

REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE: Terms of Reference 2011

Rationale

The purpose of this committee is to provide governance of regional transport issues for the District. It is a requirement under the Land Transport Act 1998 and the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008 that every unitary authority establish a Regional Transport Committee.

Scope

The Regional Transport Committee has responsibility for:

- Facilitating the overall aim of achieving an integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable transport system in the region that satisfies as far as practicable the objectives of the Land Transport Act 1998 and the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008.
- Facilitating the objectives of economic development, safety and personal security, public health, access and mobility, cultural interests and environmental sustainability. These will be called the Community Portfolios.
- Preparing, monitoring and reporting of the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the overview, prioritising and monitoring of the Regional Land Transport Programme subject to recommendations to the Operations Committee or Council, as appropriate.
- Co-ordinating applications for regionally distributed funding.

Delegations

The committee has no delegations. The meeting must be scheduled independently from the Operations Committee.

Membership

Members appointed to the committee will be:

Council Representatives

Five (5) Councillors; being three (3) members of the Operations Committee representing the infrastructural interest and two (2) members of the Environment and Policy Committee representing the regulatory interest. These representatives have speaking and voting rights on:

- The Regional Land Transport Strategy
- The Regional Land Transport Programme

Non-Council Representatives

Under the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008 the non-council representatives have speaking rights but no voting rights on:

- The Regional Land Transport Strategy
- The Regional Land Transport Programme

These people must be from the wider regional community and need to represent their particular New Zealand Strategy interests and must not be a representative of Council. For some of the Transport Portfolios, organisations will be listed instead of individuals.

The six (6) Community Portfolios representing:

- Environmental Sustainability
- Safety and Personal Security – New Zealand Police
- Public Health - Tairāwhiti District Health Board
- Access and Mobility - Non-councillor member of Gisborne District Council Disabilities Working Party
- Cultural Interests
- Economic Development

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)

The Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008 regulates an automatic NZTA membership on the Regional Transport Committee. They have speaking and voting rights on:

- The Regional Land Transport Strategy
- The Regional Land Transport Programme

Rotation of Membership

The membership of the committee will be revisited after each local government election.

Collaborations and Observer Status

The committee will develop and maintain effective relations with other Council committees, government and its departments, and other stakeholders to achieve its rationale and scope, and in particular:

- Ministry of Transport
- Environment Bay of Plenty and Hawkes Bay Regional Council
- Automobile Association
- On Track
- Federated Farmers
- Eastland Wood Council
- Eastland Group
- Poverty Bay & East Coast Road Transport Association
- Gisborne Cycling Advisory Group
- Operations Committee of Council

Many of the above groups have provided valuable input into the existing Regional Land Transport Strategy and Regional Transport Committee. In recognition of this, the above groups shall be given observer status, which will allow them to present information or deputations at the committee meetings.

Quorum

Six (6), three (3) to be councillors.