

Regional Transport Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
and virtually via MTeams
on Monday 19 June 2023, commencing at 10.00am

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 (*online*)

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer, Jonathan Gibbard
NRC Group Manager - Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt
NRC Policy Specialist, Michael Payne (*online*)
NRC Secretariat, Erica Wade
NTA General Manager, Calvin Thomas
NTA Transport Manager, Chris Powell
NTA Representative, Kayla Gunson (*online*)
KDC CE, Jason Marris (*left 11.37am*)
WDC CE, Simon Weston (*left 11.00am*)

Moved (McNally / Nayyar)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.00am and adjourned until 10.07am

Carried

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Nayyar / Blackwell)

That the apologies from Councillor Ann Court, KDC CE Jason Marris, NZ Police Representative Ann-Marie Fitchett 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.

Unconfirmed

Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report (Item 4.1)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Nayyar / Blackwell)

That the report 'Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 15 June 2023, be received.

Carried

Moved (McNally / Nayyar)

Recommendation: RTC supports and advocates for change that improves Northlands road conditions through maintaining and improving roads that are

1. Safe and fit for purpose road surfaces
2. Sufficient funding capable of delivery
3. With clear prioritisation of core maintenance of roading

Carried

Secretarial note: Progress on the emergency works is recorded in fortnightly progress reports that are sent to RTC members. The scale of emergency works means it will not be all completed in the next two months and will be carried forward to the 2023/24 financial year.

Discussion around the GPS and how the government dictates what the money is to be spent on. The RTC would like to lobby the local ministers and ensure Northland's priorities are on drainage and water tabling highways and rural roads.

NTA are holding workshops with each District Council to get feedback and clarity on what their focus/priorities are on.

Maintenance Contracts awarded in 2018 are between individual councils, not between contractors and the NTA. Contracts do need revisiting which is the purpose of the upcoming workshops with the three District Councils.

Discussion around peer review of the maintenance contracts took place.

Action:

1. RTC members to lobby local ministers and ensure GPS funding is focusing on Northland's priorities which include drainage and water tabling highways and rural roads.
2. Waka Kotahi to present to the next RTC meeting on the costings they have on priority areas and to provide information on the resilience weak points on State Highways.
3. Louisa, Calvin and Jono will discuss ways to pull information regarding identified areas where the need for strengthening resilience is identified.
4. Calvin to circulate the draft pitch to ministers outlining Northlands priorities this week and will circulate to members for feedback.
5. Calvin to circulate to the RTC the collective feedback from the regional workshops
6. Jono will seek legal advice on the roll and function of NRC and RTC and will feedback to the RTC.

Request to Vary the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-27 - Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Item 5.1)

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

Recommendation(s)

Moved (Nayyar / Reid)

1. That the report 'Request to Vary the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-27 - Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency' by Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau and dated 15 June 2023, be received.
2. That the Regional Transport Committee approve the request for a variation to the Northland Land Transport Plan for the inclusion of the Whangarei to Dome Valley Resilience Strategic Response activity.
3. That the Regional Transport Committee approve the request for work to be completed under Work Category 004 Programme Business Case Phase at 100% Funding Assistance Rate.
4. That the Regional Transport Committee approve the request that further work is expected to come out of the initial activity that is being completed at pace.

Carried

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.16.pm