

Regional Transport Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Monday 4 December 2023, commencing at 10.00am-12.30pm

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Chairperson, NRC Councillor 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
KiwiRail Eric Hennepf
FNDC Councillor Ann Court
WDC Councillor Phil Halse

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

NRC GM Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt
NRC Councillor, Geoff Crawford
NRC Policy Specialist, Michael Payne
NRC Secretariat, Gavin Dawson
NTA General Manager, Calvin Thomas
NTA Transport Manager, Chris Powell
NTA Representative, Jeff Devine
NTA Representative Nick Marshall
NTA Representative Elizabeth Stacey
NTA Representative Kayla Gunson
NZ Police Representative, Ann-Marie Fitchett
Northland Road Safety Trust, Ashley Johnston
NTA Representative, Nicole Cauty
NTA Representative Caley McGillvary
Waka Kotahi Liz Maguire
KDC GM Infrastructure Services, Anin Nama (online)
Waka Kotahi, Martin Taylor (online)
WDC CEO Simon Weston
ACC Craig Crawford
AA New Zealand Tracey Risetto
Secretariat Sandra Harris
Secretariat Assistant Janice Kirk

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10am. Karakia – 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 - 10 October 2023 (Item 4.1)

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

Moved (Carr/Blackwell)

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 10 October 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

Moved (Blackwell/Nayyar)

That the report 'Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 2 November 2023, be received.

Secretarial Note: Chair requested for future Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 National Funding Assistance Update reports to be delivered in A3 to committee members as hard copies a minimum of five days before each meeting.

Carried

2024-27 National Land Transport Plan (NLTP) timing (Item 6.1)

Report from Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager

Moved (Mutton/Blackwell)

That the report '2024-27 National Land Transport Plan (NLTP) timing' by Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager and dated 2 November 2023, be received.

Secretarial Note: Waka Kotahi are in good position awaiting on direction from new central government and funding availability for clarity of budget. State Highway perspective there are 124 monitoring measures – link to be distributed to all committee members via website.

Carried

Wider 2022/23 Emergency Works programme and remaining sites (Item 6.2)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Moved (Blackwell/Reid)

That the report 'Wider 2022/23 Emergency Works programme and remaining sites' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 2 November 2023, be received.

Carried

Waka Kotahi update (Item 6.3)

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

Moved (Nayyar/Reid)

That the report 'Waka Kotahi update' by Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau and dated 2 November 2023, be received.

Secretarial Note: Closure of Brynderwyns not yet confirmed with further discussion ongoing with public survey. Alternative routes to be considered. Update on windscreen damage and extent or reason, to be submitted to committee supported with a letter given to Liz Maguire from Cr Carr.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Cr Crawford left meeting 10.46am

Kiwi rail update (Item 6.4)

Report from Eric Hennephof, KiwiRail - Programme Director Northland

Moved (Blackwell/Reid)

That the attached 'Kiwi rail update' by Eric Hennephof, KiwiRail - Programme Director Northland and dated 2 November 2023, be received.

Carried

Committee members Priorities and updates (Item 6.5)

Report from Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager

Moved (Blackwell/Reid)

1. That the report 'Committee members Priorities and updates' by Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager and dated 2 November 2023, be received.
2. The supplementary verbal updates provided by Regional Transport Committee members be received.
 - Staff to provide performance outcomes and target as per NTA document.
 - Meeting to be held with review facilitator and panel members before 22 December for an update on Section 17a.

Secretarial Note: Item 6.5 deferred and tabled after 6.6 and for further workshop discussion. Cr McNally referred to Terms of reference and supporting priority concerns document for committee.

Cr McNally tabled a letter of priority concerns handed to committee members. Staff action to share with committee members high level indicators on Monitoring performance measures for viewing.

Chair acknowledged the tabled letter from the Northern District Councils with Whangarei District Council CE Weston present.

The Chair asked for an update on the Section 17a review in to the delivery of transport service. Following the verbal update the Chair asked that a meeting be set up with the review facilitator and panel members before 22 Dec 2023.

.Carried

Northland Road Safety – Road to Zero Update (Item 6.6)

Report from Nicole Cauty, Road Safety Project Manager

Moved (McNally/Nayyar)

That the report 'Northland Road Safety – Road to Zero Update' by Nicole Cauty, Road Safety Project Manager and dated 2 November 2023, be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Copy of supplementary presentation provided by staff and NZ Police to be circulated with meeting minutes

Secretarial Note: Meeting adjourned at 11.47am. Workshop to proceed after morning tea and meeting to reconvene after on conclusion of workshop.

Regional Transport Committee meeting reconvened at 2:35pm

Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2027 - Three Year Review (Item 7.1)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Moved (Reid/Blackwell)

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

Moved (Blackwell / Nayyar)

2. That the Regional Transport Committee approves the content the Strategic Front End of the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review.

Moved (Carr / McNally)

3. That Regional Transport Committee prioritises the Local Road Improvements and Other Significant Capital Projects for inclusion and additional works to include every endeavour for Ruakākā Beach Road bridge upgrade in the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review.

Moved (Carr/Blackwell)

4. That the Regional Transport Committee supports Regional Transport Land Plan spreadsheet categories and the release of the of the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review for public consultation.

Secretarial note: Amendments to the Strategic Front End of the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 – Three Year Review to be circulated to committees for review. Flood mitigation study map on SH1 Whakapara was distributed to committee members for Waka Kotahi to consider. Spreadsheets all passed unanimously with the exception of Committee members requesting change to wording of RTC position on spreadsheet 'State Highway Improvement Projects – Speed and Infrastructure Programme – Prioritised' stating, not in support of funding for medium barriers – Spreadsheets to be updated by staff. Changes to recommendation 3 and 4 was supported by committee members. Chair acknowledged the work submitted by staff.

Carried

2024/27 Regional Speed Management Plan (Item 7.2)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Moved (Carr/Blackwell)

1. That the report '2024/27 Regional Speed Management Plan ' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 2 November 2023, be received.

Moved (Carr/Blackwell)

2. That the Regional Transport Committee approve, for consultation only, the Regional Speed Management Plan for subject to final confirmation by FNDC of their respective 3 year implementation plan

Secretarial note: Change of recommendation 2 was supported by committee members. FNDC currently proceeding with judicial review.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 8.1)

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

Moved (Nayyar/Reid)

That the action sheet be received.

Secretarial Note: All actions from today's meeting to be included as part of the Action Sheet.

Carried

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

Karakia – Calvin Howell

The meeting concluded at 3.35pm