

Regional Transport Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting held in The Orchard, 35 Walton Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 7 February 2023, commencing at 11.00am

Tuhinga/Present:

Acting Chairperson, John Blackwell
FNDC Councillor Steve McNally
WDC Councillor Simon Reid
KDC Councillor Ash Nayyar

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Chairperson, Joe Carr (remotely)
FNDC Councillor Ann Court (alternate member)
Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Gibbard
Group Manager - Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt
NTA General Manager, Calvin Thomas
NTA Transport Manager, Chris Powell
NTA Representative, Randhir Karma (via Zoom)
NTA Representative, NTA Representative – Jeff Devine
NTA Representative, Kayla Gunson
NRC Secretariat, Rachael King
NRC Secretariat, Lou Hartigan
NTA Representative, Bernard Peterson
NRC Robert Nathan
NTA Representative, Nick Marshall
NTA Representative, Nicole Cauty
Automobile Association, Steve Westgate
ACC, Craig Crawford
NTA Representative, Ian Crayton-Brown
NRC, Michael Payne

KDC Representative, Anin Nama
FNDC Representative, Andy Finch

Secretarial Note: The Acting Chairperson declared the meeting open at 11.04am and adjourned proceedings until 11.08am when a quorum was present. The meeting opened with a Karakia by Robert Nathan.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Secretarial Note: Councillor John Blackwell will Chair the meeting in the physical absence of Councillor Joe Carr who attended via speaker phone.

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (McNally/ Nayyar)

That the apologies from Steve Mutton for non-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.

Confirmation of Minutes - (Item 4.1)

Report from Louise Hartigan, Personal Assistant to GM Community Resilience

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

MOVED (Blackwell/Nayyar)

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 2 August 2022 be noted.

Carried

Secretariat Notes:

- *FNDC Councillor Ann Court a member of the RTC during the previous triennium confirmed the minutes to be true and correct.*
- *Future agenda items were discussed.*

Regional Transport Committee Representatives and Regional Transport Committee Alternate Representatives (Item 5.1)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Moved (Carr/Nayyar)

1. That the report 'Regional Transport Committee Representatives and Regional Transport Committee Alternate Representatives' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transport Alliance and dated 18 January 2023, be received.
2. That the formally elected Regional Transport Committee Representatives and Regional Transport Committee Alternate Representatives be duly noted with the addition of Randhir Karma as the alternate representative for Waka Kohati.

Carried

Action Point:

- *Waka Kotahi to send formal notice of Randhir Karma Appointment as alternate representative in writing to the Chair and the Meeting Secretary of the Regional Transport Committee.*

Secretarial Note: The order of the agenda was changed at the direction of the Acting Chairperson.

Functions of the Northland Regional Transport Committee (Item 5.3)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved Blackwell/Nayyar

That the report 'Functions of the Northland Regional Transport Committee' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 18 January 2023, be received

Carried

Discussion Points:

- *It was noted that Functions as outlined in Item 5.1 are also applicable to Item 5.3*
- *A funding update report is presented at each meeting (once per quarter)*
- *Councillor Carr supports staff recommendations whilst noting the delegated functions from NRC to NRC representatives on the RTC and similar delegations of Northlands TLAs*

KiwiRail Representation on Regional Transport Committees (Item 5.2)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Moved (Carr/Blackwell)

1. That the report 'KiwiRail Representation on Regional Transport Committees' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 18 January 2023, be received.
2. That the Regional Transport Committee approve the recommendation that KiwiRail be invited to appoint a representative to be an additional member to the Regional Transport Committee in accordance with Section 105 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.
3. That the Chair of the Regional Transport Committee be delegated the authority to formally invite KiwiRail to appoint a representative as an additional member of the Regional Transport Committee.
4. That the appointment of a KiwiRail representative be undertaken in accordance with Section 105A of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

Carried

Funding Uptake Report (Item 5.4)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Moved (Blackwell/Nayyar)

That the report 'Funding Uptake Report' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 18 January 2023, be received.

Carried

Discussion Points:

- Payment of contractors over the summer break
- Weather is having an impact on progress of projects, some of which are at risk of not being completed by deadline (within this financial year)

Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - Three Year Review (Item 5.5)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Moved (Carr / Nayyar)

1. THAT the report 'Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 - Three Year Review' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 18 January 2023, be received.
2. That based on the progress of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027 to date, the Regional Transport Committee consider and agree that the "Objectives", "Problems" and "Benefits" as reflected in the RLTP 2021/2027 remain the same or require amending
3. That the Regional Transport Committee consider and advise staff if they wish to undertake a three year Review or a require complete Rewrite of the Northland Regional Land Transport Plan 2021/2027

Carried

Discussion Points:

4. It was noted that the RLTP is a six-year document, with a three-year review period and is both a plan and a funding application, not a guarantee of funding
5. The deadline for a decision on whether a full re-write or a review is required is April at the latest
6. It was advised that a complete re-write would be an eighteen-month process, involving consultation – a link to the process is provided on Page 27 of the agenda.
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Moved (Carr / Blackwell)

That Recommendations 2 and 3 from the report be deferred until the next meeting

Carried

Northland Road Safety Update (Item 5.6)

Report from Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (McNally/Nayyar)

That the report 'Northland Road Safety Update' by Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer and dated 24 January 2023, be received.

Carried

Discussion Points:

- *Update on road deaths totals 31 to date, including last weekend*
- *Ride Forever numbers are increasing again following a fall due to COVID*
- *NZ Police are scheduled to attend the next meeting*
- *RTC expressed concern regarding the possibility that road speeds may be reduced as an alternative to maintenance*

Secretarial Note: Additional item added at the request of the Acting Chairperson

5.7 Press Release

Moved (Blackwell / Carr)

That a press release on the first Regional Transport Committee meeting be drafted by the Chair (in conjunction with NRC's Media Specialist) and circulated for approval before being sent for publication.

Carried

Karakia Whakamutanga

Robert Nathan

The meeting concluded at 12.24pm

