

## Joint WDC-NRC Whangarei Public Transport Working Party Minutes

Meeting held in the NRC, Water Street  
Whangārei  
Council Chambers  
on Tuesday 1 August 2023, commencing at 9.00-10.30am

### Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, NRC Councillor Jack Crow  
NRC Councillor Rick Stolwerk  
NRC Councillor Joe Carr (Ex-Officio)  
WDC Councillor Scott McKenzie  
WDC Councillor Simon Reid  
WDC Councillor Carol Peters (*online*)

### I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

#### Full Meeting

Group Manager - Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt  
NRC Secretariat, Erica Wade  
NRC Secretariat, Nyla Jackson  
NTA Transport Manager, Chris Powell  
NTA Representative, Jeff Devine

#### Part Meeting

NRC Cr. John Blackwell (*arrived 9.43am*)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.02am.

### Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

### Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

There were no apologies.

### Confirmation of Minutes - 13 June 2023 (Item 4.1)

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

#### Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

**Moved: Stolwerk / McKenzie**

That the minutes of the Whangārei Public Transport Working Party meeting held on 13 June 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record and that these be duly authenticated with the Chair's electronic signature.

**Carried**

## **Action Sheet (Item 5.1)**

**Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance**

### **Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation**

**Moved: Stolwerk / McKenzie**

That the action sheet be received.

**Carried**

*Secretarial note: Update on existing actions reflected in the action sheet.*

*Discussion around the proposed new route at Totara Park and having it start in the next 4-6 weeks. The new route will be moving counterclockwise with no stops outside of residential housing.*

### **Action:**

- NTA to draft a letter from the Chair to the young man from Whangārei Boys High, that initiated the conversation about the new bus route and in recognition of the remarkable survey he presented.

## **Whangārei Public Transport Update (Item 6.1)**

**Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance**

### **Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation**

**Moved: Stolwerk / McKenzie**

That the report 'Whangārei Public Transport Update' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 11 July 2023, be received.

**Carried**

*Secretarial note: Report taken as read.*

*Discussion was had around the delay in works starting for the Kamo bus lane. NTA are waiting on confirmation of approved government funds. Promotion and commencement cannot start until this is confirmed however, NTA envisage this will be through in the next few weeks with work starting end of August. Five other bus lanes have been identified.*

*Further discussion around introducing electric buses and how they are hugely expensive and extremely heavy which will add more pressure to the roads. Given time this may change.*

### **Action:**

- NTA to send members the draft designs of the Rose Street upgrade.
- NTA to further investigate approximate costings and the pros and cons of setting up a 'MyWay' in Whangārei, similar to that in Hawke's Bay and Timaru. This is to be presented at the next WPTWP.
- NRC and NTA to look at a display stand at the upcoming Climate Action Change Meeting showcasing Whangārei's bus service.
- NTA to email WPTWP members the whereabouts of the remaining five bus lanes that have been identified.

## **Whakamutunga (Conclusion)**

**The meeting concluded at 9.46am.**