



Minutes of the twelfth meeting, seventh triennium, of the Regional Transport Committee held at 10.04am on Tuesday 7 September 2010, in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs EB Gordon (Chair), VJF Chettleburgh, GP Murfitt, Mayor I McKelvie (Manawatu District Council, from 10.56am), 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), Mr R Forgie (Economic Development from 10.18am), Ms J Chetwynd (New Zealand Transport Agency), Ms J Stevenson (Cultural Interests), and Mr R Coles (Access & Mobility).

IN ATTENDANCE Manager Transport Services Ms A Redgrave
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT Crs PW Rieger, MW Plowman, Ms K Lowe (Transport Planner), Mr W Wallace (Transport Planner), Mr McGonigal (New Zealand Transport Agency), Ms A Coats, various interested groups, Member of the Press, and members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed the gallery of interested parties and members of the public to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mayor Morris, Mayor Duffy, Mayor Reynolds, Dr Cheyne, Ms Tamehana, Inspector Wynne, and Mayor McKelvie (for lateness).

Apologies were noted from Mr McCartney, Mr Shirley, Cr Guy, Mr Nicholson, Mr McGraw, and Ms Elers.

RT 10-119

Moved

Bell/Chettleburgh

*that the Committee **accepts** the apologies of Mayor Morris, Mayor Duffy, Mayor Reynolds, Dr Cheyne, Ms Tamehana, Inspector Wynne, and from Mayor McKelvie (for lateness).*

CARRIED

The Chairman took the opportunity to express his thanks and appreciation to all parties involved for their input into the preparation of the Regional Land Transport Strategy 2010-2040 and for their participation in the submissions hearing.

PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS

Amanda Coats had requested and been granted public speaking rights in regard to the officers' responses and recommendations to her submission to the Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy 2010-2040. Ms Coats thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak. She outlined her concerns with the officers' responses to her original submission and believed her concerns had not been adequately addressed. In conclusion, Ms Coats believed the documentation contained in the Strategy in support of an upstream bridge proposal was

out-dated, and accordingly she did not support the adoption of the Regional Land Transport 2010-2040.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of clarification.

LATE ITEMS

There were no Late Items notified.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RT 10-120

Moved

Brown/Anderson

that the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee held on 30 June 2010, as circulated, be received and confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

ENDORSEMENT AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Passenger Transport Subcommittee Meeting – 17 August 2010

RT 10-121

Moved

Chettleburgh/Murfitt

that the Minutes of the Passenger Transport Subcommittee meeting held on 17 August 2010, as circulated, be received and confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

PROPOSED REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2010-2040

Report No. 10-136

This report was to:

- a. deliberate on submissions received on the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) 2010-2040;
- b. discuss and approve suggested changes to the draft RLTS 2010-2040 on the basis of submissions received during the public consultation process; and
- c. recommend the proposed RLTS for adoption by Horizons Regional Council with amendments as approved.

The Manager Transport Services (MTS) with the assistance of the Transport Planners provided a presentation outlining a recap on the process to date, the consistent major themes that arose out of the submissions process, and explained the background to officers' responses and recommended action. Members fully considered the officers' recommendations to the submissions, and provided their views. After full discussion of the officers' recommendations, including the proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy 2010-2040, several amendments were suggested and approved for inclusion.

The MTS referred to the Western Bypass proposal and noted submitters' concerns around their reference to inadequate consultation regarding proposed options. She said significant opportunity for residents to provide input would be available through a Scheme Assessment Process, details of which would be provided in the written responses back to submitters.

During discussion of the rural roading networks section of the RLTS (3.2.4 Rural Roads), more recognition around the degree of impact on districts through the increased traffic from High Productivity Motor Vehicles and forestry harvest was requested for inclusion in the final document. After further consideration of the bolded and underscored text in paragraph three in regard to increases in the cost of fuel, the Committee asked that it be replaced with: *"The practice of transshipping stock on rural roads could become increasingly unaffordable. Some roads may need to be upgraded to provide access to remote locations for truck and trailer units"*.

RT 10-122

Moved

Cruden/Forge

that the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. **replaces** the bolded and underscored text in the Regional Land Transport Strategy, 3.2.4 Rural Roads, paragraph three, with the following:

"The practice of transshipping stock on rural roads could become increasingly unaffordable. Some roads may need to be upgraded to provide access to remote locations for truck and trailer units".

CARRIED

Based on recommendations from the Auditor, the addition of responsible agencies under each policy was asked for, in order to fulfil the requirements of Section 77 of the Land Transport Management Act. Accordingly, the identified agency has been added in brackets. An incorrect reference was also noted: The National Energy Efficiency Conservation Strategy has now been changed to the New Zealand Energy Efficiency Conservation Strategy.

In order to recognise the Automobile Association (AA) as a major stakeholder in the review and implementation of District Road Safety Action Plans, it was suggested that the AA be included in the listed organisations on page 81 of the RLTS, Key Action 1.

RT 10-123

Moved

Forge/Chettleburgh

that the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. **includes** the Automobile Association as a major stakeholder in the review and implementation of District Road Safety Action Plans, page 81 of the RLTS, Key Action 1.

CARRIED

There was discussion around concerns expressed in the Wanganui District Council submission around a lack of iwi input into the consultation process, and the officers' response to that concern. Ultimately, it was agreed to expand further on the explanation in the officers' response around iwi engagement and cultural values.

RT 10-124

Moved

Gordon/Bell

that the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. **receives and confirms** the minutes of the submissions hearing to hear submissions on the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy 2010-2040 held on 18 and 19 August 2010, as a correct record;
- b. **approves** the officers' recommendations regarding submissions on the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy with the following amendments:
 - *Western Bypass Proposal - Provide details of Scheme Assessment Process in written responses to submitters.*
 - *Submission-Wanganui District Council – Provide further explanation under point 6 regarding iwi involvement.*
- c. **approves** the proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy 2010-2040 with the following amendments:
 - *Rural Roads - Provide more information on impact of High Productivity Motor Vehicles and forestry harvest on rural roads.*
 - *Rural Roads – 3.2.4, Paragraph 3 – Amend wording to read “The practice of transshipping stock on rural roads could become increasingly unaffordable. Some roads may need to be upgraded to provide access to remote locations for truck and trailer units”.*
- d. **lodges** the proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy 2010-2040 with Horizons Regional Council for approval on 28 September 2010.

CARRIED

NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Report No: 10-137

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

Ms Chetwynd introduced the report and together with Mr McGonigal expanded on initiatives contained in the report. Members asked questions on points of interest including clarification on the status of projects throughout the Region, the Streamlining Transport Investment Project, and the criteria surrounding the successful bids of Hastings District Council and New Plymouth District Council to become New Zealand's first Walking and Cycling Model Communities.

Ms Chetwynd said she hoped to provide a more comprehensive presentation to the December Committee meeting on KiwiRAP star ratings assessment for rural state highways, as well as outline NZTA's approach in working with freight owners and operators to identify ways to move freight more efficiently.

RT 10-125

Moved

Bell/Crudén

that the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. **receives** Report No. 10-137 and the Regional Director's update report at Annex A.

CARRIED

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Ms Redgrave (Manager Transport Services) advised that a report on Phase One of the rail investigation would be available at the December Committee meeting.

The Chair wished members seeking re-election all the best and acknowledged the efforts of Cr Don Brown (Rangitikei District Council), Mayor Maureen Reynolds (Tararua District Council), who were not seeking re-election, for their input into the Committee.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED

RT 10-126

Moved

Chettleburgh/Forgie

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
PX1 Endorsement and adoption of the Passenger Transport Subcommittee resolutions and recommendations of 17 August 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 11.44am and resumed at 11.45am.

The meeting closed at 11.46am.

Confirmed.

MANAGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

CHAIRMAN