



Minutes of the seventh meeting, seventh triennium, of the Regional Transport Committee held at 1.00pm on Tuesday 23 June 2009, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT** Crs EB Gordon (Chair), GP Murfitt (ex officio from 1.04pm), Mayor B Duffy (Horowhenua District Council), Mayor M Reynolds (Tararua District Council), Mayor S Morris (Ruapehu District Council), Cr G Cruden (Palmerston North City Council), Cr M Bell (Manawatu District Council), Mr RW Smith (Access & Mobility, Dr C Cheyne (Environmental Sustainability), Ms L Tamehana (Public Health), Inspector N Wynne (Safety and Personal Security).

**IN ATTENDANCE** Group Manager Regional Services Mr GP Shirley (from 1.06pm) and Information  
Manager Transport Services Mrs A Redgrave  
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

**ALSO PRESENT** Crs M Guy, M Plowman, Ms K Lowe (Transport Planner), Mr W Wallace (Transport Planner), and various other interested groups.

**APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Crs Chettleburgh (Leave of Absence), Brown, Anderson, and Ms Chetwynd.

**LT 09-68**

**Moved**

**Duffy/Bell**

*that the Committee **accepts** the apologies of Crs Chettleburgh (Leave of Absence), Brown, Anderson, and Ms Chetwynd.*

**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.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**LT 09-69**

**Moved**

**Bell/Wynne**

*that the minutes of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 9 March 2009, as circulated, be received and confirmed as a correct record.*

**CARRIED**

## **ENDORSEMENT AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **Passenger Transport Subcommittee Meeting – 17 February 2009**

**LT 09-70**

**Moved**

**Bell/Cruden**

*that the Minutes of the Passenger Transport Subcommittee meeting held on 19 May 2009, as circulated, be received and confirmed as a correct record.*

**CARRIED**

## **REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME (RLTP) 2009-12**

*Report No: 09-91*

This report was to approve the draft Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-12.

Ms Lowe, Transport Planner (TP) drew Members attention to the recommended amendments to submissions responses which had been agreed to at the workshop held earlier that morning.

The TP outlined the background and main points in the report. She reminded Members that a number of local authorities were still in the process of signing-off on their Long-term Council Community Plans, and any changes made after the Regional Land Transport Programme was approved would be reflected in the document before it was forwarded to the New Zealand Transport Agency. Members should also be aware that as Councils did not know the final criteria the New Zealand Transport Agency would use in assessing the priority of projects identified, there could be changes to the regional priorities when the National Land Transport Plan was released.

Members asked questions of clarification around Regional funding, and the criteria used for assessing where projects would fit on the priority list.

There were a number of formatting and grammatical changes noted, and the Manager Transport Services undertook to amend these.

Recommendation (a) was amended to include the changes as agreed at the workshop held earlier that morning.

that the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. **approves** the officers' recommendations regarding submissions on the draft Regional Land Transport Programme with amendments to submission responses as follows:

*P96: DC Parham:*

- *Response to submitter to include explanation of strategic study and the possible consequences of the outcomes on statehighway routes. Roberts Line and James Line will be considered in the strategic study and will try to estimate what future demand will be. All suggested options for improvement will be considered.*
- *Strategic study will help to clarify future demand and desired outcomes.*

*P102: Palmerston North City Council, in relation to increased financial assistance rate for Upstream Crossing:*

- *RTC notes that a request for its support for this application for increased financial assistance will be presented in due course.*

*P10: Rangitikei District Council:*

- *The RTC notes that an application for funding has been made for an open drain between Ruatangata Road and Whangaehu Rive.;*
- *Noted that Mayor Leary's preference is for the stock effluent facility to be located at Hunterville (verbal submission).*
- *RTC to ask NZTA to take Rangitikei's view re site of facility into account.*

*P 108: Belinda Howard:*

- *NZTA has been investigating sites for stock effluent facilities for a number of years; this has not been without difficulty but a suitable site has recently been confirmed.*
- *RTC notes that the crash reduction study is now complete and requests that Rangitikei send results of the crash reduction study to submitter.*

*P108-111: Lindsay Burnell, Rural Women NZ, J and S Cohen, M Cohen:*

- *This section of the network is part of the Levin to Wellington Airport Corridor, now designated a route of national significance and improvements will form part of a major upgrade.*

*P111, 112: Jenny Olsson, Noel Olsson:*

- *The RTC notes that this has now been included in the PNCC Long-term Council Community Plan;*

- b. **receives** and **confirms** the minutes of the Submissions Hearing to hear submissions on the Draft Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-12 held on 20 May 2009, as a correct record;
- c. **approves** the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-12 with any amendments;
- d. **agrees** that any changes in local authority Long-term Council Community Plans that are made after the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-12 is approved will be reflected in the Regional Land Transport Programme before the document is forwarded to NZTA; and
- e. **lodges** the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-12 to the Horizons Regional Council for approval on 30 June 2009.

**CARRIED**

## **REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY REVIEW**

*Report No: 09-90*

This report was to outline a proposed process and timeline for the review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS).

Mrs Redgrave, Manager Transport Services (MTS) introduced the item and highlighted that Palmerston North City Council, Manawatu District Council, Horizons Regional Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency had agreed to participate in a joint transport study of the Manawatu-Palmerston North area. It was intended that the Study would be included in the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy Review (RLTS). As discussed at the workshop held earlier that morning, the timeline for the draft RLTS, which had been included in the March Regional Transport Committee agenda, may need to be extended in order for the Study to be included.

Members were asked to express their thoughts and to advise the MTS of any transport issues they would like to see captured in the draft Issues paper. Mr Smith, representing Access and Mobility advised he would like to see more detail around improving access to strategic roading. Mayor Morris thanked the MTS for a well presented paper. Mayor Reynolds commented she did not agree that routes which functioned as alternatives in times of State Highway closure, were doing so adequately. Cr Cruden asked that wording relating to the Environment Court Hearing into the road stopping process for Milson Line be amended to better reflect the parties positions. The MTS took note of the comments made.

**LT 09-72**

**Moved**

**Duffy/Morris**

*that the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. **receives** the report on the commencement of the Regional Land Transport Strategy review; and
- b. **approves** the draft Issues paper for release for public consultation, with any agreed amendments.

**CARRIED**

**MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were no Members' Questions.

The meeting closed at 1.40pm.

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MANAGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

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CHAIRMAN