

**Joint WDC-NRC Whangarei Public
Transport Working Party
Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 1.00pm**

AGENDA

Joint WDC-NRC Whangarei Public Transport Working Party Agenda

Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 7 June 2022, commencing at 1.00pm

Recommendations contained in the agenda are NOT decisions of the meeting. Please refer to minutes for resolutions.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT WDC-NRC WHANGAREI PUBLIC TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY

Chairperson, Councillor Terry Archer

NRC Councillor Rick Stolwerk

NRC Councillor Jack Craw

WDC Councillor Tricia Cutforth

WDC Councillor Anna Murphy

WDC Councillor Greg Martin

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TITLE: Confirmation of Minutes - 5 April 2002


From: Nicky Hansen, PA to GM Community Resilience

Authorised by Victoria Harwood, Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience, on 30 May
Group Manager/s: 2022

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the minutes of the Joint WDC-NRC Whangarei Public Transport Working Party meeting held on 5 April 2022, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: 2022 04 05 Joint WDC-NRC Whangarei Public Transport Working Party Minutes - unconfirmed [↓](#) 

Joint WDC-NRC Whangarei Public Transport Working Party
5 April 2022

Joint WDC-NRC Whangarei Public Transport Working Party Minutes

Meeting held via audiovisual link
on Tuesday 5 April 2022, commencing at 1.00pm

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Councillor Terry Archer
NRC Councillor Rick Stolwerk
NRC Councillor Jack Crow
WDC Councillor Tricia Cutforth
WDC Councillor Anna Murphy
WDC Alternate Councillor Phil Halse

Councillor Crow chaired the meeting, as Councillor Archer was experiencing technical issues.

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC Group Manager Community Resilience – Victoria Harwood
NTA Chris Powell
NTA General Manager, Calvin Thomas
NTA Dean Mitchell
NTA Jeff Devine
Ex-Committee Secretariat NRC Laura Exton
Committee Secretariat NRC Nicky Hansen

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1.02pm.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Stolwerk / Murphy)

That the apologies from WDC Councillor Greg Martin for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes - (Item 4.1)

Report from Nicky Hansen, PA to GM Community Resilience

Moved (Murphy/Stolwerk)

That the minutes of the Joint WDC-NRC Whangarei Public Transport Working Party meeting held on 8 December 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

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5 April 2022

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.1)

Report from Nicky Hansen, PA to GM Community Resilience

Moved (Stolwerk/Murphy)

That the action sheet be received.

.Carried

Actions:

NTA staff are to send Councillor Murphy the T2 Lane Business Case / Feasibility Study.

Government Half-Fares for Public Transport (Item 6.1)

Report from Victoria Harwood, Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience

Moved (Stolwerk/Craw)

That the report 'Government Half-Fares for Public Transport' by Victoria Harwood, Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience and dated 21 March 2022, be received.

Carried

Whangarei District - Link Bus Services Update February 2022 (Item 6.2)

Report from Victoria Harwood, Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience

Moved (Stolwerk/Murphy)

That the report 'Whangarei District - Link Bus Services Update February 2022' by Victoria Harwood, Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience and dated 21 March 2022, be received.

Carried

Actions:

NTA staff are to discuss with Waka Kotahi the frequency of bus service and whether to increase.

Rose Street Bus Terminal Upgrade - Update (Item 6.3)

Report from Victoria Harwood, Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience

Moved (Stolwerk/Murphy)

That the report 'Rose Street Bus Terminal Upgrade - Update' by Victoria Harwood, Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience and dated 21 March 2022, be received.

Carried

Actions:

NTA staff are to write a report regarding the decision to employ a bus station staff member; role, duties, safety etc.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 2.00pm.

TITLE: **Receipt of Action Sheet**

From: Nicky Hansen, PA to GM Community Resilience

Authorised by Victoria Harwood, Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience, on
Group Manager/s:


Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to enable the meeting to receive the current action sheet.

Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation

That the action sheet be received.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Action Sheet - May 2022 [↓](#) 

TITLE: CityLink Bus Service - Update

From: Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Authorised by Victoria Harwood, Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience, on 24 May
Group Manager/s: 2022

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

This report serves to update the Joint WDC-NRC Whangarei Public Transport Working Party on what has occurred in regard to the CityLink Bus Service since the last meeting of 5 April 2022.

Chris Powell Transport Manager and Jeff Devine Strategy and Planning Manager, Northland Transportation Alliance, will be present at the meeting to answer any questions.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'CityLink Bus Service – Update' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 23 May 2022, be received.

Background/Tuhinga

CITYLINK BUS SERVICE STATISTICS

Bus Link stats for April 2022 (revenue ex GST)	Actual	Budget	Variance	Year/Date Actual	Year/Date Budgeted	Variance
CityLink Passengers	20,577	25,289	4,712	223,410	264,040	40,630
CityLink Revenue	\$23,996	\$32,623	\$8,627	\$249,835	\$340,612	\$90,767
Bream Bay Link Passengers	73	24	49	465	258	207
Bream Bay Link Revenue	\$502	\$87	\$415	\$2,831	\$929	\$1,901
Hikurangi Link Passengers	22	24	2	199	246	47
Hikurangi Link Revenue	\$58	\$63	\$5	\$478	\$673	\$195

National Bus Driver Shortage

Ongoing conversations with other regional councils have shown that the bus driver shortage nationally is progressively getting worse with some councils being unable to cover all timetabled services. It is anticipated that this situation will continue to worsen over the coming months.

The adverse impact on the contracted Link services in Northland is beginning to be felt. Staff remain in talks with operators on how best to manage the situation.

The planned Whangarei urban scholar services have had to be put on hold as the operator is struggling to source drivers to cover these services. Staff will be meeting with the operator during April to address this issue going forward.

Half Price Fares

There has been no noticeable increase in the number of people using the Link services since the introduction of the Half Fare initiative. One mitigating factor may be that nearly half the number of SuperGold card holders carried prior to the onset of Covid have not returned to the CityLink service.

In addition, it must be noted that the number of passengers carried in April 2022 are lower due to school holidays and the number of public holidays observed.

Kamo T2 Lane

The Whangarei District Council has allocated funding for the Kamo bus lane as part of the 2021-24 LTP and the Northland Regional Council has made provision in their LTP for increased bus services associated with the bus lane.

The Whangarei District Council has completed a Point of Entry application for the project with NZTA which allows the funding for a Single Stage Business Case to be released. Council has engaged Flow Consultants to complete the Business case which is required by NZTA to release the construction funding.

The proposed timing of the project is for construction to be undertaken during the 2022/23 financial year with operation of the bus lane by 2023/24 or sooner if possible.

Rose Street Bus Terminus Upgrade

The Rose Street upgrade is running two weeks behind schedule.

Staff have received 2 quotes at this stage for upgrade of the Rose Street Terminus office accommodation.

The use of temporary stops in Vine Street has been successful to date. Since the commencement of the new school term however, incidents of antisocial behaviour have restarted.

Antisocial Behavior at Vine Street Bus Stops

There is an increasing number of bicycles being ridden in Vine Street and on the pavements in and around the temporary bus stops.

This was reported to both the New Zealand Police and the Whangarei District Council for their attention and actioning.

Please see [Attachments I and II](#) for the replies received from both parties.

Total Mobility (TM)

	Total Clients	Monthly Actual Expend	Monthly Budgeted Expend	Monthly Variance	Year/Date Actual Expend	Year/Date Budgeted Expend	Annual Variance
April 2022	1,264	\$20,001	\$25,000	-\$4,999	\$172,519	\$225,000	-\$52,481

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: #1 Kids On Bikes Vine Street Body Cam Video 090522 [↓](#) 

Attachment 2: #2 Kids On Bikes Vine Street Body Cam Video 090522 [↓](#) 

