Regional Transport Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Wednesday 7 August 2019, commencing at 10.00am

Present:

Chairman, Councillor John Bain
Deputy Chairman, Councillor Paul Dimery
FNDC Councillor Ann Court
KDC Councillor Victoria Del La Varis-Woodcock
WDC Councillor Greg Martin
NZTA Representative, Jacqui Hori-Houl

In Attendance:

Full Meeting
NRC Chairman – Bill Shepherd
GM - Customer Service - Community Resilience – Tony Phipps
Meeting Secretary – Evania Arani
NTA – Calvin Thomas
NRC – Michael Payne
NTA/NRC – Chris Powell
NTA/NRC – Sharlene Selkirk
NTA/NRC – Anita Child
Police – Senior Sergeant Ian Row
Police - Inspector Wayne Ewers
FNDC – Andy Finch
WDC – Jeff Devine
KDC – Jim Sephton
NZTA – Martin Taylor
Northland Road Safety Trust - Gillian Archer

Members of the public

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.00am.

Apologies (Ngā whakapahā) (Item 1.0)

Moved (Martin/Dimery)

That the apologies from NZTA Representative Mr Steve Mutton and Councillor Julie Geange for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Jacqui Hori-Houl and Victoria La Varis Woodcock were welcomed as attendees.
Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Nga whakapuakanga) (Item 2.0)

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

Confirmation of Minutes - 05 June 2019 (Item 3.1)

ID: A1220256
Report from Evania Arani, Executive Assistant Customer Services - Community Resilience
Moved (Bain/Court)

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 05 June 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

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

ID: A1212659
Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance
Moved (Dimery/Bain)

That the report ‘Northland Regional Land Transport Plan 2018 - 2021 Funding Uptake’ by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance and dated 11 July 2019, be received.

Carried

Improving the Value of the Regional Land Transport Plan (Item 5.1)

ID: A1216169
Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance
Moved (Court/Dimery)

That the report ‘Improving the Value of the Regional Land Transport Plan’ by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance and dated 17 July 2019, be received.

Carried

Investigation into the Needs and Availability of Total Mobility/Disability Transport Services in Northland - Update (Item 5.2)

ID: A1217331
Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance
Moved (Bain/Dimery)

That the report ‘Investigation into the Needs and Availability of Total Mobility/Disability Transport Services in Northland - Update’ by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance and dated 18 July 2019, be received.

Carried
New Zealand Transport Agency Report to Regional Transport Committee (Item 5.3)

ID: A1221466
Report from Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships Upper North Island

Recommendation(s)

1. That the report ‘New Zealand Transport Agency Report to Regional Transport Committee’ by Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships Upper North Island and dated 30 July 2019, be received.

Northland Regional Road Safety Update (Item 5.4)

ID: A1213119
Report from Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer

Moved (Dimery/Bain)

1. That the report ‘Northland Regional Road Safety Update ’ by Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer and dated 12 July 2019, be received.

Carried

Secretarial note: It was to be noted that Senior Sergeant Ian Row will no longer be in attendance at the Regional Transport Committee meetings. Inspector Wayne Ewers will now be supported at the Transport meetings by Senior Sergeant Steve Dickson.

Inspector Wayne Ewers, the committee and staff expressed their many thanks to Senior Sergeant Ian Row for all his work including all the extras that was done behind the scenes as well as his contribution to the committee.

Regional Road Safety Action Plan Workshop and "Road to Zero" (Item 6.1)

ID: A1221566
Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance

Moved (Court/Del La Varis-Woodcock)

1. That the report ‘Regional Road Safety Action Plan Workshop and "Road to Zero"’ by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance and dated 30 July 2019, be received.

2. That the Regional Transport Committee approve staff complete the on-line submission on the draft “Road to Zero - 2020/2030 Road Safety Strategy” based on the feedback received from the Regional Road Safety Action Plan Workshop.

3. That the Regional Transport Committee delegate authority to Tony Phipps, Group Manager Customer Services – Community Resilience to undertake any grammatical and formatting that may be required to be made to the submission.

4. That the Regional Transport Committee delegate authority to the RTC Chairman, Councillor John Bain, to approve release of the completed submission.

Carried

Secretarial note: The committee had discussion around prescribed medicines that can cause impairment and the lack of warnings on medication boxes/bottles. The committee would like to see more visible warnings on prescribed medications that clearly states that they cause impairment and that you shouldn’t drive if you are taking them. It was agreed that this is to be added to the Road to Zero submission.
Changes to the RTC’s submission on “Road to Zero” – Barriers to prevent head on crashes on state highway. To be reworded to four laning with appropriate separation/barriers. Divided carriage ways.

Centre driving lines/Barriers – This will assist with the tourist that is unfamiliar with the Northland roads and to help them stay in the correct lane.

The committee wished to thank NZTA for facilitating the Road to Zero workshop. This was well attended and very well facilitated.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 11.50am