

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Pat Seymour (Chair), Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston and Kerry Worsnop.
NZ Transport Agency Director Regional Relationships (Central North Island) Linda Stewart.
Community Advisors: Francis (Matt) Broderick, Andrew Gaddum, Campbell Gilmour, Colene Herbert, Jason Lines, Ingrid Meister, Barney Tupara and Steve Weatherell

MINUTES of the REGIONAL TRANSPORT Committee

Held via Audio Visual Link on Thursday 3 March 2022 at 1:00PM.

PRESENT:

Cr Pat Seymour (Chair), Cr Bill Burdett and Cr Kerry Worsnop.
NZ Transport Agency Director Regional Relationships (Central North Island) Linda Stewart.
Community Advisors: Jason Lines and Barney Tupara.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Lifelines David Wilson, Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble, Her Worship the Mayor, Cr Faulkner, Regional Manager System Design Waka Kotahi Sarah Downs, Governance Advisor Tania Clarke and Committee Secretary Jill Simpson.

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

Secretarial Note: Crs Burdett and Seymour attended the meeting in the Chambers.

1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Worsnop, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the apologies from Cr Cranston, Colene Herbert, Andrew Gaddum, Campbell Gilmore and Steve Weatherell be sustained. **CARRIED**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes

3.1 Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 2 December 2021

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Worsnop

That the Minutes of 2 December 2021 be accepted. **CARRIED**



Secretarial Note: The incorrect Minutes were appended to the Regional Transport Agenda. The correct Minutes of 2 December 2021 were emailed to Committee Members for review prior to the meeting.

Secretarial Note: Underspend on Wharf Maintenance: The \$100k was split across the Wharves in Tolaga Bay, Tokomaru Bay and Wharekahika Hicks Bay. Operational funding is not carried over.

A report is being developed for the Tolaga Bay Wharf around maintenance required and the condition assessments. Funding for wharves does not come from Waka Kotahi - it is 100% ratepayer funded.

Secretarial Note: Minutes 2 December 2022 - Makokomuka Safety Realignment Project: Director Regional Relationships Linda Stewart advised that the project is on hold and funding is required. The project is shovel ready so can be bought forward should the funding become available.

3.2 Action Sheet

4. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

6. Public Input and Petitions

There were no public input or petitions

7. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9. Adjourned Business

There was no adjourned business.

10. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

10.1 22-41 2021-2031 RLTP 2021/22 Quarter 2 Monitoring Report

Senior Policy Advisor Chris Gilmour attended and answered questions of clarification:

- Through the Emissions Reduction Plan the overall emission targets across all modes of transport at a national level are being looked at. The current piece of work is looking at translating to a regional level. Alongside this Waka Kotahi are in the final stages of developing a tool to help structure both the discussion and the strategy development around analysing the biggest gains in reducing emissions on the transport network. There is no definitive information of what regional targets will look like. In terms of low hanging fruit there has been significant investment into walking and cycling and public transport. To set targets at a regional level the right mechanisms need to be in place to measure and monitor and to support strategic investment.

- Work is also being done with the Journey's team and the Cycle Walkways Trust in putting together a network plan and an action plan towards walking and cycling networks.

Secretarial Note: Mr Tupara asked if the use of asphalt was always going to be used across the network and if there was an alternative that was more environmentally friendly?

Mr Tupara also asked it be noted that in relation to the Speed Limit Review should there be a fatality on our roads the speed limit on that stretch of road be reduced for 3 to 4 days in acknowledgement of the fatality in the location. This will show respect for what has occurred in that locality. An integral part of the process is for the Iwi Engagement Team within Council to possibly have discussions with hapu and iwi.

It was asked that the above two comments be noted for further discussion.

- The Grey Street/Gladstone Road camera can be reviewed in relation to the graffiti on the rainbow crossing.
- All but approximately \$10m of the \$140m Provincial Growth Funding received has been spent. The East Coast Road Project is the final project. Council is in year 3 of delivery of the PGF projects.
- Nga Ara Pai - Community Driver Mentor Training is extremely important to Waka Kotahi as the regulator in ensuring that the communities have equal and equitable access to the land transport system. This is a big issue in Tairāwhiti and in Northland. There are two projects running to explore different ways to address this issue in both Northland and working with Ngati Porou in Tairāwhiti. Ministry of Social Development are recognising the importance of not just supporting entry into driver licensing but also pastoral care through the process to achieve the full driver licence. There is significant effort from Waka Kotahi and MSD to address this. It is the No. 1 priority for the Director of Land Transport to resolve this year. There is also the additional part to how the services are provided in Tairāwhiti in that they are contracted out and Waka Kotahi are aware there are a number of issues with this both in terms of wait time, the number of driver testers that are available as the one remaining one is about to retire. There are ongoing discussions with Tairāwhiti REAP on this. It is unfair to think that people from Hicks Bay have to journey to Gisborne to sit their test or get the appropriate training. Waka Kotahi are not only looking at how to provide better services in Tairāwhiti but how to work in both an innovative and responsive way to address the needs across the region. There will be some short-term fixes ie working with MSD to provide transport for individuals to travel to sit their test. This will be updated by Waka Kotahi at the next Regional Transport Committee Meeting. It was also mentioned that the Army have the ability to do some testing.

- The quarterly reporting is a rough indicator on the trends across the network. This information is useful in the annual reports and the trends over time are used for asset management.
- The application for the Heartland Trail from Gisborne to Wairoa has been accepted by the New Zealand Cycle Trail. This will provide extra benefits for the region.

MOVED by Cr Worsnop, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

10.2 22-46 Regional Waka Kotahi Update March 2022

Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Director Regional Relationships - Central North Island Linda Stewart presented.

Questions of clarification included:

- The Government needs to be clear about its plans for reducing emissions.
- To have safe and appropriate speeds for the roads is deemed by assessing levels of risk and what happens in the environment along with the form and function of the roads. The Regional Land Transport Plan states a reduction of deaths and serious injury by 40% across the networks by 2030. This is being broken down into more achievable chunks to help get to Vision Zero. Changing attitudes towards education is important.
- Works, in terms of rock protection at Turihaua Point on State Highway 35, are due to get underway in May. The materials are stockpiled at the Downer Quarry, the final resource consent is about to be submitted, consultation with local hapu as well as a claimant under the Foreshore and Seabed Act has now taken place.
- When looking at safe and appropriate speeds the community are asked for their experience of using the road and not for whether they agree or disagree with the proposed speed. This is all part of the overall campaign to raise awareness and understanding of what a safe and appropriate speed is on a road. All aspects are looked at including the Maintenance Plan, existing investment on the corridor as well as safety improvements that may be required in the future.
- The first round of geotech investigations have been undertaken on the Koporua Hill with bore holes in the ground within the road reserve. This will measure the groundwater and the groundwater pressure along with the slope movement. A second round of drilling along with a surveyor's plan will happen before winter 2022 and this will take place on private land above the highway. This will help to refine the sub-surface models before the design is then finalised. The Koporua Hill is very unstable, and it shows signs of considerable slope movement. The work that will be undertaken will be to increase the level of service at that part of the network so that road users can get back to having two sealed lanes as well as to slow the movement of the hill. The physical work is not due to start until after the winter of 2022 and it will be staged and phased in its approach. Agreements are being secured with landowners, relocation of power lines is being undertaken and consultation with mana whenua.

- The resource consenting process is underway for Busby's Hill. The disposal site for the fill from this project is proving complex with regard to consents. Aiming for it being fit-for-purpose over the winter period and work will begin in the next construction period. Engagement has occurred with affected hapu, landowners and Council.
- There is no further update with regard to reinstatement of the rail.
- Reassurance from Waka Kotahi's Leadership Team on the walking and cycling projects and further information will be available as soon as this activity class comes up for review in the next financial year.
- Working closely with Council regarding the emergency works application arising from the November 2021 rain event.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Seymour

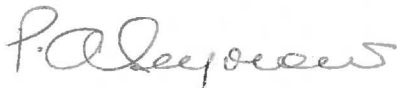
That the Regional Transport Committee:

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11. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2.30 with a karakia.



Pat Seymour
CHAIR

