



Minutes of the fourth meeting, eighth triennium, of the Regional Transport Committee held at 10.04am on Tuesday 6 September 2011, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council offices, 11 – 15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs EB Gordon (Chair), VJF Chettleburgh, Mayor R Ellis (Tararua District Council), Mayor I McKelvie (Manawatu District Council from 10.07am), Mayor C Leary (Rangitikei District Council), Cr A Anderson (Wanganui District Council), Ms J Chetwynd (New Zealand Transport Agency), Mr R Coles (Access & Mobility), Mr D Hoskin (Economic Development).

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney
Manager Transport Services Ms A Redgrave
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT Crs PW Rieger, and RG Walker, Ms K Lowe (Transport Planner), Mr W Wallace (Transport Planner).

At various times during the meeting:

Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services), Mrs C Rowe (Media & Communications Manager), Ms A Koehler (Communications Advisor), Ms D Myers (New Zealand Transport Agency), Mr D Stevenson (deputising for Cultural Interests), Mr D McGonigal (New Zealand Transport Agency), Cr C Teo-Sherrell (Palmerston North City Council), and various interested groups.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mayor B Duffy (Horowhenua District Council), Mayor S Morris (Ruapehu District Council), Inspector N Wynne (New Zealand Police), Mr N Fitzpatrick (Public Health), and Ms J Stevenson (Cultural Interests). The Chairman noted that Mr Stevenson would be deputising for Ms Stevenson.

RT 11-28

Moved

Chettleburgh/Anderson

*that the Committee **accepts** the apologies of Mayor Duffy, Mayor Morris, Inspector N Wynne, Mr N Fitzpatrick, and Ms J Stevenson.*

CARRIED

PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS

There were no requests for public speaking rights.

LATE ITEMS

There were no Late Items notified.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

The Chair noted that Inspector Neil Wynne, New Zealand Police would be retiring at the end of the month. He undertook to provide Inspector Wynne with a letter to thank him for his services and participation on the Regional Transport Committee (RTC).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RT 11-29

Moved

Chetwynd/Chettleburgh

that the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee held on 7 June 2011, as circulated, be received and confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

The Chair welcomed Mayor McKelvie and took the opportunity to wish him well in the upcoming General Elections 2011. He expressed appreciation for his participation and input as a Member of the RTC Committee.

Mr Wallace, Transport Planner, confirmed that Environment Waikato had responded to Horizons Regional Council's submission to their Regional Land Transport Strategy and accordingly had now included SH4 as a sub-regionally significant state highway.

REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME 2012-15

Report No. 11-152

This report was to update Members on progress with the preparation of the Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP/the programme) for the 2012-15 period; and to approve the prioritisation process to be used in the RLTP development.

Ms Lowe, Transport Planner, supported by Mr Wallace and the Transport Manager introduced the report and expanded on key milestones, the regional prioritisation process and how it aligned with the national prioritisation process, progress to date, the Government Policy Statement on land transport funding, and progress on the implementation of high productivity motor vehicles route identification project in the Region.

Ms Myers, Planning and Investment Manager, New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) provided a powerpoint presentation on Regional Land Transport Planning which covered Activity Class Ranges, Indicative Allocations, Investment and Revenue Strategy, and an explanation of how the prioritisation of the Region's projects for the RLTP were translated into the National Land Transport Programme.

Mr McGonigal, Regional State Highways Manager, Manawatu-Wanganui, NZTA provided a powerpoint presentation summarising the steps and process which formed the State Highway Planning Process, and gave an update on progress with State Highway programmes in the Region.

Members asked questions of clarification on points of interest.

RT 11-33

Moved

Chettleburgh/McKelvie

that the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. **receives** Report No. 11-153 into road safety education activities.

CARRIED

NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Report No. 11-154

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

Mr McGonigal referred to Appendix 1 of the report and expanded on progress against some of the activities listed in the National Land Transport Programme. Members asked questions of clarification about the cost scope adjustments summary.

Ms Chetwynd expanded on areas of her report and answered questions of clarification.

RT 11-34

Moved

Gordon/Anderson

that the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. **receives** the Regional Director's update report.

CARRIED

VERBAL UPDATE FROM NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY ON PROGRESS WITH STOCK EFFLUENT DISPOSAL FACILITIES

Mr McGonigal provided an update on progress with three areas that were being investigated for stock effluent disposal facilities: Waiouru/Taihape, Woodville, and Taumarunui. Members asked that consideration be given to looking at alternative sites for the development of stock effluent facilities, eg. outskirts of Wanganui. Mr McGonigal replied that the NZTA priority was to progress with the three areas that were currently being investigated.

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

In response to a question, Mr McGonigal replied that NZTA would be responsible for the cost of any repairs required to the Saddle Road, caused through an increase in traffic flow due to the closure of the Manawatu Gorge.

The meeting closed at 12.23pm.

Confirmed.

MANAGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

CHAIRMAN