

Minutes of the eleventh meeting of the tenth triennium of the Regional Transport Committee held at 10.30am on Wednesday 5 June 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), Mr S Walker (Road Transport Association), Inspector D White (New Zealand Police) (to 12.38pm), Mr A Mills (KiwiRail), Ms S Lampkin (Active/Public Transport).

**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:  
Mrs K Curry (Senior Transport Planner), Mr A Mayston, Ms D Webster & Ms T Nyman (Road Safety Coordinators), 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 and introduced Ms Sal Lampkin representing Active/Public Transport, and Mr Anthony Mills representing KiwiRail.

## **APOLOGIES**

**RT 19-76**      **Moved**      **McDouall/Collis**  
*That an apology be received from Mr Christiansen (Road Users).*  
**CARRIED**

## **PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS**

There were no requests for public speaking rights.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

Report No. 19-83 – Variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-25 (2018 Review) Pahiatua Track Safety Improvements.

## **MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**RT 19-77**                      **Moved**    **Feyen/Collis**

*That the Committee:*

**confirms** the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 5 March 2019 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 26 March 2019.

**CARRIED**

## ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

*Report No 19-78*

Mr Mayston (Road Safety Coordinator) gave a presentation which provided an update on road safety trends in the Region and advised Members of road death locations and contributing factors in fatal crashes. He mentioned the challenges in providing detailed analysis and information on contributing factors due to ongoing Police investigations and privacy concerns. Inspector White (New Zealand Police) highlighted a map showing fatalities on the region's roads and applauded the Councils who had reduced the speed on their roads. Members provided their comments and asked questions of clarification.

**RT 19-78**                      **Moved**    **Smith/Feyen**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-78.

**CARRIED**

## APPROVED ORGANISATION QUARTERLY UPDATE

*Report No 19-79*

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**, mentioned the need of a speed restriction along SH57 for the length of Levin, and in particular his concerns regarding the Queen Street East and Arapaepae Road intersection.

The report for **Horizons Regional Council** was taken as read. Mr Hindrup (Manager Transport Services) and Mr Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information) highlighted the attempts to secure additional capex funding for the Capital Connection beyond the already committed two year funding to ensure continuation of the service.

Mayor Worboys, **Manawatu District Council**, took the report as read and commented on the positive feedback received from rural schools with regard to the Safer Journeys to Schools Programme, and the completion of the business case for the Feilding to Palmerston North cycleway.

Mayor Smith, **Palmerston North City Council**, took the report as read and highlighted the upcoming official opening of the He Ara Kotahi Bridge on Friday 7 June. Mr Lane (Palmerston North City Council) commented on the current frustrations at the time needed to finalise pedestrian facilities on the James Line rail crossing.

Mayor Watson, **Rangitikei District Council**, took the report as read and highlighted the Mangaweka bridge proceedings and upcoming involvement in public discussions around the existing cantilevered bridge. He also mentioned several road safety issues in Bulls with vehicles

attempting to turn right onto SH1.

Mayor Cameron, **Ruapehu District Council**, took the report as read and mentioned the future possibility for operating only green transport heading into National Park. He also gave an update on the gondolas which should be opening late June / early July.

**Tararua District Council's** report was taken as read and Mayor Collis mentioned disappointment in missing out on funding for the Route 52 planned upgrade but was looking forward to working with the Transport Agency on the upgrade. Also mentioned was the angst caused by the forestry trucks in association with the billion trees project.

Mayor McDouall, **Whanganui District Council**, commented on the Cycle Forward programme which aimed to encourage older people and those with disabling conditions to cycle, and he mentioned the progress with the Upukongaro Bridge.

**RT 19-79**                      **Moved**    **Gordon/Smith**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-79 and Annex.

**CARRIED**

## **NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Report No 19-80*

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: Te Ahu a Turanga (Manawatu Tararua Highway), Otaki to North of Levin (O2NL), Palmerston North Integrated Transport Investments (Regional Freight Ring Road). She also mentioned the challenging funding environment and the high number of carry overs from the previous National Land Transport Programme (NLTP). Ms Speight responded to Members' questions and comments.

**RT 19-80**                      **Moved**    **Gordon/Smith**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-80.

**CARRIED**

## **VARIATION TO THE REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN 2015-25 (2018 REVIEW): PAHIATUA TRACK SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

*Report No 19-83*

This item introduced by Mr Hindrup (Manager Transport Services) considered a request from the New Zealand Transport Agency to vary the operative Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-25 (2018 Review) (RLTP). The variation was to include the Pahiatua Track Safety Improvements as a project in the RLTP as a road improvements activity.

**RT 19-81**                      **Moved**    **Smith/Collis**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-83 and Annex;
- b. recommends that the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-25 (2018 Review) be varied to include the Pahiatua Track Safety Improvements as a road improvements activity.

**CARRIED**

## **PRESENTATION ON TE ARAROA TRAIL**

*Report No 19-81*

Mr Mark Weatherall, Chief Executive of Te Araroa Trust gave a presentation on the Te Araroa Trail. He mentioned a brief history of the trail, the numbers of walkers, and expressed concern at the percentage of the trail which was on roads. Members discussed with Mr Weatherall the option of him arranging a meeting with Mayors, Department of Conservation and Iwi to hear ideas and possible solutions to the amount of road walking on the trail.

**RT 19-82                      Moved    Keedwell/McDouall**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. *receives the presentation on the Te Araroa Trail.*

**CARRIED**

## **HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL PRESENTATION ON HOROWHENUA INTEGRATED TRANSPORT STRATEGY (HITS)**

*Report No 19-82*

Mr Daniel Haigh, Growth Response Manager for Horowhenua District Council gave Members a presentation on the Horowhenua Integrated Transport Strategy (HITS).

*Inspector David White left the meeting at 12.38pm.*

Mr Haigh highlighted the focus of the project and mentioned several of the current focus areas and problems being experienced.

**RT 19-83                      Moved    Smith/Feyen**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-82.*

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 12.46pm.

Confirmed

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MANAGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

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CHAIR