

**Joint WDC-NRC Whangarei Public  
Transport Working Party  
Tuesday 2 April 2024 at 9.00am**

# **AGENDA**

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

Meeting to be held in the NRC council chambers  
36 Water Street,  
Whangārei  
on Tuesday 2 April 2024, commencing at 9.00am

**Recommendations contained in the agenda are NOT decisions of the meeting. Please refer to minutes for resolutions.**

### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT WDC-NRC WHANGAREI PUBLIC TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY**

Chairperson, Councillor Jack Crow

NRC Councillor Rick Stolwerk

WDC Councillor Scott

WDC Councillor Simon Reid

McKenzie

WDC Councillor Carol Peters

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**TITLE:** Confirmation of Minutes - 13 February 2024  
**From:** Erica Wyatt, Personal Assistant - General Manager Community Resilience  
**Authorised by** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on  
**Group Manager/s:**


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### Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the minutes of the Joint Whangārei Public Transport Working Party meeting held on 13 February 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record and that these be duly authenticated with the Chair's electronic signature.

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### Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Minutes - 13 February 2024 [↓](#) 

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13 February 2024

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

Meeting held in the NRC council chambers  
36 Water Street,  
Whangārei  
on Tuesday 13 February 2024, commencing at 9.00am

### 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

### I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

**Full Meeting**  
Group Manager - Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt  
NRC Secretariat, Erica Wyatt  
NTA Transport Manager, Chris Powell  
NTA Representative, Jeff Devine  
NTA Representative, Natalia Geddis  
NTA representative, Kayla Gunson

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.00am.

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

### Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

There were no apologies.

### Confirmation of Minutes - 10 October 2023 (Item 4.1)

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

### Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

#### Moved: (Stolwerk / Peters)

That the minutes of the Joint WDC-NRC Whangārei Public Transport Working Party 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

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

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

**Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation**

**Moved: (Stolwerk / Peters)**

1. That the action sheet be received.

**Carried**

### **Operational report (Item 6.1)**

**Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator**

**Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation**

**Moved: (Stolwerk / McKenzie)**

1. That the report 'Operational report' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator and dated 26 January 2024, be received.

**Carried**

*Secretarial notes: Report taken as read*

*The relationship between students from different schools has deteriorated. WPTWP has in the past invited School Principals to attend these meetings however, as soon as students leave school, it is not the school responsibility for them and unless it is a threat to life/property the police will not get involved.*

*March/April commencement of new building on Rose Street. This shouldn't be any disruption to bus services in the area.*

*The launch of new bus stops at Totara Park went extremely well and was very well received. Huge shout out to WDC, Ritchies and NTA staff Kayla, Natalia, Anita.*

*Kamo bus: Construction phase funding through NZTA was approved just prior to Christmas, the project will be completed well ahead of the funding cut-off of June 2025. There shouldn't be any threat to the funding should the Government make any changes to the Government Policy Statement (GPS). Due to some changes through consultation, there is no construction programme yet however, construction is simple with road markings and upgraded pedestrian crossings.*

*NTA waiting on the release of the GPS for movement on the other five T2 lanes in the district; those being 3 Mile Bush Road, Tikipunga, Onerahi, Port Road and Maunu.*

*Presentation was given on the new user-friendly bus services browser app.*

**Action:**

- Cr. McKenzie will check to ensure the remaining five proposed T2 lanes are in Whangārei District Councils Long Term Plan.

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## **Proposed Increase in Bream Bay Service and One Tree Point/Ruakaka Sweeper Service Investigation Update (Item 6.2)**

**Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Kayla  
Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator**

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

#### **Moved: (Stolwerk / McKenzie)**

1. That the report 'Proposed Increase in Bream Bay Service and One Tree Point/Ruakaka Sweeper Service Investigation Update' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator and dated 5 February 2024, be received.

#### **Carried**

*Secretarial notes: Report taken as read*

*Working party approved for a survey to be sent out to targeted areas to see what the demand for a One Tree Point bus service will be. Councillor Stolwerk will bring up this proposed survey at the Ratepayers meeting held tonight (13 February) and let them know its on its way. A comms plan is yet to be put together however, with the approval from the working party members today, this can now be prioritised.*

*Ritchies proposing to change the Tuesday bus which goes to Mangawahi and have it go through Maungaturoto – State Highway 1 – Ruakaka – One Tree Point – Whangārei and return.*

Working Party Members would like to acknowledge the amount of work and effort NTA staff have put in and how they are constantly new initiatives to the table.

### **Whakamutunga (Conclusion)**

**The meeting concluded at 9.45am.**

**TITLE:**                   **Receipt of Action Sheet**

**From:**                    Erica Wyatt, Personal Assistant - General Manager Community Resilience

**Authorised by**            Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 21 March 2024  
**Group Manager/s:**

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**Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary**

The purpose of this report is to enable the meeting to receive the current action sheet.

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**Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation**

That the action sheet be received.

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**Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Attachment 1: Action Tracker [↓](#) 

## Whangarei Public Transport Working Party Action Sheet

Action #	Meeting date	Agenda Item	Action	Person(s) responsible	Status	Notes
L	13/02/2024	Operational report (Item 6.1)	Cr. McKenzie will check to ensure the remaining five proposed T2 lanes are in Whangārei District Councils Long Term Plan.	WDC Councillor	Completed	17/03/24 - T2 lanes are in WDC LTP - funded this year and carried over into next year



**TITLE:** **Operational Report**

**From:** Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator

**Authorised by Group Manager/s:** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 22 March 2024

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### **Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary**

This report provides an update to the Whangarei District Council/Northland Regional Council Public Transport Working Party (WPTWP) the work undertaken in regard to public passenger transport in the Whangarei District since the last meeting held on 13 February 2024.

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

That the report 'Operational Report' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator and dated 11 March 2024, be received.

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### **Background/Tuhinga**

#### **Rose Street Bus Terminal Upgrade**

The draft design for the Rose Street Bus Terminal upgrade was presented at the 10 October 2023 WPTWP meeting.

The scheduled construction phase has however been amended to commence in June or July of 2024.

#### **T2 Lanes**

Whangarei District Council (WDC) is currently completing the design phase for Kamo T2 lanes.

Once finalised, this will then be presented to Council for formal approval. No commencement date has been provided.

When checking the WDC Draft Long Term Plan it is noted that none of the remaining T2 Lane projects are listed to receive local share funding.

#### **International Cruise Ship Visiting Whangarei Harbour.**

On 4 February 2024, Whangarei's first cruise ship the MV Regatta welcomed over 600 passengers to the city.

The operator of the CityLink Bus Service laid on shuttle services that provided passengers with an opportunity to visit local attractions such Marsden Cove for fishing, the Waipū Coastal Walkway at Langs Beach, along with various other activities including horseback riding in Waipu, the Quarry Gardens, Kiwi North, Whangarei Falls, and visiting numerous art galleries and museums.

The operator provided additional vehicles when required and ensured a comfortable and timely experience for all passengers, thereby setting a precedent for future cruise ship arrivals at Port Marden.

### **Bream Bay Service Extension**

Due to a lack of available resources, no further progress has been made on this matter.

### **Impact of the Draft Government Policy Statement on Public Transport in Whangarei**

The Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 (GPS) was released for consultation in early March 2024.

The GPS outlines the government's key priorities for public transport (PT).

These are targeted at:

- greater farebox recovery (passenger pays more);
- sourcing third party revenue (For large capital projects and large increases to services); and
- greater push for value for money.

Whilst the GPS talks about an increase in funding assistance for PT services and infrastructure, this will be directed predominantly toward Auckland and Wellington, and to some extent Christchurch, in an effort to reduce road congestion.

The GPS further advocates for public-private partnerships to achieve its objectives, aligning with the government's emphasis on accountability, delivery, and efficiency.

When the GPS is formally adopted and implemented on 1 July 2024, staff will provide an update to the WPTWP on the potential impacts the above may have on the Whangarei City and rural contracted bus services.

### **Total Mobility**

The national review into the Total Mobility Scheme that has recently commenced by the New Zealand Transport Agency – Waka Kotahi is designed to provide clear directions for long-term planning, aligning with government objectives and enhancing overall goals.

This review is still in its infancy stage with all parties yet to agree on a way forward that will provide a suitable outcome with minimal disruption for Total Mobility clients, transport operators and council.

### **Rail Car Service for Whangarei High School Students**

Councillor Craw has requested that this item be raised to ascertain if there has been any debate around this matter at any council or other meetings.

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### **Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga**

Nil