

# 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

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## MINUTES of the REGIONAL TRANSPORT Committee

**Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 1:00PM.**

### PRESENT:

Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Pat Seymour, Kerry Worsnop and NZ Transport Agency Director Regional Relationships (Central North Island) Linda Stewart.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Community Advisor Francis (Matt) Broderick, Community Advisor Andrew Gaddum, Community Advisor Colene Herbert, Community Advisor Jason Lines, Community Advisor Steve Weatherall, Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Lifelines David Wilson, Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble, Strategic Planning Manager Charlotte Knight, Waka Kotahi Regional Principal Transport Planner Lisa Rossiter, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Penny Lilburn.

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

### 1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the apologies from Barney Tupara and Ingrid Meister 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 26 May 2022

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Minutes of 26 May 2022 be accepted.

**CARRIED**

### **3.2 Action Sheet**

Noted.

### **3.3 Governance Work Plan**

Noted.

### **4. Leave of Absence**

There were no leaves of absence.

### **5. Acknowledgements and Tributes**

The Chair did acknowledge that this was the last meeting of this term of the Regional Transport Committee and thanked the community representatives for their attendance and interest at these meetings.

### **6. Public Input and Petitions**

There were no public input or petitions.

#### **6.1 Marcus Williams - Erosion at Turihaua**

Discussions included:

- The beach is a really unique aspect of the community, but it is disappearing due to the action of the sea.
- It is under Waka Kotahi jurisdiction because it is a State Highway.
- Due to the heavy rain, the river has taken away a great chunk of the land by the current picnic table in the last couple of weeks.
- There is a consenting issue around hard structures within the coastal environment and the effects that it has on the beach environment. This makes this erosion a very difficult consenting issue as well as an engineering one.

### **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 DECISION**

#### **10.1 22-158 Road Safety Penalties Review**

MOVED by Cr Worsnop, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Regional Transport Committee

1. Confirms that the Committee:
  - a. Take no action.

**CARRIED**

## 11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

### 11.1 22-152 2021-2022 Regional Land Transport Plan Annual Monitoring Report

Charlotte Knight spoke to the report. Discussions included:

- Regarding the National Adaption Plan, staff will pull out the relevant information and insert it into Long Term Plan (LTP) process, particularly around the budgets and actions that may be relevant to Gisborne District Council. This will be public information as it is a part of the Long-Term Plan.
- The Public Transport Review is currently underway, and staff are looking at alternate ways to provide public transport better suited to the community. The public transport review will provide information around public transport in the Tairāwhiti community including; where they want to go, what times they want to go and how they want to get there.
- In the last rain event, there were 40 roads closed and the majority were open within a few days. The roading network is a great deal better than it has been in the latter years and roads are being opened much quicker after closing due to weather events.
- Work on the far side of Titirangi Summit has been happening for some time. The work was slowed down over winter due to stability issues, but the team are now back working on maintenance.
- A paper will be going to the Central Organising Roopu (COR) on the options for Taruheru and what is able to be completed within the budget and delivered in an appropriate timeframe before going to Council.
- Waka Kotahi will bring more insight and support regarding the road closure statistics e.g., trees down, crashes etc, to help with the development of the next LTP.
- When work on a road is due to be done, but then needs to be fixed due to weather events, it is paid under emergency works if it cannot wait for construction season.
- The walking and cycling budget for Uawa is still available to be spent.
- Environmental maintenance is a wide category for the \$2m that is in the Long Term Plan. The funding has needed to be underspent to keep within the budget due to the over-spending that occurred in 2021.
- Waka Kotahi have received the resource consent for the new kura above the Port which allows the Port access business case to be re-opened and the ability to look at work on the Port intersection.
- Members acknowledge the work that has been done over the winter by staff. It has been one of the most difficult years to date and together with the contractors have done a remarkable job.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

## 11.2. 22-216 Waka Kotahi National Emissions Reduction Plan Update

Regional Principal Transport Planner Lisa Rossiter presented to the report. Discussions included:

- The Emissions Reduction Program (ERP) focus area is to reduce transport emissions by 41% by 2035.
- Regional Vehicle Kms Travelled (VKT) reduction targets to be set by Ministry of Transport around the end of 2022.
- The 41% emissions reduction is a government target and the Ministry of Transport reduction targets have a research and evidence base behind them. This is based on growth, what is happening on the ground, population etc.
- In a regional setting you can achieve a substantial shift in reduction of using vehicles. As an example, Hawkes Bay made public transport free, aligned their bus times with shift times and over two years saw an 18% decrease in people using their own vehicles.
- The policies for urban development will work alongside the ERP with various agencies in the government to attempt to bring it together. Waka Kotahi has regular meetings with partners such as the Ministry of Social Development to ensure there is collective outcomes for the community. However, this is at a policy level and there is much deeper work to be done.
- Council has a fleet of EV's, however for Journeys and the teams that have 4WD work, there is no current EV vehicle on the market that can do the job.
- Heavy vehicles have a separate target on their own. The VKT spoken about today was regarding light vehicle traffic.
- There is an understanding that there is not a large urbanisation in smaller rural communities.
- The leasing scheme is looking at communities that would benefit from financial support through leases to help them access better cars in terms of safety and emissions. The finer details are still being worked out, particularly for Tairāwhiti.
- Any policy around pricing buses has to be a National policy consistent across the board.
- There is a real risk on rural regions such as Tairāwhiti or the Wairarapa as the push for policies from central government come in. These policies may fit in with the metropolitan cities but will have detrimental effects on other regions.
- The climate emergency fund is made up from the emissions trading scheme. It will likely move to a hybrid model in later years.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Worsnop

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

### 11.3 22-212 Waka Kotahi Update September 2022

Linda Stewart presented to the report. Discussions included:

- The environmental and social sustainability standard has changed to reflect the new national framework to protect the environment when roadwork and maintenance is occurring.
- Motu road was meant to be open on 5 September however due to weather events the seal should be completed by 9 September. Will keep it one way for 3-5 days to ensure that the seal is going to hold up and then will be open to two-way traffic.
- The final seal at Matawai will be completed as soon as there is better weather.
- Driving license testing services is not currently available in Ruatoria, Hicks Bay etc, so still need to travel to Gisborne. However, the end game would be to have testing services in these communities.
- Additional testers have been brought into Gisborne to help with wait times.
- All the materials are ready for work at Turihaua point but the consent processes have been more complex given the impact on the coastal area so there is currently no definitive start time.
- There is additional erosion 50m south of Turihaua point and is included in the consent. However, there is further erosion about 500m further south, which is not included in the report, but Waka Kotahi is aware of this.
- Kopuaroa Hill is a fixed funding package but has been prioritised and the team are confident that the work is underway and will be completed in time.
- The application for the emergency funding will go to the September Board meeting and will be known the first week of October.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

### 12. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2:58 pm.

Nedine Thatcher-Swann  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**