

**Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee
Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council,
held in the Taranaki Regional Council
Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on
Wednesday 21 March 2018 2017 commencing
at 11.00am.**



Members	Councillor	C S Williamson	(Committee Chairperson)
	Councillor	M J McDonald	(Committee Deputy Chairperson)
	Councillor	H Duynhoven	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Mayor	N Volzke	(Stratford District Council)
	Mayor	R Dunlop	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Ms	P McLean	(NZ Transport Agency)

Attending	Councillor	M J Cloke		
	Messrs	M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)	
		C B Clarke	(Transport Services Manager)	
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)	
		F Ritson	(Policy Analyst)	
		K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)	
	Mrs			
	Messrs	C Whittleston	(New Plymouth District Council)	
		S Bowden	(Stratford District Council)	
V Lim		(South Taranaki District Council)		
R I Anson		(NZ Transport Agency)		
D Perry		(NZ Transport Agency)		

One Member of the media.

Apologies There were no apologies.

Notification of Late Items There were no late items of general business.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 29 November 2017

Resolved

THAT the Regional Transport Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 11.00am.
2. notes that recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 12 December 2017.

Dunlop/McDonald

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group

- 2.1 The minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group (RTAG) meetings held on 21 February 2018 and 7 March 2018 were received and noted.
- 2.2 The Committee noted that PowerCo has agreed to fully fund the cost of laying power lines underground (under the middle of the road) from Pembroke Road to the Stratford Mountain House. The Committee commended PowerCo for their support.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives for information purposes the minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on Wednesday 21 February 2018
2. receives for information purposes the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Council Transport Advisory Group meeting held on Wednesday 7 March 2018.

Volzke/Duynhoven

3. Request to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 – 2020/21

- 3.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum seeking approval of a request to vary the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 – 2020-21* (Taranaki RLTPlan):

- level crossing 2017/2018 projects – New Plymouth District Council

This request was noted as being supported by the Regional Transport Advisory Group and is now brought before the Committee for consideration. This request is not significant enough to require going back out for public consultation.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum, Request to vary the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*
2. agrees to the requested variation to the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*, made by the New Plymouth District Council, to add a new project 'Level Crossing 2017/18 Projects – New Plymouth District'
3. adopts this variation to the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21* and forwards it on to the New Zealand Transport Agency.

McDonald/Williamson

4. Mid-term review of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/16 – 2020/21

4.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum:

- to update the Committee on the mid-term review of the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21* (the RLTP or the Plan)
- to advise of the delay in release of the *Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport 2018* and related documents
- to update the Committee on the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) and its relationship with the Plan
- to present a draft version of the Plan for the Committee's consideration, noting that there are a number of aspects of the Plan which are still evolving
- to seek support of the revised Plan in its current form being circulated for targeted consultation.

4.2 It was noted to the Committee that the Plan must be submitted to the NZ Transport Agency by 30 June 2018 where the activities will be nationally moderated for inclusion in the *National Land Transport Programme (NLTP)*. Ms P McLean, NZ Transport Agency, updated the Committee on the revised draft GPS that will be released on or about 28 March 2018 for a four-week consultation period. The *Investment Assessment Framework (IAF)* is also being revised to reflect the new GPS that will then be used to assess RLTP activities for inclusion in the NLTP.

4.3 Concern was expressed on the time availability for updating the draft RLTP and the requirement to release the Plan for public consultation, noting that the RLTP must align with new investment priorities of a GPS which is not yet released. Council officers advised that they will delay the Plan being released for consultation for as long as possible to await the release of a revised GPS and other related documents. Should the Plan be decided to be released for consultation as it currently stands, it will be done in the knowledge that changes will need to be made to the Plan post-consultation in order to ensure the Plan is aligned with the Government's transport priorities.

4.4 The Committee were advised that the Waikato Regional Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council have released their RLTPs for consultation.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum, Mid-term review of the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*
2. agrees to release the revised *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21* for targeted consultation in its current state, subject to any changes agreed by the Committee

3. notes that a number of changes will need to be made to the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21* post-consultation once the *Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport 2018* and related documents have been revised and released.

Duynhoven/Volzke

5. New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Report

5.1 Ms P McLean, NZ Transport Agency, spoke to the NZ Transport Agency's Quarterly Report to the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee updating Members on Agency news and activities.

5.2 A number of matters were noted and discussed by the Committee including:

- Provincial Growth Fund (transport projects)
- Eligibility criteria of projects to the PGF
- Speed Campaign launch
- Regional representation at the Road Safety Summit April 2018
- New Plymouth to Hawera project and discussion on potential Hawera to Whanganui corridor project
- NZ Transport Agency response, assessment of bylaws, and delegation of authority to councils regarding cars for sale along state highways
- Mangamahoe Culvert and inclusion in the design works of the provision of a cycleway
- Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Programme - update.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the Regional Report from the NZ Transport Agency dated 21 March 2018.

Dunlop/Duynhoven

6. Stock truck effluent disposal sites update

6.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on the in-transit stock truck effluent disposal sites north of New Plymouth and to seek support from the Committee in advocating for new sites to be built.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Stock truck effluent disposal sites update*
2. agrees to the need for a replacement site in the Mt Messenger vicinity being referred to the NZ Transport Agency for consideration within their SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Programme of works

3. notes the letter sent to the Waikato Regional Transport Committee reiterating support for the prioritising of a stock truck effluent disposal site being constructed on SH3 near Piopio.

Volzke/McDonald

7. Passenger transport operational update for the quarter ending 31 December 2017

- 7.1 Mr C B Clarke, Transport Services Manager, spoke to the memorandum providing the Committee with an operational report of the public transport services as at 31 December 2017.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the operational report of the public transport services for the quarter ending 31 December 2017

Dunlop/McDonald

8. Correspondence and information items

- 8.1 The memorandum updating Members on correspondence and information received since the last Committee meeting was noted.
- 8.2 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, sought the Committee's view on whether a collective regional response is required to the 'Movement' collective regarding implementing safer rural speed limits for pedestrians, horse-riders, cyclists and user of mobility devices. The Committee did not support imposing speed limits on local roads arbitrarily and agreed that any response or action be left to each individual council as road controlling authorities.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives and notes for information purposes the correspondence with the Associate Minister of Transport on improving road safety in Taranaki
2. receives and notes the invitation to attend a Local Government Road Safety Summit in Wellington on 9 April 2018
3. receives the correspondence received from the umbrella campaign 'Movement' requesting consideration of reducing speed limits on rural roads used by vulnerable users, and provides guidance on whether a collective regional response is wanted
4. receives and notes for information purposes the letter received in respect of State Highway 43 from the new Minister of Transport, Hon Phil Twyford
5. receives and notes for information purposes the submission made on the Mt Messenger Bypass project on behalf of the State Highway 3 Working Party.

Dunlop/Duynhoven

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor C S Williamson, declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 12.20pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____
C S Williamson

Date **13 June 2018**