

Meeting of the Regional Transport Committee

Date: 16 May 2025
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
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Agenda

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Glossary of Transport terms

CERF	Climate Emergency Response Fund
DSI	Death and serious injury
EECA	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority
ERP	Emissions Reduction Plan
GHG	Greenhouse gases
GPS	Government Position Statement The government's land transport priorities for a 10-year period. Includes details of how funding through NLTF can be utilised
ILM	Investment logic map
LTMA	Land Transport Management Act The core legislation that sets out how Councils can manage land transport
NLTF	National Land Transport Fund
NLTP	National Land Transport Plan
ODPT	On demand public transport A public transport service designed to suit the needs of the user, operating in the same manner / style as a service such as Uber rather than a regular scheduled service
PBC	Programme business case
PT	Public transport
RCA	Road Controlling Authority
RLTP	Regional Land Transport Plan A statutory document established by the RTC setting the strategic direction and transport investments across HB - reviewed every three years
RPTP	Regional Public Transport Plan Prepared by HBRC, this sets out the public transport services across HB and defines policies and procedures for public transport. It also details information and infrastructure supporting public transport.
RSHB	Road Safety Hawke's Bay
RSMP	Regional Speed Management Plan Plan sets a ten-year vision and a three-year implementation plan for speed management on all HB roads.
RTAG	Regional Transport Advisory Group Specialist council officers and subject matter experts that provide advice to the RTC
RTC	Regional Transport Committee – includes Councillors from every Council in HB
SH	State highway (SH5, SH2, SH50 etc)
SIP	Speed and Infrastructure Programme
tCO₂e	Tonnes of CO₂ equivalent
VKT	Vehicle kilometres travelled

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Item 4

**Subject: Hearing of submissions on Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 -
Introduction**

Reason for report

1. This item provides the Regional Transport Committee with the information to support decision-making on the Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 as follows:
 - 1.1. the Hearing Schedule, as it stands on Friday 16 May 2025 (**Attachment 1**)
 - 1.2. written submissions received on the draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 (**Attachment 2**)
 - 1.3. Report on Better Bus connections social media campaign (**Attachment 3**)
 - 1.4. feedback received via Remix (**Attachment 4**).

Staff recommendation

2. Staff recommend that the Committee reads and considers the submissions and other feedback received on the proposals in the draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035, along with the verbal submissions made at today's Hearing to inform decision-making scheduled on 6 June 2025.

Background

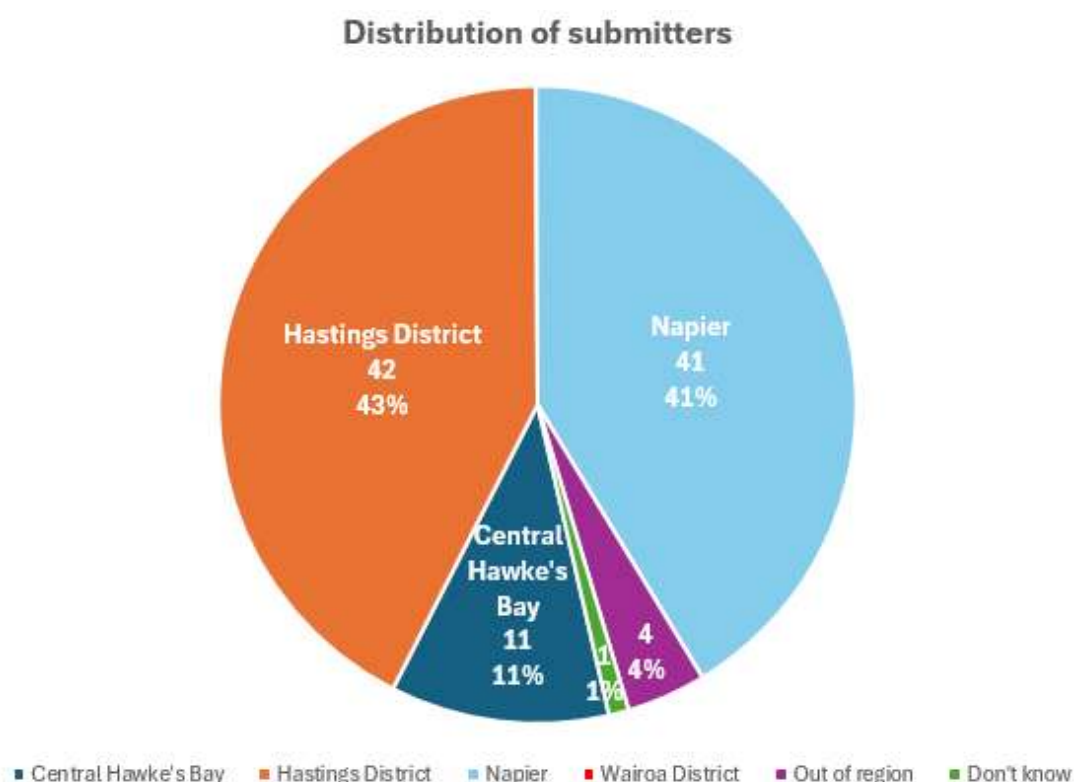
3. Public consultation on the draft Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) was carried out in conjunction with the HBRC Annual Plan 2025-26 consultation.
4. The draft RPTP was the culmination of many months of work by staff and the Regional Transport Committee.

Consultation process

5. Public consultation ran for five weeks, from Monday 31 March to Friday 2 May 2025.
6. The consultation was part of Regional Council's broader cross-council engagement plan for 2025.
7. The draft RPTP was available to the public online on the Regional Council's new Engagement Hub and in hardcopy at our offices in Napier and Wairoa, and at public libraries.
8. Throughout the consultation period the Transport team undertook a range of engagements with users, communities, and stakeholders to create awareness of the RPTP, engage people with the planned route changes, and encourage submissions.
9. Supporting the consultation, the Transport team also used *Remix* to gain further insights. Remix is a transport planning software tool that allows users to see the planned routes in detail, drop a pin in a specific place and leave detailed feedback. During the consultation period we received 117 individual comments, some on specific portions of routes and some of a more general nature. All comments are set out in **Attachment 4**.

Submissions

10. A total of 99 submissions was received on the combined consultation. The majority of those, 86, provided feedback on questions on the RPTP. Of those, 9 submissions were from specific entities or groups.
11. The written submissions are contained in **Attachment 2**.
12. Comments made on social media from HBRC's GoBay (Facebook) posts are contained in **Attachment 3**.
13. The following graph shows the distribution of all submitters, by area, on the combined consultation process.



Verbal submissions

14. The Hearing is scheduled to start at 10.00am on Friday 16 May 2025 in the HBRC Council Chamber, 159 Dalton Street, Napier.
15. Seventeen submitters are scheduled to speak to their submissions as set out in **Attachment 1**.

Next steps

16. After the Hearing, staff will finalise the deliberations reports for the Regional Transport Committee to consider on 6 June 2025. At that meeting, the Committee will decide if any changes are needed and recommend the final Regional Public Transport Plan to the Regional Council for adoption on 25 June 2025.
17. Following the adoption of the Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035, each submitter will receive an email from the Council setting out the decisions and resolutions pertinent to their submission.

Decision-making considerations

18. Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Recommendations

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives and considers the *Hearing of Submissions on Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 – Introduction* staff report.
2. Receives and considers written and verbal submissions, social media and Remix feedback received on the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035.

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Attachment/s

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| 1↓ Hearing Schedule | |
| 2⇄ Written submissions received on the draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 | Under Separate Cover
available online only |
| 3⇄ Report on Better Bus connections social media campaign | Under Separate Cover
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Regional Public Transport Plan Schedule of submitters

Friday 16 May 2025 (17 submitters)

Time	Speaker	Submitting organisation	Sub #	Page #
10.10am	Jude Henderson	Blind Low Vision NZ	76	8
10.20am	Jude Henderson	Napier Disability Awareness Group	155	36
10.30am	Kate Ivicheva	Napier City Council	149	30
10.40am	Glennis Libby		142	28
10.50am	Peter Grant	Age Friendly Ahuriri Napier	159	46
11.00am	Maria Neville-Foster	Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North	171	66
11.10am	Kate Taylor	Central Hawke's Bay District Council	174	68
11.20am	William Stacey		176	74
11.30am	Stewart Whyte		162	52
11.40am	Carol-Ann Guard	'The Voice' Group	161	49
11.50am	Walter Breustedt	St. Columbia's Havelock North Environment Group	109	18
12.00 -12.30 Break				
12.30pm	Glenn Lucas	Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park Trust	156	42
12.40pm	Jorja Mills	Napier Youth Council	160	48
12.50pm				
1.00pm	Ronald Wilkins	Grey Power Hastings & District Association Incorporation	103	17
1.10pm	Dee Withers/ Michelle Lucas	Age Concern Hawke's Bay & CCS Disability Action	170	59
1.20pm				
1.30pm				
1.40pm	Eloise Mackay & Stephanie Thompson	Hastings District Council Disability Reference Group/ individual submitter	150 & 77	33 & 11
1.50pm	James Meffan/ Reade Nikora (via Teams)	Ministry of Education	180	76