

Regional Transport Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Remotely via Zoom link
on Tuesday 5 April 2022, commencing at 11.00am

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson Rick Stolwerk
FNDC, Councillor Ann Court
KDC, Councillor David Wills
WDC Alternate, Councillor Phil Halse
Waka Kotahi Representative, Steve Mutton

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC Chair, Penny Smart
NRC Group Manager - Community Resilience, Victoria Harwood
NZ Police, Anne-Marie Fitchett
NRC Ex Secretariat, Laura Exton
NRC Secretariat, Nicky Hansen
FNDC, Andy Finch
Waka Kotahi, Brian Palalagi
NTA, Chris Powell
NTA, Ian Crayton-Brown
Waka Kotahi, Kobus Du Toit
Waka Kotahi, Louisa Mutu
NTA, Calvin Thomas
NTA, Jeffery Devine
FNDC, Kelly Stratford
NTA, Nick Marshall
Far North REAP, Angelene Waitohi
NRC Digital Coordinator - Social & Content, Meloney Tupou

Part Meeting

NRC Councillor Jack Crow attended 12.37pm

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.02am.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Halse / Stolwerk)

That the apologies from WDC Councillor Greg Martin, NZTA Jackie Hori-Hoult for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Secretarial note: Apologies from Deputy Chair Terry Archer were received during the meeting, he was unable to join due to technical difficulties.

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 - 8 December 2021 (Item 4.1)

Report from Nicky Hansen, PA to GM Community Resilience

Moved (Wills/Stolwerk)

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 8 December 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 4.2)

Report from Nicky Hansen, PA to GM Community Resilience

Moved (Wills/Stolwerk)

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

Carried

Northland Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2027 Funding Uptake (Item 5.1)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Moved (Stolwerk/Court)

That the report 'Northland Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2027 Funding Uptake' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance and dated 16 March 2022, be received.

Carried

Waka Kotahi Northland Activity and Funding update (Item 6.1)

Report from Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships Upper North Island

Moved (Court/Halse)

That the report 'Waka Kotahi Northland Activity and Funding update' by Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships Upper North Island and dated 21 March 2022, be received.

Carried

Action: *Chair Councillor Stolwerk and Councillor Court are to discuss an approach moving forward to strengthen the Regional Transport Committee's voice in standing up for what Northland needs*

(involvement in national conversations and decisions being made regarding funding, projects, mode-sharing). Produce a plan that is workable. A way forward is to be discussed at the next RTC Workshop or Meeting.

Action: *Waka Kotahi are to provide a breakdown of the funding allocation for the railway connecting the Whangārei Port (requested by Councillor Wills).*

Action: *Chair Councillor Stolwerk is to circulate the response from the Labour MPs to the Regional Transport Committee elected members once it is received, including a summary of what was originally tasked.*

Waka Kotahi Designing Driver Licencing Strategy report (Item 6.2)

Report from Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships Upper North Island

Moved (Court/Stolwerk)

That the report 'Waka Kotahi - Designing Driver Licencing Strategy' by Steve Mutton, Waka Kotahi Director Regional Relationships, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau, and dated 23 March 2022, be received.

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Northland to Auckland Four Lane Highway Update (Item 6.3)

Report from Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships Upper North Island

Moved (Stolwerk/Martin)

That the report 'Northland to Auckland Four Lane Highway Update' by Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships Upper North Island and dated 21 March 2022, be received.

Carried

Northland Road Safety Update (Item 6.4)

Report from Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer and Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Moved (Wills/Stolwerk)

That the report 'Northland Road Safety Update' by Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer and Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 22 March 2022, be received.

Carried

Action: *Inspector Anne-Marie Fitchett, Road Policing Manager, NZ Police, to provide final copy of the police report (Northland Road Policing Plan 2022).*

Action: *Councillor Court has volunteered to be a "Road Safety Hero", as referenced on page 53 of the Regional Transport Committee 5 April 2022 Agenda. Chair Councillor Stolwerk would also be interested in participating.*

Te Huringa Taraiwa: Te Arotake I Te Punaha Utu Kaiwhakamahi Rori/Driving Change: Reviewing the Road User Charges System (Item 7.1)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Moved (Wills/Court)

1. That the report 'Te Huringa Taraiwa: Te Arotake I Te Punaha Utu Kaiwhakamahi Rori/Driving Change: Reviewing the Road User Charges System' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance and dated 22 March 2022, be received.
2. That the Northland Regional Transport Committee delegate to representatives of the Northland Transportation Alliance to compile a draft regional submission on the Committees behalf based on the recommendations made in Attachment II.
3. That the draft submission be circulated to all elected members for comment.
4. That a final submission be compiled incorporating agreed changes and this be circulated to the Regional Transport Committee members for final approval.
5. That the Chair of the Regional Transport Committee be given authority to make minor formatting and grammatical changes and sign the final submission prior to the document being sent to the Ministry of Transport before the consultation closing on 22 April 2022.

Submission: Cr Court if we charge more for trucks we pay more for goods received. What is productivity impact? Refer to Question 8 (page 80).

All five recommendations be moved and all and any replies to be received and completed to one final submission.

Carried

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.47.