

Regional Transport Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the NRC, Water Street
Whangārei
Council Chambers
on Tuesday 1 August 2023, commencing at 11.00am-12.30pm

Tuhinga/Present:

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

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC GM Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt
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, Nicole Korach
NTA Representative, Nick Marshall
NTA Representative, Kayla Gunson
WDC Chief Executive Officer, Simon Weston
WDC GM Infrastructure, Jim Sephton
FNDC Councillor, Ann Court
FNDC CE, Guy Holroyd
FNDC GM Infrastructure & Asset management Andy Finch (*Online*)
KDC GM Infrastructure Services, Anin Nama
NZ Police Representative, Ann-marie Fitchett
Automobile Association Representative, Tracey Rissetto
Waka Kotahi, Martin Taylor (*online*)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.00.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Calvin Thomas

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

There were no apologies.

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 - 13 June 2023 (Item 4.1)

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

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: McNally / Reid

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee 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

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

Moved: McNally / Reid

1. That the report 'Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 11 July 2023, be received.

Carried

Moved: McNally / Nayyar

2. RTC request a truly independent high-level review of:
 - Structure of Northland Road maintenance and Capex contracts,
 - Procurement arrangements
 - Supervision of the above
 - The provision of professional services and their delivery

The reviewer also needs to provide advice on a way forward for Northland roading that includes roles and relationships.

This work needs to be done immediately so that the development of the next road maintenance contract has full benefit of the report.

Carried

(Steve Mutton voted against the motion)

Secretarial notes: Councillors receiving a lot of pressure from their communities around the lack of road maintenance; not only are Farmers fixings issues on rural roads themselves the state of the roads are causing costly damage to vehicles. Progress needs to be made.

Waka Kotahi would like to acknowledge NTA in completing a record delivery of work despite the setbacks including wet weather exacerbating roading, causing little rehabilitation works.

WDC are currently undergoing two independent reviews where the scope has been agreed by the CE's of each council:

- 1. Looking at maintenance contracts, review existing contracts and provide recommendations for future contracts.*
- 2. Review on the performance of NTA and if it is meeting Northlands requirements.*

Both reviews are independent reviews and findings will be shared with each district councils CE.

Action:

- Waka Kotahi funding report to be included in future meetings.
- NTA to look at adding the 'total' to the bottom of the funding report.
- NTA to share the RLTP for feedback/comments from RTC in time of the next workshop.

Northland Road Safety - Road to Zero update (Item 6.1)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: Blackwell / Reid

That the report 'Northland Road Safety - Road to Zero update' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 20 July 2023, be received.

Carried

Secretarial notes: Report taken as read.

RTC committee would like to thank NTA representative, Ashleigh for her work in the Road Safe Campaign.

Committee Member Priorities and Updates (Item 6.2)

Report from Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: Nayyar / Reid

That the report 'Committee Member Priorities and Updates' by Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager and dated 17 July 2023, be received.

Carried

Secretarial notes: Eric Hennephof presented RTC with the KiwiRail update. KiwiRail continuing to upgrade the network between Kauri and Whangārei along with purchasing land for the designated route from Whangārei to Marsden.

Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 - Risk Assessment Report. (Item 7.1)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: Mutton / Nayyar

1. That the report 'Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 - Risk Assessment Report.' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 11 July 2023, be received.
2. That the Regional Transport Committee agree to attend additional workshops to go through the amended "Strategic Front End" in detail and either approve, amend or reject the recommended changes. It is proposed that these workshops be held on: -
 - i. Tuesday 12 September 2023 from 10.00am to 11.30am
 - ii. Tuesday 7 November 2023 October 2023 from 10.00am to 11.30am.
3. That the Regional Transport Committee support the RTC Chair writing to each of the three Northland District Councils on behalf of the committee, confirming that a major focus of the next RLTP must be re-establishing a fit for purpose road network and, notwithstanding the finalised GPS priorities, requesting for appropriate District Council budgets be allocated within respective Council Long Term Plans to address the identified resilience and network condition issues.

Carried

Secretarial notes: May need to have more workshops to ensure our submission reflects Northlands dire situation and the need for more funding for our state highways.

Action:

- RLTP to be shared with RTC members for their feedback / comments prior to the 12 September 2023 workshop.

Waka Kotahi Update for Te Tai Tokerau (Item 8.1)

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

Moved: Blackwell / Nayyar

That the presentation 'Waka Kotahi Update for Te Tai Tokerau' by Steve Mutton, be received.

Carried

Secretarial note: Report taken as read

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 9.1)

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

Nga mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: Nayyar / Carr

That the action sheet be received.

Carried

Karakia Whakamutunga

Calvin Thomas

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.14pm

Unconfirmed