

Regional Transport Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the NRC, Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 13 June 2023, commencing at 11.00am - 12.30pm

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Chairperson, NRC, Joe Carr
Deputy Chairperson, Councillor John Blackwell
FNDC Councillor, Steve McNally
WDC Councillor, Simon Reid
KDC Councillor, Ash Nayyar
Waka Kotahi Director Regional Relationships, Steve Mutton

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer, Jonathan Gibbard
NRC Acting Group Manager - Community Resilience, Jim Lyle
NRC Policy Specialist, Michael Payne
NRC Secretariat, Erica Wade
NTA General Manager, Calvin Thomas
NTA Transport Manager, Chris Powell
NTA Representative, Bernard Petersen
NTA Representative, Ian Crayton Brown (*online*)
NTA Representative, Jeff Devine
NTA Representative, Nicole Korach
NTA Representative, Nick Marshall
NTA Representative, Kayla Gunson
FNDC Councillor, Ann Court
FNDC Group Manager – Infrastructure & Asset management Andy Finch
NZ Police, Stephanie Hudson
Waka Kotahi, Martin Taylor (*online*)
KiwiRail Representative, Eric Hennephof

Part Meeting

WDC Councillor, Phil Halse (*arrived 11.57am*)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.00am.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Cr. Carr

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved Blackwell/ Nayar

That the apologies from FNDC Councillor Tamati Rakena for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Nga whakapuakanga/Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 3.0)

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

Confirmation of Minutes - 4 April 2023 (Item 4.1)

Report from Erica Wade, Personal Assistant - General Manager Community Resilience

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Nayar / Blackwell)

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 4 April 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record and that these be duly authenticated with the Chair's electronic signature.

Carried

Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report (Item 5.1)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 22 May 2023, be received.

Moved (Nayar / Blackwell)

Secretarial note: Resolution was made to adjourn this item and have it left on the table for a re-convened hybrid meeting which is to be held at NRC Water Street and via MS Team on Monday 19 June at 10am. A copy of the Excel spreadsheet is to be distributed via email to committee members and posted to those wanting a hard copy.

Carried

Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 - Presentation by Ministry of Transport. (Item 6.1)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 - Presentation by Ministry of Transport.' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 23 May 2023, be received.

Secretarial note: Item was withdrawn by Ministry of Transport due to delays in release of GPS. A MS Teams update meeting will be arranged to discuss the draft GPS once released.

District Council Drainage Activities (Item 6.2)

Report from Bernard Petersen, Maintenance & Operations Manager - NTA

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: (Blackwell / McNally)

That the report 'District Council Drainage Activities' by Bernard Petersen, Maintenance & Operations Manager - NTA and dated 22 May 2023, be received.

Carried

Secretarial note: A number of workshops are to be had to further discuss RLTP, contracts and our priorities.

Further discussion was had around drainage and water tables. Waka Kotahi recognises this issue around drainage and is favourable for it to be a real focus and are wanting to work with councils to resolve these issues – certainly needs investment.

Northland Road Safety - Road to Zero update (Item 6.3)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Mutton / McNally)

That the report 'Northland Road Safety - Road to Zero update' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 23 May 2023, be received.

Carried

Secretarial note: There have been seven more deaths- in Northland since this report was written with the majority caused by RIDS (Restrained, Impaired, Drugs, Speed).

Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2027 Three Year Review - Progress Report (Item 6.4)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Nayyar / McNally)

That the report 'Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2027 Three Year Review – Progress Report' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager – Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 23 May 2023, be received.

Carried

Secretarial note: A reminder to the group that the RLTP is an application for funding, not a guarantee of funding.

Actions

1. Chris will resend the draft RLTP document to the committee members for any final suggested amendments. As of today there has been no suggestions of change.
2. Chris and Calvin will set up a timeline and workshops to keep this piece of work progressing.

Secretarial note: Eric Hennephof presented the Northland Rail Programme update.

Moved (Blackwell / Nayyar)

That the report 'Northland Rail Programme' by KiwiRail dated May 2023, be received.

Carried

Waka Kotahi Activity Update (Item 6.5)

Report from Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (McNally / Nayyar)

That the report 'Waka Kotahi Activity Update' by Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau and dated 22 May 2023, be received.

Carried

Secretarial note: Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail have and will continue to discuss options on how to best work together.

Actions:

1. Due to the links not working in the report, Steve Mutton will resend the video clips to the committee.

Committee Member Priorities and Updates (Item 6.6)

Report from Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Nayyar / Mutton)

1. That the report 'Committee Member Priorities and Updates' by Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager and Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 23 May 2023, be received and
2. The supplementary verbal updates provided by Regional Transport Committee members be received.

Carried

2023 Budget - Transportation announcements (Item 6.7)

Report from Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Nayyar / Blackwell)

That the report '2023 Budget - Transportation announcements' by Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager and dated 8 June 2023, be received.

Carried

Action:

1. At the adjourned meeting on Monday 19 June, discuss what is needed to complete a submission to floodproof Northlands roading network.

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 7.1)

Report from Erica Wade, Personal Assistant - General Manager Community Resilience

Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation

Moved McNally / Nayyar

That the action sheet be received.

Carried

Action:

1. Add State Highway resilience onto the action sheet. Need to prepare a case for flood proofing all of the northland road network, not only State Highways.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Calvin Thomas

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.47pm