

Regional Transport Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the NRC Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 11 June 2024, commencing at 11.00am

Tuhinga/Present:

Committee Chairperson, Councillor Joe Carr
Deputy Committee Chairperson, Councillor John Blackwell
FNDC Councillor, Steve McNally
FNDC Councillor, Ann Court
WDC Mayor, Vince Cocurullo
WDC Councillor, Simon Reid
WDC Councillor, Phil Halse
KDC Councillor, Ash Nayyar (online)
KDC Councillor, Rachel Williams
Waka Kotahi Director Regional Relationships, Connie Rowe
KiwiRail Programme Director Northland, Gavin Smith

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

NRC GM Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt
NRC Governance Specialist, Gavin Dawson
NRC PA Community Resilience, Haylee Labelle
Calvin Thomas, Northland, Transport Alliance
NTA General Manager, Calvin Thomas
NTA Transport Manager, Chris Powell
NTA Representative, Dawn Spence
NTA Representative, Nicole Korach
NTA Representative, Kayla Gunson
NTA Representative, Elizabeth Stacy

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.00 am with a karakia.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Reid/Blackwell)

That the absence of KDC Cr Nayyar (who attended on line), replaced by KDC Cr Rachel Williams; absence of NZTA Steve Mutton, replaced by NZTA Connie Rowe and accompanied by NZTA Gavin Smith; absence of NZR Eric Hennephof, replaced by NZR Lisa De Coek (online attendance) be received.

Carried

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.

(Secretarial note: Procedural Item – Moved by Cr Blackwell and seconded by Cr Carr that the following be included:

3.0A *Additional Items for discussion only: Stoch Truck Effluent Facilities (at the request of WDC Cr Reid) as Agenda Item 8.7,*

3.0B *Additional items for information only: NZTA letters to the WDC, KDC, FNDC & NRC's respective CEO's dated 6/06/24 regarding 2024-27 Indicative allocations for continuous programmes.)*

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes - 2 April 2024 (Item 4.1)

Report from Haylee Labelle, Personal Assistant Community Resilience

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Blackwell / Reid)

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 2 April 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record and that these be duly authenticated with the Chair's electronic signature.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.1)

Report from Haylee Labelle, Personal Assistant Community Resilience

Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Carr / Williams)

That the action sheet be received.

Carried

Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report. (Item 6.1)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Reid / McNally)

That the report 'Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - National Funding Assistance Uptake Report.' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 15 May 2024, be received.

Carried

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

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Michael Payne, Policy Specialist

Moved (Blackwell / McNally)

Recommendation(s)

1. That the report 'Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - Three Year Review - Update' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Michael Payne, Policy Specialist and dated 15 May 2024, be received.
2. That the Regional Transport Committee formally approve the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 (RLTP) – Three Year Review Deliberations Spreadsheets detailing the direction given by the Regional Transport Committee for each written and verbal submission received.
3. That the Regional Transport Committee approve staff to make the necessary amendments to Strategic Front End and the Funding Request spreadsheets of the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 (RLTP) – Three Year Review in response to submissions received and in accordance with the Regional Transport Committee's direction.
4. That the Regional Transport Committee delegate the Chairman the authority to approve any changes made in accordance with Recommendation 3 above.
5. That the Regional Transport Committee approve a Special Meeting be held between 1-5 July 2024 to:
 - a. Adopt the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 (RLTP) – Three Year Review.
 - b. To refer Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 (RLTP) – Three Year Review to the Northland Regional Council with a recommendation it be approved and submitted to NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi by no later than 1 August 2024.
6. That the Regional Transport Committee acknowledges that the targeted consultation undertaken between 15 - 29 May 2024 was required as a result of the amendments made to the State Highway Safety Programme.

Carried

(Secretarial note: It was emphasised and agreed by the FNDC representative that funding allocated to footpaths must be allocated to drainage works).

Cr Nayyar left the meeting at 11.29 am.

NZTA Emergency Works policy consultation process (Item 8.1)

Report from Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager

(Please note that the agreed recommendations differ from the original published and was amended with the agreement of the Committee).

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (McNally / Williams)

1. That the report 'NZTA Emergency Works policy consultation process' by Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager and dated 8 May 2024, be received.

2. That the Regional Transport Committee submit to NZTA on the impacts of the proposed changes to the Emergency Works Policy.

Carried

(Secretarial note: it was agreed to discuss additional agenda item 8.7b as part of this item).

Northland Road Safety Progress Report (Item 8.2)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Nicole Cauty, Road Safety Project Manager

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Williams / Reid)

That the report 'Northland Road Safety Progress Report' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Nicole Cauty, Road Safety Project Manager and dated 8 May 2024, be received.

Carried

Waka Kotahi Update for Te Tai Tokerau (Item 8.3)

Report from Connie Rowe, Regional Manager Communications and Engagement, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau. Mark Ware made a presentation online.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (McNally / Reid)

That the report 'Waka Kotahi Update for Te Tai Tokerau' by Connie Rowe, Regional Manager Communications and Engagement, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau and dated 8 May 2024, be received.

Carried

Brynderwyns progress report (Item 8.4)

Report from Connie Rowe, Regional Manager Communications and Engagement, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (McNally / Reid)

That the report 'Brynderwyns progress report' by Connie Rowe, Regional Manager Communications and Engagement, Te Tai Tokerau me Tāmaki Makaurau and dated 30 May 2024, be received.

Carried

(Secretarial note: NZTA Connie Rowe introduced the Brynderwyns and Mangamuka SH1 resilience works Manager NZTA Mark Ware (on line). Mr Ware reported that the Brynderwyn's project cost estimate had risen from \$62M to \$82M, and the Mangamuka project had risen from \$101M to \$160M.)

KiwiRail verbal update (Item 8.5)

Report from Lisa De Coek, KiwiRail - Programme Director Northland

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Carr / Blackwell)

That the report 'KiwiRail verbal update' by Lisa De Coek, KiwiRail - Programme Director Northland and dated 8 May 2024, be received.

Carried

Committee members priorities and updates (Item 8.6)

Report from Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (McNally / Carr)

1. That the report 'Committee members priorities and updates' by Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance Manager and dated 9 April 2024, be received.
3. The supplementary verbal updates provided by Regional Transport Committee members be received.

Carried

Stock Truck Effluent Facility Kauri Saleyards (Item 8.7)

Report from Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Reid / Blackwell)

That the report 'Stock Truck Effluent Facility Kauri Saleyards' by Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience and dated 6 June 2024, be received.

Carried

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded with a karakia at 12.44 pm.