Regional Transport Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Wednesday 5 June 2019, commencing at 10.00am

Present:

Chairman, Councillor John Bain
Deputy Chairman, Councillor Paul Dimery – Arrived at 10.17am
FNDC Councillor Ann Court
KDC Councillor Julie Geange
WDC Councillor Greg Martin
NZTA Representative Jacqui Hori-Holt

In Attendance:

NRC Chairman – Bill Shepherd
NRC Chief Executive – Malcolm Nicolson (Arrived at 10.10am)
GM - Customer Service - Community Resilience – Tony Phipps
Meeting Secretary – Evania Arani
Media – Kirsten Edge
NTA – Calvin Thomas
NRC - Michael Payne
NRC/NTA – Dean Mitchell
NRC/NTA – Sharlene Selkirk
NRC/NTA – Ian Crayton Brown
NRC/NTA – Chris Powell
Police – Senior Sargent Wayne Ewers and Detective Sargent Renee O’Connell
KDC Councillor – Del la Varis Woodcock
FNDC – Andy Finch
WDC – Jeff Devine
KDC – Bernard Petersen

Members of the Public

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.00am

Secretarial note: It has been bought to our attention that the photo of the SH1 Matakohe Bridges Realignment on page 61 in the RTC Agenda dated Wednesday 5 June 2019 was incorrect. Please see the correct photo on the following page.
Apologies (Item 1.0)

Moved (Bain /Geange)

That the apologies from NZTA representative, Steve Mutton for non-attendance be received

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 2.0)

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

Confirmation of Minutes - 03 April 2019 (Item 3.1)

ID: A1193362
Report from Evania Arani, Executive Assistant Customer Services - Community Resilience

Moved (Court/Bain)

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 03 April 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried
Northland Regional Land Transport Plan 2018 - 2021 Funding Uptake (Item 4.1)

ID: A1194655
Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance

Moved (Martin/Geange)
That the report ‘Northland Regional Land Transport Plan 2018 - 2021 Funding Uptake’ by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance and dated 20 May 2019, be received.

Carried

Secretarial note: The chair requested that a paper be tabled at the next meeting on what is available for the disabled community in Northland. Mr Powell advised that there is an upcoming investigation into the availability of transport for the disabled in the region and work will commence within the next couple of months. Cr Bain asked that this work try to be bought forward and reported on.

Northland Regional Road Safety Update (Item 5.1)

ID: A1195192
Report from Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer

Moved (Bain/Geange)

1. That the report ‘Northland Regional Road Safety Update ’ by Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer and dated 21 May 2019, be received.
2. That the RTC hold a Road Safety Workshop on 12 June 2019 to agree on a road safety vision and priorities for action to achieve that vision for inclusion in a Northland RTC submission on the Northland Road Safety Strategy.

Carried

Secretarial note: Councillor Court requested that roadside drug testing be added to the agenda for the 12 June Regional and National Road Safety workshop. She queried if the committee needs to be putting the questions to the crown on the correlation of roadside deaths relating to drugs and where the legislation might be heading.

New Zealand Transport Agency Update (Item 5.2)

ID: A1197872
Report from Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships Upper North Island

Moved (Dimery/Geange)

That the presentation ‘New Zealand Transport Agency Update ‘ by Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships Upper North Island and dated 30 May 2019, be received.

Carried

Secretarial note: NZTA has estimated 87% of speed limits on NZ roads are too high. Cr. Geange requested that NZTA provide the committee with the data around this and where we sit as a region? Discussion from the committee around the Northland Land Transport Plan – 12 million dollars’ worth of projects being cut in Northland. The NZTA rep advised that project cuts have been made all throughout the country and not just Northland. Cr Geange requested the data on the total figure of projects removed from the list for the entire country.
Provincial Growth Fund Applications for Funding for Land Transport Related Projects. (Item 5.3)

ID: A1195606
Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance

Moved (Dimery/Geange)

That the report ‘Provincial Growth Fund Applications for Funding for Land Transport Related Projects.’ by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance and dated 23 May 2019, be received.

Carried

Secretarial note: Cr Court requested that a centralised database be put together which captures all the RCA workstreams in Northland and that the data contains the buckets of money in play, projects in play and where we might aim. It has also been requested that the data captures what applications have been put forward, what’s been approved and what hasn’t as well as the projects that have been considered. This is to be tabled at the next committee meeting.

Request to Vary the Northland RLTP 2015/21 – Northland Transport Alliance PGF Projects (Item 6.1)

ID: A1195091
Report from Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager

Moved (Martin/Geange)

1. That the report ‘Variation to the 2015/2021 Regional Land Transport Programme – Northland Transport Alliance – Mangawhai Shared Path and Robert/Walton Intersection Improvements’ by Calvin Thomas – Northland Transport Alliance Manager, dated 14 May 2019 be received

2. That the Regional Transport Committee approves the request to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/21 to make the following changes:

   Kaipara District Council
   • Include the Mangawhai Shared Path project with a 2018/21 budget of $1,550,000.
   • Reduce the Low Cost/Low Risk programme for 2018/21 by $1,550,000

   Whangarei District Council
   • Include the Robert Street/Walton Street Intersection Improvements project with a combined budget of $1,613,660.
   • Remove the Bank Street/Dent Street Intersection Improvements project with a combined budget of $1,613,660.

Carried

Conclusion
The meeting concluded at 11.32am