

Minutes of the twelfth meeting of the tenth triennium of the Regional Transport Committee held at 10.30am on Tuesday 3 September 2019, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs EB Gordon JP (Chair), RJ Keedwell, Mayor M Feyen (Horowhenua District Council), Mayor H Worboys (Manawatu District Council), Ms E Speight (New Zealand Transport Agency), Mayor G Smith (Palmerston North City Council), Mayor A Watson (Rangitikei District Council), Mayor D Cameron (Ruapehu District Council), Mayor T Collis (Tararua District Council), Mayor H McDouall (Whanganui District Council), Inspector D White (NZ Police), Mr E Christiansen (Road Users), Mr S Walker (Road Transport Association).

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors	P Rieger
Group Manager Regional Services and Information	Mr G Shirley
Manager Transport Services	Mr P Hindrup
Committee Secretary	Mrs KA Tong

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Mr A Mayston & Ms D Webster (Road Safety Coordinators), Mr J Miguel (Transport Planner), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), various territorial authority roading / asset managers, and a member of the Press.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

There were no requests for public speaking rights.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**RT 19-84 Moved Watson/Collis**

That the Committee:

confirms the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 5 June 2019 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 25 June 2019.

CARRIED

VARIATION TO THE REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN 2015-25: GLADSTONE ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT

Report No 19-129

Mr Hindrup (Manager Transport Services) presented this report to the Committee, to consider a request from the Horowhenua District Council to vary the operative Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-25 (2018 Review) (RLTP). The variation was to include the Gladstone Road Realignment Project as a road improvements activity in the RLTP. Mr Hindrup outlined the problems with Gladstone Road and discussed funding for the project.

RT 19-85 Moved Feyen/Gordon

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-129 and Annex;*
- b. *recommends that the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-25 (2018 Review) be varied to include the Gladstone Road Realignment Project as a road improvements activity.*

CARRIED

ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - 2018-19 YEAR REPORT

Report No 19-130

Ms D Webster (Road Safety Coordinator) gave a presentation which provided an update on road safety education activities undertaken throughout the region during the 2018-19 financial year and highlighted the results from the three major focus areas for the year; Driver Licencing, Child Restraints and Senior Drivers. She also summarised the road safety trends and statistics in the Horizons region for the year to date. Discussion was had around drug testing and the process of gaining a drivers' licence.

RT 19-86 Moved Keedwell/Cameron

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-130 and Annex.*

CARRIED

APPROVED ORGANISATION QUARTERLY UPDATE

Report No 19-131

This report updated Members on significant regional roading, public transport, road safety and planning activities within the Horizons Regional Council region.

Mayor Feyen, **Horowhenua District Council**, commented on safety issues with the Otaki to North of Levin Expressway (O2NL) and the popularity of the Levin to Palmerston North buses by gold card users.

Manawatu District Council's report was taken as read and Mayor Worboys highlighted the need to talk to NZTA regarding the timeline for the Feilding to Palmerston North walkway, and safety measures that could be introduced on SH54 Kimbolton Road close to the new housing development.

The report for **Palmerston North City Council** was taken as read. Mayor Smith mentioned the completion of work in Cuba Street and the reduction of speed as a result, the number of visitors to the He Ara Kotahi Bridge, and the ongoing issue of the safety of pedestrians crossing the James Line railway line.

Mayor Watson, **Rangitikei District Council**, took the report as read and highlighted the support to retain the Mangaweka bridge for walking, cycling and tourism. He also mentioned the need for solutions to the merging difficulties for traffic from the Wallace Development site in Bulls to SH1.

Ruapehu District Council's report was taken as read and Mayor Cameron commented on the insurance issues facing logging companies when working in wet weather, the success of recent public transport service trials, and the numbers of public using the gondolas each month.

Mayor Collis, **Tararua District Council** took the report as read and commented on a feasibility study for the Dannevirke Rail Hub which would incorporate Route 52 and the community's concerns about the safety and width of those roads.

Mayor McDouall, **Whanganui District Council**, commented on the logging issues faced in the Kaurapaoa area, the completion of the last major project arising from the June 2015 weather event, and encouraged NZTA to complete their SH4 part of the project.

The report for **Horizons Regional Council** was taken as read. Mr Hindrup (Manager Transport Services) gave a presentation which included a snapshot of what the region and the Regional Transport Committee had achieved over the last three years.

RT 19-87 **Moved** **Gordon/Watson**

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-131 and Annex.

CARRIED

NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Report No 19-132

Ms Speight (New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)) spoke to a powerpoint presentation which provided Members with an update on the NZTA's regional and national activities, specifically: the organisational changes within NZTA, preparation for the 2021-24 NLTP, commented on the Safe Network Programme and explained the funding for State Highway improvements. Ms Speight also gave project updates on Whirokino Trestle Replacement, Peka Peka to Otaki and Te Ahu a Turanga. Ms Speight responded to Members' questions relating to various projects and concerns were raised about the lack of stock effluent sites on the Manawatū-Tararua Highway.

RT 19-88 Moved Gordon/Smith

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-132.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned to the Public Excluded part of the meeting at 12.15pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RT 19-89 Moved Gordon/McDouall

THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 and section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

CARRIED

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
PX1 Update on the Capital Connection rail service.	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

