



Minutes of the eleventh meeting, seventh triennium, of the Regional Transport Committee held at 10.05am on Wednesday 30 June 2010, in the Manawatu Room, Manawatu District Council, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT

Crs EB Gordon (Chair), Mayor B Duffy (Horowhenua District Council), Mayor S Morris (Ruapehu District Council), Mayor M Reynolds (Tararua District Council), Mayor I McKelvie (Manawatu District Council, at various times throughout the meeting), Cr G Cruden (Palmerston North City Council), Cr M Bell (Manawatu District Council), Cr D Brown (Rangitikei District Council), Cr A Anderson (Wanganui District Council), Dr C Cheyne (Environmental Sustainability), Mr R Forgie (Economic Development from 10.18am), Ms J Chetwynd (New Zealand Transport Agency), and Mr R Coles (Access & Mobility).

IN ATTENDANCE

Group Manager Regional Services Mr GP Shirley
and Information
Manager Transport Services Ms A Redgrave
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT

Cr P Rieger, Ms K Lowe (Transport Planner), Mr W Wallace (Transport Planner), New Zealand Transport Agency representatives, and various other interested groups.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Crs Chettleburgh and Murfitt, Mr N Wynne, and Ms L Tamehana.

RT 10-109

Moved

Bell/Reynolds

*that the Committee **accepts** the apologies of Crs Chettleburgh and Murfitt, Mr Wynne, and Ms Tamehana.*

CARRIED

PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS

No requests for public speaking rights had been notified.

LATE ITEMS

There were no Late Items notified.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

The Chairman invited Cr Rieger (Horizons Regional Council) to say a few words in recognition of Mr RW Smith, who had recently passed away. Mr Smith was a representative on the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) for access and mobility up to March 2010. Cr Rieger remembered Mr Smith for his contribution and improvements to roading, particularly in the Tararua district, his commitment to engineering in general, and also as Chairman on the Automobile Association District Council. A moment of silence was observed by the Committee in honour of Mr Smith.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RT 10-110

Moved

Bell/Brown

that the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee held on 2 March 2010, as circulated, be received and confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

ENDORSEMENT AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Passenger Transport Subcommittee Meeting – 18 May 2010

RT 10-111

Moved

Duffy/Anderson

that the Minutes of the Passenger Transport Subcommittee meeting held on 18 May 2010, as circulated, be received and confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

UPDATE ON RAIL DEVELOPMENTS

Report No. 10-98

This report informed Members of recent developments with regard to rail.

Mr Wallace, Transport Planner introduced the item and confirmed that a Rail Passenger Services Subcommittee had been established with the purpose to investigate options for future passenger rail services between Palmerston North and Wellington, on behalf of the Regional Transport Committee. At the first meeting held on 15 April 2010, a draft Terms of Reference, including a timeline for the investigation, was presented and approved by the Subcommittee. Stage One of the investigation was currently under way, and the progression of Stage Two would ultimately depend upon the findings of the first stage.

There was discussion around the objective of the Kiwirail Turnaround Plan to create a fully sustainable rail freight business within a decade, rather than being boosted through continued Government subsidy.

Mayor Morris, Ruapehu District Council reported that a partnership arrangement was currently investigating the opportunity to mine coal in Ohura.

RT 10-112

Moved

Duffy/Anderson

that the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. **receives** the information in Report No. 10-98 and Annexes.

CARRIED

DRAFT REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Report No: 10-99

This report was to consider and approve the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) 2010-2040 for notification for public consultation.

Ms Redgrave, Manager Transport Services (MTS) gave a presentation and recapped on the process for the draft RLTS to date. The presentation also covered the key aspects of the draft RLTS and the MTS was available to explain and clarify in more detail on particular aspects of the draft, including the consultation process and timeline, if approved for notification.

Members asked questions of clarification on points of interest.

Members acknowledged and congratulated staff and consultants on the preparation and effort in producing an outstanding report.

Members considered the Strategy and noted a couple of minor corrections. Accordingly, it was agreed that the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy be approved for release for public consultation. A suggestion was made for the MTS to provide further presentations to individual councils, if required.

RT 10-113

Moved

Anderson/Duffy

that the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. **receives** Report No. 10-99 and Annex; and
- b. **approves** the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy for release for public consultation.

CARRIED

ROAD SAFETY FUNDING UPDATE

Report No. 10-100

This report informed Members of changes to the road safety funding criteria.

Mr Wallace, Transport Planner advised Members that the main outcome of the review of the Demand Management and Community Programme activity class, undertaken by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), was that funding would now be nationally prioritised around the 13 risk areas identified in the recently released Road Safety Strategy to 2020, Safer Journeys. The NZTA had also developed a Communities at Risk Register so that funding could be prioritised to those communities that featured high within a national risk area. Accordingly, the Manager Transport Services advised that in response to those changes, individual territorial authority Road Safety Action Plans would need to be adapted accordingly.

RT 10-114

Moved

Bell/Reynolds

that the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. **receives** the information in Report No. 10-100 on the changes to the road safety funding criteria.

CARRIED

REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Report No. 10-101

This report introduced a new member to the Regional Transport Committee.

Mr Coles was welcomed as the access and mobility representative on the Regional Transport Committee.

The Transport Planner advised that the cultural interests' position was still under consideration.

RT 10-115

Moved

Coles/Brown

that the Committee:

- a. **receives** *Report No. 10-101 on the Regional Transport Committee membership.*

CARRIED

NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Report No: 10-102

This report was to update Members on New Zealand Transport Agency regional and national activities.

Ms Chetwynd introduced her report and outlined the New Zealand Transport Agency's (NZTA) five strategic priorities, and provided information around NZTA's work across those priority areas.

Mr David McGonigal was introduced as the new Acting State Highway Manager, Manawatu. Mr McGonigal spoke to the State Highway Report and was available to answer questions of clarification.

Ms Denise Elers provided an update on funding monitors which outlined how the Region was tracking in terms of Budget vs Forecast vs Actual cumulative expenditure.

Ms Chetwynd further reported on the development of a state highway classification system which was expected to be in place towards the end of 2010.

Ms Chetwynd gave an update on the Wellington/Central Region amalgamation and advised that she had been appointed as Regional Director for the new wider Region.

Members asked questions of clarification on points of interest and offered ideas on the type of information they would like to see included in future reports from NZTA.

RT 10-116

Moved

Chetwynd/Cruden

that the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. **receives** *Report No. 10-102 and the Regional Director's update report at Annex A.*

CARRIED

VEHICLE DIMENSION AND MASS AMENDMENT RULE

Report No. 10-103

This report updated Members on the implementation of the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimension and Mass Amendment 2010.

Members considered the implications to the Region around the implementation of the Vehicle Dimension and Mass Amendment Rule. Accordingly, it was agreed that a subgroup of the Regional Advisory Group be established to analyse and advise on the implications of the Rule on the regional transport network on behalf of the Regional Transport Committee.

RT 10-117

Moved

Duffy/Anderson

that the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. **approves** the establishment of a Vehicle Dimension Mass Implementation Advisory Group to advise the Regional Transport Committee on the Rule and its implications for the Region.

CARRIED

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cr Brown commended Cr Anderson and his Wanganui District Council support team for their work in securing funding for restoration works for roading in the Wanganui District.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED

RT 10-118

Moved

Forgie/Bell

that the public be excluded from the remainder of the Regional Transport Committee meeting as the general subject 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 is as follows:

| General subject of each matter to be considered | Reason for passing this resolution | Grounds under section 48 (1) for passing this resolution |
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| PX1 Endorsement and adoption of the Passenger Transport Subcommittee resolutions and recommendations of 8 May 2010 | As disclosure would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations. | That the exclusion of the public from that part of the meeting is necessary to prevent the disclosure of information for which good reasons for withholding exist. |

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned to the public excluded part of the meeting at 11.40am and resumed at 11.42am.

The meeting closed at 11.43am

Confirmed.

MANAGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

CHAIRMAN