

**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 29 November 2017 commencing at
11.00am.**



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| 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) |

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| Attending | Councillor | M J Cloke | |
| | Councillor | A Jamieson | (Stratford District Council) |
| | Messrs | B G Chamberlain | (Chief Executive) |
| | | 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) |
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| | Messrs | D Langford | (New Plymouth District Council) |
| | | S Bowden | (Stratford District Council) |
| | | V Lim | (South Taranaki District Council) |
| | R I'Anson | (NZ Transport Agency) | |

Apologies There were no apologies.

**Notification of
Late Items**

Correspondence and information items - inwards letter (28/11/17) New Plymouth District Council Office of the Mayor; update from the NZ Transport Agency re *2018/2021 Regional Land Transport Programmes* and the *National Land Transport Programme* (23/11/17).

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 6 September 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 6 September 2017 at 11.00am.

2. notes that recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 18 September 2017.

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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 18 October 2017 and 8 November 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 Wednesday 18 October 2017
2. receives for information purposes the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Council Transport Advisory Group meeting held on Wednesday 8 November 2017.

Duynhoven/Volzke

3. Regional Land Transport Plan Annual Monitoring Report for 2016/17

- 3.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum presenting to the Committee the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 – 2020-21 Annual Monitoring Report for 2016/17*.
- 3.2 Councillor H Duynhoven, New Plymouth District Council, queried the SH3 Waitara to Bell Block safety improvements timing. Mr R I'Anson, NZ Transport Agency, advised that once the detailed Business Case is finished in early 2018, an assessment will be made which is likely to bring implementation forward.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives and adopts the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 – 2020-21 Annual Monitoring Report for 2016/17*.

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4. Request to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 – 2020/21

- 4.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum seeking approval of a request to vary the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 – 2020-21* (Taranaki RLTPlan):

- add a new Single Phase Business Case – Surfacing SH43

This request was noted as being supported by the Regional Transport Advisory Group and is now brought before the Committee for consideration. This request is not significant enough to require going back out for public consultation.

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 NZ Transport Agency, to add a new Single Phase Business Case – Surfacing SH43
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.

Volzke/Dunlop

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

5.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum:

- to update the Committee on the mid-term review of the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21* (the RLTP or the Plan);
- to present a draft revised version of the Plan for the Committee’s consideration and feedback on any changes the Committee wishes to make, noting that there are a number of aspects of the Plan which are still evolving;
- to seek support of the updated Programme tables within Section 5 of the Plan –
 - proposed ‘business as usual’ activities in Section 5.1 (Table 3)
 - proposed ‘regionally significant’ activities in Section 5.3 (Table 4) including the assigned order of priority
 - activities programmed for future iterations of the Plan in Section 5.4 (Table 5)
 - activities included for future consideration in Section 5.5 (Table 6);
- to seek support of the revised Plan being circulated for targeted consultation, once the greyed areas have been updated as much as possible.

5.2 It was noted to the Committee that the Minister of Transport has signalled an intention to amend the draft *2018-2021 Government Policy Statement (GPS)* on Land Transport Funding to reflect the new Government’s immediate priorities. Changes have been made to 2018/21 Regional Land Transport Plan and National Land Transport Programme development timelines. With RLTPs needing to be consistent with the GPS for the corresponding period, further work is likely to be required once the GPS 2018 is released in early 2018.

5.3 The *Investment Assessment Framework (IAF) 2018* and the draft *State Highway Investment Proposal (SHIP)* will likewise be reviewed, so many of the inputs into the RLTP are now

uncertain. It was agreed to delay the release of the RLTP for targeted consultation and instead receive a revised draft RLTP at the Committee's March 2018 meeting.

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 some minor background sections of the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21* are still being updated as part of the review

Williamson/Dunlop

6. New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Report

6.1 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.

6.2 A number of matters were discussed by the Committee including:

- Sealing SH43
- Surface options SH3 between Smart Road and Vickers Road
- Bell Block to Waitara – community consultation on options to improve road safety and reduce traffic congestion – open days 6 and 7 December to share proposed plans
- improvements to intersections – Airport Drive, De Havilland Drive and SH3/SH3A
- Awakino Gorge to Mount Messenger project – assurance was provided that the Mt Messenger Bypass works are committed and will commence in late 2018. They are not a risk as a consequence of the recent change in Government
- culvert update at Lake Mangamahoe SH3.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the Regional Report from the NZ Transport Agency dated 29 November 2017.

Williamson/Duynhoven

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

7.1 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 September 2017.

7.2 Mr Clarke advised the Committee that extra Saturday bus services will run on New Plymouth's Citylink and Connector buses throughout December 2017. The Connector bus service will provide one return trip on 2, 9, 16 and 23 December. An on-bus survey will be

undertaken during this period to look at demand for a permanent Saturday Connector service to run throughout the year.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the operational report of the public transport services for the quarter ending 30 September 2017

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8. Correspondence and information items

- 8.1 The memorandum, *and tabled items*, updating Members on correspondence and information received since the last Committee meeting was noted.
- 8.2 The late correspondence from the Office of the Mayor, New Plymouth District Council, the NZ Transport Agency is requested to provide further information and feedback to the NPDC on the safety improvements made on the SH45 approach to Oakura and the enforcement of the 50kph speed limited at Urenui village. The NZ Transport Agency agreed to consider the late correspondence and formulate a reply.
- 8.3 It was noted that submissions to the Waikato Regional Council on the resource consent applications for the SH3 Awakino Tunnel Bypass project are due by 11 January 2018. The Committee agreed to send a letter of support for the project.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives and notes for information purposes the correspondence on the need to upgrade the condition of State Highway 43
2. receives and notes for information purposes the update provided by the Minister of Transport on development of the *Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018/19-2027/28*
3. receives the late correspondence from the Office of the Mayor, New Plymouth District Council, relating to roading concerns at Oakura and Urenui, noting that the NZ Transport Agency will report back to the NPDC on the matters raised
4. receives and notes, for information purposes, the update from the NZ Transport Agency's Chief Executive on the 2018/21 Regional Land Transport Programmes and the National Land Transport Programme – Policy Direction and timing.

Duynhoven/McDonald

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 **21 March 2018**