

Minutes of the seventh meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Regional Transport Committee held at 11.00am on Tuesday 30 March 2021, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT**

Crs RJ Keedwell (Chair), SD Ferguson, Mayor B Wanden (Horowhenua District Council), Mayor H Worboys (Manawatu District Council), Ms S Downs (Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency), Mayor A Watson (Rangitikei District Council), Mayor D Cameron (Ruapehu District Council), Mayor T Collis (Tararua District Council), Mayor H McDouall (Whanganui District Council from 11.10am), Deputy Mayor A Rutherford (Palmerston North City Council), Mr E Christiansen (Road Users), Mr S Walker (Road Transport Association), Dr S Lampkin (Active Transport/Public Transport via audio visual link).

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Group Manager Regional Services and Information	Mr G Shirley
Manager Transport Services	Mrs R Hewitt
Committee Secretary	Mrs JA Kennedy

**ALSO PRESENT**

At various times during the meeting:

Ms L Shirley (Senior Transport Planner), Ms D Webster & Ms T Nyman (Road Safety Coordinators), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Ruapehu District Council staff (via audio visual link), and various territorial authority roading / asset managers.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**APOLOGIES**

**RT 21-40**

**Moved**

**Keedwell/Ferguson**

*that an apology for lateness be received from Mayor McDouall (Whanganui District Council).*

**CARRIED**

**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 21-41                      Moved                                      Ferguson/Collis**

*That the Committee:*

**confirms** the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 1 February 2021 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 17 February 2021.

**CARRIED**

## UPDATE ON REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN 2021-31 DEVELOPMENT

*Report No 21-35*

Ms Shirley (Senior Transport Planner) gave an update on the progress of development for the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) 2021-31 and provided advice around the key steps in the process moving forward.

**RT 21-42                      Moved                                      Worboys/Cameron**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-35;
- b. notes the hearing dates outlined in paragraph 10.3;
- c. notes the updated timeline provided in paragraph 10.4.

**CARRIED**

## GENERAL UPDATE - GOVERNMENT POLICY AND SUBMISSIONS

*Report No 21-36*

Ms Shirley (Senior Transport Planner) introduced the report which provided Members with updates on various documents and consultation items released by local and central Government along with our involvement in each.

Mrs Hewitt (Manager Transport Services) provided an update on the Northern Explorer service as a result of the findings from a high-level feasibility report. Ms Shirley and Mr Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information) commented on submissions made to the Climate Change Commission report with Mr Shirley updating Members on progress with the rail service between Palmerston North and Wellington.

**RT 21-43                      Moved                                      Cameron/Wanden**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-36 and Annexes.

**CARRIED**

**APPROVED ORGANISATION QUARTERLY UPDATE***Report No 21-37*

This report updated Members on significant regional roading, public transport, road safety and planning activities within the Horizons region. Mayors and representatives of the local authorities in the region introduced their reports, highlighted activities of note and responded to questions.

**RT 21-44                      Moved                                      McDouall/Rutherford***That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-37 and Annex.*

**CARRIED****ROAD SAFETY UPDATE***Report No 21-38*

Ms Hewitt (Manager Transport Services) provided an update on road safety trends in the region and advised members of road safety education activities undertaken by Horizons Road Safety Coordinators. She noted the challenges faced by road safety coordinators due to Covid-19 alert levels.

Members raised their concerns around the delay and wait times across the region to sit a driver licence test. Ms Downs (Waka Kotahi) undertook to find out what was being done to speed up the process and would address the issue with the Waka Kotahi team responsible for driver licence issues.

**RT 21-45                      Moved                                      Worboys/Ferguson***That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-38 and Annex.*

**CARRIED****WAKA KOTAHI NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY DIRECTOR'S REPORT***Report No 21-39*

Ms Downs (Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency) took Members through a powerpoint presentation which provided an update on Waka Kotahi regional and national activities.

**RT 21-46                      Moved                                      Ferguson/Worboys***That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. receives the update and presentation from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency contained in Report No. 21-39 and Annex.*

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 12.38pm.

Confirmed

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MANAGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

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CHAIR