

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

MINUTES of the REGIONAL TRANSPORT Committee

Held in the Council Chambers, 15 Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Thursday 18 March 2010 at 1pm

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Engineering and Works Manager Peter Higgs, Environment and Planning Manager Hans van Kregten, Planning and Development Manager Nedine Thatcher, Land Transport Manager Dave Hadfield, Principal Planner Urban Design Duncan Rothwell, Road Safety Co-ordinator Lenora McDonald and Acting Committee Secretary Jill Simpson

NON MEMBERS:

Ministry of Transport Wellington Elizabeth Shaw, Eastland Wood Council Trevor Helson, New Zealand Transport Agency Jacqueline Blake, New Zealand Transport Agency (Napier) Mark Kinvig and New Zealand Transport Agency Denise Elers.

APOLOGIES:

Tairāwhiti District Health Kate Sykes and Access and Mobility Representative Ally Bryan.

1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Hall, seconded Cr Seymour

That the Committee

1. sustains the apologies from Tairāwhiti District Health Kate Sykes and Access and Mobility Representative Ally Bryan.

CARRIED

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

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 22 October 2009

MOVED by Cr Hall, Seconded Cr Haisman

That the Committee

1. confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2009.

CARRIED

Action Sheet

Noted

4. Matters arising

Cr Seymour commented on the number of logging trucks rolling over on state highways, particularly Pouawa River Bridge and Tatapouri incline. Jenny Chetwynd said that data is available and would be provided later in the meeting.

Cr Haisman commented that with regard to Report 09/522 – Draft Regional Public Transport Plan that Dave Watson report from the NZTA should be included as part of the commentary.

5. Notification of late items, questions and general business

Economic Development Representative Peter Farley tabled a report regarding "Mayor's Memo to Regional Transport Committee on the Gisborne-Napier Rail Line".

Cr Sheldrake tabled a report regarding "Gisborne Walking and Cycling Model Communities".

NZ Transport Agency Regional Director Central Region Jenny Chetwynd gave a Powerpoint presentation on "Report to Gisborne Regional Transport Committee". Jenny commented that in future she will table the NZTA Committee Report to keep Committee members better informed.

The presentation showed an underspend in the Gisborne area. Cr Seymour commented that it was important that the money be spent or it would not be available next financial year.

6. Mayor's and Councillors' reports

For decision

6.1 10/150 - East Coast Rail Line

Mayor Foon's paper outlined a position he proposed to take regarding the Gisborne – Napier railway and sought the committee's endorsement of that position.

The Manager Engineering and Works mentioned that central government was about to release a report in July about the future of rail. Therefore it was suggested by Cr Sheldrake that the report lies on the table until this decision is known.

Peter Farley spoke on his tabled report regarding the Gisborne-Napier rail line.

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded Cr Hall

That the Committee

1. allows the report to lie on the table and be placed on the Agenda for the June 2010 meeting along with the paper presented by Peter Farley "Mayor's Memo to Regional Transport Committee on the Gisborne Napier Rail Line".
2. presentation of all relevant background documents to the meeting after the Minister's decision from Jenny Chetwynd and Peter Higgs.

CARRIED

For noting

Nil

7. Staff Reports

For decision

7.1 10/137 – Variation to Regional Land Transport Programme

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded Cr Haisman

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. **Recommends that Council**
 - a) agrees to include the following projects on SH2 and SH35 within the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012:
 - Busby's Hill realignment
 - Gudgeon's Hill stability work
 - Seal widening north of Tolaga Bay
 - SH2 Motu Bridge replacement
 - SH35 slow vehicle bays.

CARRIED

For noting

7.2 10/145 – Update on the Gisborne Integrated Planning Project

The report updated the committee on the progress of the Gisborne Integrated Planning Project and the steps required to complete the project. Principal Planner Urban Design Duncan Rothwell introduced Jacqueline Blake from NZTA who gave a powerpoint presentation on the "Gisborne Integrated Planning Project".

MOVED by Cr Haisman, seconded by Cr Hall

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2.55pm for afternoon tea and reconvened at 3.15pm.

7.3 10/136 – Road Safety Community Projects

The minutes of the February Road Safety Action Plan Group meeting were attached to the report. Cr Seymour asked about lowering of speed limits outside Primary Schools and Road Safety Co-ordinator Lenora McDonald commented that solutions were being worked on.

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded Cr Seymour

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.4 10/139 – Safer Journeys – Road Safety Strategy to 2020

The *Safer Journeys* discussion document had been developed by the Ministry of Transport and key road safety partner agencies as part of the development of a road safety strategy to take New Zealand through to 2020.

Elizabeth Shaw from the Ministry of Transport attended the meeting and gave a Powerpoint presentation updating the committee on progress so far.

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded Jenny Chetwynd

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.5 10/140 – Walking and Cycling Model Community

The New Zealand Transport Agency sought expressions of interest from local authorities to become a walking and cycling model community.

A copy of the expression of interest and Council's response was attached to the report.

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded Cr Hall

That the Committee

1. receives the report.
2. expresses its extreme disappointment in not becoming a walking and cycling model community.
3. asks the NZTA to report back to the Regional Transport Committee to determine how the outcomes of the GIP project will be funded if at all.
4. **Recommends that Council**
 - a. endorses the Committee's decisions.

CARRIED

8. Questions

Nil

9. General Business

Nil

10. Public Excluded Business

Nil

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 3.45pm.

W S (Bill) Burdett

Chairperson