current *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21* – SH3 Hawera to New Plymouth

The request has received support from the Regional Transport Advisory Group. The request is not considered to trigger the significance policy in relation to plan variations that would require a public consultation process.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum, Requests to vary the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*
2. agrees to the requested update to the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*, made by the New Zealand Transport Agency, to add phases to the SH3 Hawera to New Plymouth project
3. adopts the variation to the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21* and agrees to forward it on to the New Zealand Transport Agency.

Volzke/McDonald

8. SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Programme update

8.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum providing an update to the Committee on the SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Programme and the two submissions made to the Awakino Gorge to Mount Messenger Programme Team.

8.2 The preferred options considered and chosen by the Taranaki Regional Council and the

State Highway 3 Working Party were endorsed by the Committee, being:

- Awakino Tunnel bypass - Option 2 - a bypass away from the Awakino Tunnel with two bridges
- Mt Messenger bypass - Option 3 - a 5.3km bypass route running further west of the existing highway.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum *SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Programme*
2. receives and notes for information purposes the submissions from the Taranaki Regional Council and SH3 Working Party on the *Awakino Gorge to Mount Messenger Programme*.

Williamson/Duynhoven

9. Correspondence and information items

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

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. notes that the Stratford District Council has chosen the Taranaki Regional Council Transport Committee to represent it in land transport planning matters for the area included in the Manawatu-Whanganui Region
2. receives and notes the information provided on the Government's expansion of broadband initiatives and creation of a Mobile Black Spot Fund, and the opportunity that this presents to improve cell phone coverage along State Highway 3 north in particular
3. receives and notes the information provided on the Small Passenger Services Reform 2017.

McDonald/Dunlop

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor C S Williamson, declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 12.10pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____

C S Williamson

Date

14 June 2017