

# MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Councillors Bill Burdett (Chair), Roger Haisman, Kathy Sheldrake, Allan Hall, Pat Seymour, NZ Police Representative Senior Sergeant Maui Aben, Chief Executive Te Runanga o Turanganui a Kiwa Ronald Nepe, Economic Development Representative Peter Farley, Access and Mobility Representative Ally Bryan, Environmental Sustainability Representative Murray Palmer, Tairāwhiti District Health Representative Kate Sykes, NZ Transport Agency Regional Director Central Region Jenny Chetwynd

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## MINUTES of the REGIONAL TRANSPORT Committee

held in the Council Chambers, 15 Fitzherbert Street on Thursday 20 May 2010 at 1pm

### PRESENT:

Councillors Bill Burdett (Chair), Roger Haisman, Allan Hall and Kathy Sheldrake, Tairāwhiti District Health Representative Kate Sykes, NZ Transport Agency Regional Director Central Region Jenny Chetwynd, Economic Development Representative Peter Farley, Environmental Sustainability Representative Murray Palmer

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Land Transport Manager Dave Hadfield and Committee Secretary Eileen Marshall

### NON MEMBERS:

New Zealand Transport Agency representatives Gordon Hart, Rob Bramley and Denise Ellers.

APOLOGIES: Cr Pat Seymour and Engineering and Works Manager Peter Higgs

### 1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Haisman, seconded Cr Hall

That the Committee

1. sustains the apologies from Cr Pat Seymour and Engineering and Works Manager Peter Higgs.
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**CARRIED**

### 2. Public forum, petitions, deputations and representation from tangata whenua

Nil

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes – 18 March 2010

MOVED by Cr Hall, seconded Peter Farley

That the Committee

1. confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2010.
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**CARRIED**

## Action Sheet

### (i) *Report No 10/150 – East Coast Rail Line*

Peter Farley asked for an update on the East Coast Rail Line.

Jenny Chetwynd said that the budget released today gave priority for KiwiRail to Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

Jenny Chetwynd suggested that a representative from KiwiRail be invited to the next Regional Transport Committee meeting to give a full report on the current situation.

Cr Hall would like to see the line from Gisborne to Napier operating again. If the railway does not operate again we will have problems on the roads with heavy traffic.

### (ii) *Report No 10/140 – Bushmere Road Intersection*

Cr Haisman asked what progress had been made with this intersection and Dave Hadfield said this issue was raised as part of the Operations Committee submission to the Regional Land Transport Programme.

The NZTA would arrange a meeting with Cr Haisman to discuss the intersection.

## **4. Matters arising**

Nil

## **5. Notification of late items, questions and general business**

Nil

## **6. Mayor's and Councillors' reports**

### **For decision**

Nil

### **For noting**

Nil

## **7. Staff Reports**

### **For decision**

### **7.1 10/303 – Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Amendment 2010**

It is proposed that a technical advisory group be established to jointly investigate routes that will be suitable to carry high productivity vehicles. High productivity vehicles are a new type of vehicle created under the Land Transport Rule which came into force on 1 May 2010.

MOVED by Cr Shelldrake, seconded Peter Farley  
That the Committee

1. receives the report.
2. establishes a technical advisory group with representatives from Gisborne District Council, NZ Transport Agency, Eastland Wood Council, Forestry Transport Operators and NZ Police. This group may invite others to participate.
3. requests that the technical advisory group reports to the next meeting of the Regional Transport Committee on proposed routes of high productivity vehicles (HPMVs).

**CARRIED**

**For noting**

**7.2 10/304 – SuperGold Card Submission**

The SuperGold Card scheme is very successful but officers do not want to see shifting of costs to ratepayers by capping the reimbursement rates.

The NZTA should review the small number of services which are significantly contributing to the financial issues faced by the Government.

MOVED by Jenny Chetwynd, seconded Peter Farley

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 10/305 – Long Term Traffic Management around the City**

Three projects involving traffic counts, freight analysis and bridge asset management plans are nearing completion and are fundamental to the traffic study.

Kate Sykes (Tairāwhiti District Health) requested that disability access be legally considered across roads.

Peter Farley requested that when the preliminary work on the study has been completed it could be looked at by this Committee.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded Cr Haisman

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

**CARRIED**

**7.4 10/306 – Road Safety Co-ordinator's Activity Report to May 2010**

Cr Shelldrake said that cyclists are entitled to use the middle lane on roundabouts and requested a cycle symbol and dotted lines in the middle lane be created. If cyclists stay in the left lane, cars presume they are turning left.

Updates were given on the following:

- 2009/2010 Road Safety Programmes
- Cycle/Roundabout Campaign
- Demand Management and Community Programmes activity class review for 2010/2012 funding.

MOVED by Cr Shel Drake, seconded Kate Sykes

That the Committee

1. receives the report.
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**CARRIED**

**7.5 10/309 – New Zealand Transport Agency Update**

Jenny Chetwynd updated the meeting on regional transport issues within this district.

NZ Transport representative from Napier Gordon Hart updated the Committee on State Highways and NZ Transport Napier representative Denise Ellers also updated the Committee on funding issues. Overall both officers are happy with the position of state highways.

Cr Burdett said that State Highways are in the best condition they have been in for the past ten years.

Cr Haisman said that Napier to Gisborne (SH 2) did not have many passing opportunities.

Gordon Hart said there are three opportunities being prepared at present and a total of nineteen is envisaged.

Cr Haisman thanked Jenny Chetwynd for the format of her report.

Peter Farley asked what the status was for the Arero Road Bridge. This bridge was built by the Lands and Survey Department as part of access to a block and it is a very good bridge. Council had previously passed a resolution that they would not be responsible for the maintenance of this bridge. Peter asked that a report be prepared with a resolution as to how the bridge is going to be managed in the future. Who is responsible for the bridge and ownership of the bridge.

Dave Hadfield undertook to prepare a report for the next Regional Transport meeting.

MOVED by Cr Haisman, seconded Peter Farley

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. commend the NZTA for the excellent condition of SH 35.

**CARRIED**

**8. Late items**

**For decision**

Nil

**For noting**

Nil

**9. Questions**

Nil

**10. General Business**

*Tairwhiti District Health Board – Disability*

Kate Sykes asked that consideration be given to people with disabilities, children and elderly for footpath access near subdivisions. The areas of concern are:

- Sponge Bay Subdivision
- Sterling Park Subdivision
- Lytton Road towards the industrial subdivision.

**11. Public Excluded Business**

Nil

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 2.00pm.

W S (Bill) Burdett  
**Chairperson**