

**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 7 October 2015
commencing at 10.30am.**



Members	Councillor	R F H Maxwell	(Committee Chairperson)
	Councillor	M J Cloke	
	Councillor	S Biesiek	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Mayor	N Volzke	(Stratford District Council)
	Councillor	M Powell	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Ms	R Bleakley	(New Zealand Transport Agency)
Attending	Messrs	M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy & Strategy Manager)
		C B Clarke	(Transport Services Manager)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Mrs	F Ritson	(Policy Analyst)
	Ms	K Watt	(Passenger Transport Officer)
	Mr	P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)
	Ms	M Sutton	(Digital Media Co-ordinator)
	Messrs	W Keightley	(New Zealand Transport Agency)
		R I Anson	(New Zealand Transport Agency)
		B Manning	(South Taranaki District Council)
		D Langford	(New Plymouth District Council)
		C Olsen	(for Local Government New Zealand)

Apologies The apologies from Councillor C S Williamson, Councillor H Dodunski (New Plymouth District Council) and Mayor R Dunlop (South Taranaki District Council) were received and sustained.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 17 June 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 17 June 2015 at 10.30am

2. notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 30 June 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 12 August 2015 were received and noted.
- 2.2 The Committee were advised that Mr Max Aves left his position of Roading Manager at the New Plymouth District Council in early September 2015. Mr Aves had been a member of the Taranaki RTAG since its creation in August 2008. Committee Chairperson, Councillor R F H Maxwell, thanked and acknowledged Mr Aves' input and contribution to roading and transport matters in Taranaki and advised that a thank you letter would be sent on behalf of the Committee.

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 12 August 2015

Maxwell/Powell

3. Final Monitoring Report for the Regional Land Transport Programme 2012/2015

- 3.1 The memorandum presenting the Committee with the *Regional Land Transport Programme for Taranaki 2012/13 – 2014-15 – Final Monitoring Report* was received and noted.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and adopts the *Regional Land Transport Programme for Taranaki 2012/13 – 2014-15 – Final Monitoring Report*.

Maxwell/Biesiek

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.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes and receives the Regional Report from the New Zealand Transport Agency dated 7 October 2015.

Maxwell/Powell

5. Release of the National Land Transport Programme 2015-2018

- 5.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum on the release of the National Land Transport Programme 2015-18 (NLTP) and the outline of the funding allocations made to the Taranaki region compared to the region's funding request.
- 5.2 Ms R Bleakley, NZ Transport Agency, took the Committee through the specifics and total investment in Taranaki for 2015-2018. A total of around \$187 million will be invested in Taranaki's land transport network over the next three years. Three activities are excluded from the 2015/2018 NLTP due to the timing of the projects in that they fall outside the current programme. The 2015-2018 NLTP can be viewed online at www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum Release of the National Land Transport Programme 2015-2018.

Cloke/Volzke

6. One Network Road Classification (ONRC)

- 6.1 Mr C Olsen, Local Government New Zealand's Centre of Excellence EquiP Road Transportation Unit, provided a presentation to the Committee on the One Network Road Classification (ONRC).

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes and receives with thanks the presentation provided by Mr Chris Olsen of Local Government New Zealand's EquiP Road Transportation Unit.

Maxwell/Biesiek

7. Updates on June 2015 flood event

- 7.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum providing an opportunity to receive verbal updates from the Committee on the June 2015 flood event

and the work underway to address the resulting damage to the Taranaki transport network.

- 7.2 Members and officers from the district councils provided an overview to the Committee on the repairs to their districts' roading and associated infrastructure following the June 2015 regional flooding event. Repairs to the region's local roading network are still ongoing and all but one regional road (Waiinu Beach Road, South Taranaki district) are open. Each council advised that the costs incurred in each district was significant and that not all repairs will be able to be completed in the current financial year (2015/2016) due to the availability of consultants and contractors. Mr Brent Manning, South Taranaki District Council, noted that a potential outcome of current investigations into a possible alternative route to Waiinu Beach, may be that a request to vary the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015-2021* is brought to a future meeting of the Committee.
- 7.3 Mrs R Bleakley, NZ Transport Agency, advised that the National Land Transport Fund includes a national provision for emergency work to repair and restore road networks following events such as those that occurred during the June 2015 flood. Each district council can apply to enter into a bespoke arrangement with the NZ Transport Agency that could include assistance in the form of a funding agreement. It is understood that each of the district councils in Taranaki are working with the NZ Transport Agency to identify the best options for repair and/or reinstatement of regional roads and agreed cost estimates for the work.
- 7.4 Mr R I'Anson, NZ Transport Agency, updated the Committee on the section of SH3 at the Manawapou Hill, South Taranaki, damaged during the June 2015 flooding event. Site investigations are underway to provide a permanent repair to the slip, including consideration of an alternative route, with initial retaining-wall construction work anticipated to begin December 2015/January 2016.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes with thanks the verbal updates provided by Member organisations on the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee on the June 2015 flood event and progress to address the resulting damage.

Maxwell/Cloke

8. SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mount Messenger project update

- 8.1 Ms R Bleakley, NZ Transport Agency, spoke to the memorandum providing an update on the SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger project which is one of two Accelerated Regional Roding Package projects in the Taranaki region.
- 8.2 It was noted that the Indicative Business Case was completed at the end of June 2015 and has been reported back to central government. The Government's decision on funding any future phases from the Future Investment Fund is anticipated to occur as part of central government's Budget announcements in 2016. Some of the activities along the corridor project may be able to be funded through the National Land Transport Programme and the NZ Transport Agency is in the process of considering these for

progressing to activity level Detailed Business Cases.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the update on the SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger project provided by the NZ Transport Agency.

Cloke/Powell

9. 2014/2015 public transport operational report

- 9.1 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 for 2014/2015.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the public transport operational report for 2014/2015.

Bisiek/Maxwell

10. Correspondence and information items

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

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the correspondence received from the New Zealand Transport Agency in respect of the *Safer Speeds - Draft Speed Management Guide*
2. receives and notes the release of the Local Government New Zealand report, *Mobilising the Regions: the role of transport infrastructure in achieving economic success across all of New Zealand*.

Maxwell/Cloke

11. General Business

There were no matters of general business.

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor R F H Maxwell, declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 12.00pm.

Confirmed

Committee Chairperson: _____
R F H Maxwell

Date: **2 December 2015**