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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

- Date:** Friday 11 September 2020
- Time:** 12.30pm
- Venue:** Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
NAPIER
- Present:** Cr C Lambert – HBRC – Deputy Chair
Mayor S Hazlehurst – HDC (*via zoom*)
Mayor C Little – WDC
E Speight – NZTA
Mayor A Walker – CHBDC
- Alternates:** Deputy Mayor T Kerr – HDC
R Malley – for NCC (*via zoom*)
O Postings – NZTA
Cr K Taylor – CHBDC (*via zoom*)
- Advisory members (non voting):** P Ashton – KiwiRail
I Emmerson – Road Transport Association (*via zoom*)
P Michaelsen – AA
A Robin – HBRC Māori Committee
- Technical Advisory Group (TAG):** S Barnett – NZTA
M Clews – HDC
M Hardie – WDC
S McKinley – CHBDC (*via zoom*)
J Pannu – HDC
- In Attendance:** C Edmonds – Acting Group Manager Strategic Planning
R Ashcroft-Cullen – Communications Advisor
M Baker – HBRC Acting Transport Manager
C Daly – AA
J Lloyd – HDC
Cr J van Beek – HBRC
A Roets – HBRC Governance Administration Assistant

1. Welcome/Apologies/Notices

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with a karakia.

The Committee offered condolences to Councillor Martin Williams on the passing of his mother.

Resolution

RTC17/20 That the apologies for absence from Councillors Martin Williams and Keith Price, Mayor Kirsten Wise and Andrew Palareit be accepted.

**Little/Walker
CARRIED**

2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee held on 19 June 2020

RTC18/20 Resolution

Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee held on Friday, 19 June 2020, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Lambert/Little
CARRIED**

4. Follow-ups from Previous Regional Transport Committee Meetings

Napier Port was to prepare a brief paper on the impacts of freight distribution and movements in the region associated with Napier Port, which will be reported to the December Regional Transport Committee meeting.

5. Call for Minor Items not on the Agenda

There were no minor items raised for discussion.

6. Regional Land Transport Plan

Mary-Anne Baker gave a presentation on the next steps for the completion of the Regional Land Transport Plan with discussions highlighting:

- The first part of the RLTP sets the strategic context – an overview of the region's, population growth and performance of the transport system
- Taking a best practice approach consistent with that developed by the Local Government New Zealand Transport Special Interest Group (TSIG), working closely with Waka Kotahi
- Also building off work through the Programme Business Case (PBC) and will be incorporating products developed through RLTP (eg. Targets)
- The Waka Kotahi Investment Proposal (WKIP) impacts on the region's RLTP as it sets out the activities that are proposed by NZTA for investment in the NLTP
- Further development of the strategic context and draft objectives and policies which have been developed from the PBC (draft strategic case) and the Arataki (10-year view on current priorities and long-term objectives for the land transport system)
- Working with technical consultants to identify and assess a range of potential management interventions across the transport network – supports the BPC being undertaken/developed by Stantec
- RTC agreed prioritisation methodology for programme – plus ten year priorities basing this on the PBC report
- The strategic case section of the PBC will be completed following the direction – PBC

report expected in October 2020

- Objectives and Policies are examined and a range of options are considered within the context of funding and priorities at both local and national levels
- Extension to complete RLTP could delay final decision making to next RTC meeting and release a consultation document should the committee wish to do so
- Final draft of RLTP impacted by later timeframes for delivery of the national direction
- Noted that a Maintenance Policy be added to maintain transport networks to continue to meet established levels of service
- Introducing some headline targets relating to reduction in deaths and serious injuries, travel mode changes and reliable and predictable travel times for freight
- Front end content of RLTP: still need to confirm the headline targets (from PBC) and confirm ten year transport priorities (from PBC and other submitted programmes and sources)
- Strategic Case section of PBC will be completed following the workshop feedback from this morning – final PBC expected in October 2020
- Prioritisation of the work programme are still to be made by the Committee
- The PBC and work program and program of activities being proposed for funding from NLTF to be commenced and presented to RTC for agreement in December
- Consultation on draft RLTP can commence mid January 2021 (4 week period) – concern whether this timeframe is achievable
- Hearings process to commence in March 2021
- To consider having another workshop with the committee at end of October to consider the prioritisation methodology
- Consider a further workshop in November to address the prioritisation of the significant activities and assessment done by TAG work group
- TAG to review the objectives and policies in the draft RLTP to ensure that policies and objectives are achievable.
- Concerns raised in the “strategic context” of the Plan – doesn’t mention future planning for Hawke’s Bay and growth (growth population assumptions, economic projections, households, HPUDS and District Plans, freight and commuter traffic etc).

RTC19/20 **Resolutions**

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives and considers the “Regional Land Transport Plan” staff report.
2. Agrees to the draft content of the RLTP provided, subject to amendments recommended at this meeting and acknowledging that further changes will be required.

**Kerr/Walker
CARRIED**

7. **Draft Hawke's Bay Regional Cycle Plan 2020-25**

Jerf van Beek gave a presentation on the benefits and value on walking and cycling and investing into an active transport network.

- People should have the freedom to develop
- Reasons why change is not happening are safety, lack of incentives, poor design and public perception
- A very substantial proportion of the population is interested in cycling, but concerned about their safety
- Need to be able to connect origins and destinations (cohesion) – cycle from anywhere to everywhere. Start with a link, plan for a network
- Creating short and fast routes – minimising detours
- To be able to use active ways of transfer and use cycling and walking as viable alternative transport model for Hawke’s Bay.

RTC20/20 **Resolution**

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and considers the “Draft Hawke's Bay Regional Cycle Plan 2020-25” and provides feedback as requested.

**Lambert/Robin
CARRIED**

8. Transport Manager's September 2020 Report

The report was taken as read with questions and discussions traversed:

Wairoa and CHB Public Transport

- Public transport service delivery challenges in Wairoa and CHB areas
- Currently services are community funded – not sustainable in the long run
- Proposed to investigate solutions/strategy for Wairoa and CHB (listed in the current RLTP)
- HBDHB funding for transferring patients between Wairoa and Hastings has been reinstated
- The Driver Licensing Programme governance group agreed on the process to re-establish this programme for 2021 and 2022 with funding mainly from NZTA, plus local contributions from councils, Ngati Kahungunu and Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga
- NZTA has advised the Regional Council that the FAR will remain at 51%, while the ratings for HDC and NCC are likely to change
- Concerns raised about Wairoa not having a driver testing facility and suggestion that an agenda item be added to the Governance Group meeting early October 2020 to consider options and a strategy for establishing a Wairoa testing facility.

RTC21/20 Resolutions

1. That the Regional Transport Committee receives the “*Transport Manager's September 2020*” report.
2. That the Regional Transport Committee write to Central Government electoral candidates and request support to resolve Wairoa Drivers licensing constraints.

**Little/Kerr
Abstained: Speight
CARRIED**

9. September 2020 Public Transport Update

The report was taken as read.

- The new bus ticketing system has been rolled out and went live on 24 August and are going very well and it has been well received by the public
- The Bee cards have been issued with over 900 registered Bee cards on the website.

RTC22/20 Resolution

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the “*September 2020 Public Transport Update*” report.

**Robin/Speight
CARRIED**

10. Roadsafe Hawke's Bay September 2020 Update

Mary-Anne Baker introduced Linda Anderson who gave an update on road safety statistics with discussions highlighting:

- Labour Weekend Fatigue Stops: Two fatigue stops are planned and will be held on SH5 at the Mohaka Rest Stop and the second one will be held in Central Hawkes Bay on the Monday afternoon
- The fatigue stops are being filmed by the Documentary Film Maker as part of the Documentary
- Hawke's Bay Youth Road Safety Expo – continuing the development for the Expo

next year

- University of Edinburgh – the program is under development and is being taught in late September
- Number of social media campaigns under development for the 2020-2021 Calendar
- Driver License Social Media Campaign – currently investigating the opportunity to develop an on-line E'Book Parent Pack for supporting their child through the graduated driver license process
- Any Driver Licensing media campaign should be done in conjunction with Waka Kotahi
- Concerns raised on pedestrian safety and speeding in Waipawa Main street which has been raised with NZTA and local Police
- Seeking the committee's support that some targeted approach to be taking here to educate public in this particular spot
- Proposed that a formal paper be presented to the next committee on RoadSafe's structures, measures, objectives, success targets and understanding of the funding.

RTC23/20 **Resolutions**

1. That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the "*RoadSafe Hawke's Bay September 2020 Update*" staff report.
2. That a formal paper be presented to the Regional Transport Committee advising on RoadSafe's structure, objectives and funding.

**Kerr/Walker
CARRIED**

11. **NZTA Central Region – Regional Relationships Director's September 2020 Report**

Emma Speight gave a presentation and update on the current National Land Transport Plan development, Funding Assistance Rates (FAR), Investment Decision Making Framework (IDMF), Arataki, Asset Management Data Standard (AMDS) and outlined a range of policy issues under consideration and provided updates on roading improvements on state highways in the region. Discussions traversed:

- RLTP development process extended by two months to 30 June 2021
- The adoption of NLTP is deferred two months to 31 August 2021
- Funding Assistance Rates (FAR) for 2021-24 NLTP have been set – 22 organisations are having rate increases and 47 organisations will remain with 11 to move to lower rates
- Overall average FAR rate remains at 53%
- Investment Decision-making framework (IDMF) is effective from 31 August and applies to any business case that starts on or after 31 August
- Q&A sessions planned for September and information videos available on InvestHub (new portal which will become a single access point for all investment-related guidance, tools and learning information)
- Arataki V2 is now live and assesses the likely regional and community impacts of Covid-19 on the land transport system
- Released the first version of the Asset Management Data Standard (AMDS) to improve how we manage land transport assets
- Accessible Streets Consultation is a package run by the Ministry of Transport in changes to move away from private vehicle use in urban centres – nine proposals in total
- Collaboration with various organisations to raise awareness around the issue of mobile driver distraction.

RTC24/20 **Resolution**

That the Regional Transport Committee receives the "*NZTA Central Region – Regional Relationships Director's September 2020 Report*".

Walker/Lambert

12. Update From The NZTA Investment Assurance Team

Caroline O'Fallon gave a presentation on NZTA Investment Priorities 2021-24 NLTP. Discussions highlighted:

- Contribute to an effective and efficient, safe transport system in the public interest and gives effect to the GPS
- Take account of regional land transport plans and other policy statements while staying within its financial means
- 4 Strategic priorities being Safety, better travel options, freight connections and climate change
- 4 Government commitments being Road to Zero, ATAP, LGWM and NZ Rail programme
- 2-3 factors being considered when prioritising being GPS Alignment, scheduling and efficiency
- The draft Investment priorities will be released after the GPS has been released
- Better travel options particular focus on road choice (more use of rail and coastal shipping) – improving connections between regions (freight connections)
- Climate change space: will be measuring impact of air emissions on health/impact of noise and vibration on health
- Scheduling – looking at activity/combination of activities
- Efficiency – generally based on Benefit Cost Ratio or PV Endoflife or Indicative Efficiency rating
- Minimum information requirements to be considered for inclusion in the NLTP
- Waka Kotahi expects to provide funding to all continues programmes
- Continuous programmes will be assigned a rating of HHM, priority order 4 as the starting point for investment prioritisation
- Except for nationally-delivered programmes, every activity in 2021-24 NLTP must be part of an endorsed RLTP
- The LTMA 2003 requires and RLTP to identify the order of the priority of significant activities for the first 6 years of the plan
- The RLTP priority order will be considered in distinguishing between activities with the same priority order in the 2021-24 NLTP when such activities are at the investment threshold for the activity class.
- The NZTA Investment Priorities 2021-24 will be released for consultation the week after the GPS is released and welcome any feedback and comments.

RTC25/20 Resolution

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the “Investment Priorities Presentation”.

Little/Walker
CARRIED

13. Update on Napier Port and Port Related Activities Impacting Regional Transport

This item was not considered and deferred to the 11 December 2020 meeting.

14. Verbal Updates by Advisory Representatives

Michael Michaelson, AA advised:

- Concerns raised on the deaths, serious injuries, road surfacing and driver behaviour on SH5
- Would like to see a significant increase in funding to reinstate SH5 to a safe and resilient passage of travel

Deputy Mayor Tania Kerr left at 3.03pm

- Seeking that the Committee consider writing a letter to NZTA requesting further investigation into this road to significantly increase the level of resurfacing work and safety improvements.

RTC26/20 **Resolution**

That the Regional Transport Committee receives the “*Verbal Updates by Advisory Representatives*”

**Lambert/Little
CARRIED**

15. Discussion of Minor Matters not on the Agenda

There were no minor items raised for discussion.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.15pm on Friday, 11 September 2020.

Signed as a true and correct record.

DATE:

CHAIRMAN: