

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Regional Transport Committee Deliberations on the Draft
Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/21 – Three Year Review
Meeting Agenda**

For Deliberations meeting to be held in the Council Chamber,
36 Water Street, Whangārei, on Monday 26 February 2018
commencing at 1.00pm

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Cr John Bain (NRC)

Cr Paul Dimery (NRC)
Cr Julie Geange (KDC)

Cr Greg Martin (WDC)
Cr Ann Court (FNDC)

Mr Peter Clark (NZTA)

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TITLE: Deliberation on the Draft Northland Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/2021 – Three Year Review**ID:** A1037613**To:** Regional Transport Committee, 26 February 2018**From:** Chris Powell, Transport Manager, Northland Transportation Alliance**Date:** 21 February 2018

Executive summary

This report serves to update the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) on the process that has been followed on the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/2021 – Three Year Plan Review since the closing of the public submissions process on Wednesday 31 January 2018.

It includes a short summary on what has been provided to the Regional Transport Committee members in order for them to undertake the relevant deliberations on the proposed content and structure of the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/2021 – Three Year Plan Review.

Recommendations

1. That the report 'Deliberations on the Draft Northland Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/2021 – Three Year Review' by Chris Powell dated 21 January 2018 be received.
2. That the Regional Transport Committee undertake deliberations on the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/2021 – Three Year Plan Review in accordance with Section 18 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003;
3. That the revised Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/2021 – Three Year Plan Review be tabled at the 4 April 2018 Regional Transport Committee meeting for formal approval.

Background

Section 13 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 stipulates that:-

Every 6 financial years, each regional council, in the case of every region *except Auckland, must—*

(a) ensure that the relevant regional transport committee prepares, on the regional council's behalf, a regional land transport plan; and

(b) approve the regional land transport plan by a date appointed by the Agency.

Section 18 of the Land Transport Management Act 20113 states that:-

When preparing a regional land transport plan, a regional transport committee—

(a) must consult in accordance with the consultation principles specified in section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002; and

(b) may use the special consultative procedure specified in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Update

The consultation process for the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/2021 – Three Year Plan Review ran from 15 December 2017 to 31 January 2018. During this period, six “Have Your Say” sessions were held at:-

- Whangarei;
- Dargaville;
- Opononi;
- Kaikohe;
- Kaitaia; and
- Kerikeri.

147 people formally signed in to these sessions. Notes from these sessions were taken. 118 formal written submissions were received. Of these, four were received late. It is however recommended that given the proximity of these late submissions to the closing date for submissions that they be accepted.

On Monday 19 February 2018 copies of all submissions received combined with a summary of the main points in these submissions and a summary of the issues raised at the “Have Your Say” sessions were forwarded to the Regional Transport Committee members.

Considerations

1. Options

As the review of the RLTP is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 and the relevant MoT and NZTA funding criteria, no other options to this approach have been considered. The staff recommended option is as detailed above.

2. Significance and Engagement

The activities detailed in this report are provided for in council’s 2015-2025 Long Term Plan, and as such are in accordance with the council’s decision-making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002. This issue is considered under council policy to be potentially significant because the outcome decision will affect: -

- The funding assistance the region could potentially receive through the National Land Transport Programme 2018-2021
- The ability of the region to financially progress new land transport related projects;
- The decision is potentially controversial.

3. Policy and Legislative Compliance

The RLTP Three Year Review is undertaken in accordance with the relevant requirements of the:

- Land Transport Management Act 2003;

- Local Government Act 2002; and
- NZ Transport Agency Funding Criteria.

4. Community Views

For the RLTP Three Year Review process, the following principles have been applied with regard to seeking the views of the community:

- If the review results in major changes to the region's strategic policy approach and/or triggers the present approved significance policy, a full rewrite with full public consultation is required which will be undertaken in accordance with Section 18(1) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.
- If there are no major changes to the regional strategic policy approach and/or the present approved significance policy is not triggered, then a review of the RLTP along with consultation targeting the views of representative groups of land transport users and providers is considered sufficient. This will be undertaken in accordance with Section 18(2) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

The review has concluded that the former applies, requiring a full public consultation for the reason that the present significance policy has been triggered.

5. Financial Implications

The RLTP is the region's bid for funding from the National Land Transport Fund. In order to successfully access this funding, it is important to submit an RLTP for the 2018-2021 funding period.

6. Implementation issues

There are potentially a number of issues that could impact on the successful completion and implementation of the RLTP Three Year Review. These have been accounted for through a risk register.

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