

Regional Transport Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 2 August 2022, commencing at 11.00am

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Northland Regional Council, Councillor Rick Stolwerk
Far North District Council, Councillor Ann Court
Whangārei District Council, Councillor Greg Martin
Kaipara District Council, Councillor David Wills
Waka Kotahi, Representative Steve Mutton (online)
Northland Regional Council, Deputy Chair, Councillor Terry Archer

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Northland Regional Council - Group Manager, Victoria Harwood (NRC)
NRC Secretariat, Nicky Hansen
Far North District Council - CEO, Blair King (FNDC)
FNDC, Glenn Rainham
NZ Police, Anne-Marie Fitchett
Northland Transportation Alliance, Nick Marshall (NTA)
NTA, Shawn Baker
NTA, Greg Monteith
NTA, Chris Powell
NTA, Jeff Devine
NTA, Dawn Spence
NTA, Nicole Korach
NTA, Ian Crayton-Brown (online)
RoadSafe Northland, Ashley Johnston
Northland Road Safety Trust, John Williamson
Waka Kotahi, Lou Mutu (online)
NRC, Michael Payne

Part Meeting

ACC, Craig Crawford (online) 12.05pm

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.01am.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Terry Archer / Greg Martin)

That the apologies from Penny Smart, Chair Northland Regional Council; Councillor Andy Finch, Far North District Council; Calvin Thomas, Northland Transport Alliance; Jacqui Hori-Hoult and Brian Palalagi, Waka Kotahi 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 - 7 June 2022 (Item 4.1)

Report from Nicky Hansen, PA to GM Community Resilience

Moved (Ann Court / Rick Stolwerk)

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7 June 2022, 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 (Rick Stolwerk / Greg Martin)

That the action sheet be received.

Carried

Response from the Minister (Item 5.1)

Report from Victoria Harwood, Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience

Moved (Rick Stolwerk / Terry Archer)

That the report 'Response from the Minister' by Victoria Harwood, Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience and dated 29 June 2022, be received.

Carried

Action:

1. *RTC is to be represented at associate transport Minister Kieran McAnulty's visit. It is important the visit aligns with current RTC members, not after 2022 elections.*
2. *Steve Mutton, Waka Kotahi to advise on dates of Minister's regional visit to Northland.*
3. *All questions are to be sent to GM Community Resilience Victoria Harwood before the Minister visits.*
4. *GM Community Resilience prepares any questions from the committee for Minister McAnulty's visit.*
5. *RTC legislative responsibilities to be highlighted in an agenda item along with how much funding was allocated to Northland through the NLTP for Road Maintenance and compare to all funding being used from the funding bucket on all initiatives outlined by Minister Woods in his responses to the RTC's questions.*

Secretarial Note: Councillor Ann Court would like the 4 laning project to remain as Northland RTC's top priority.

Road Safety (Item 5.2)

Report from Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer

Moved (Rick Stolwerk / Greg Martin)

That the report 'Road Safety' by Ian Crayton-Brown, Transport Projects Officer and dated 15 July 2022, be received.

Carried

Action: *Councillor Ann Court asked for the causes of motorcycle DSIs in Northland and that this trend is monitored moving forward in the road safety statistics. Can these statistics be compared to National statistics of motorcycle DSIs?*

Secretarial Note: Councillor Rick Stolwerk commented that these Road Safety reports are appreciated and thanked the road safety team for all their work.

Funding Uptake Report (Item 5.3)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Moved (Terry Archer / Rick Stolwerk)

That the report 'Funding Uptake Report' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 29 June 2022, be received.

Carried

Secretarial note: Chris Powell updated that this is the last funding uptake report for 2021 and 2022. Colour coding will start in the new funding year.

Regional Land Transport Plan for Northland 2021/2027 - Three Year Review - Update (Item 5.4)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Moved (Rick Stolwerk / Terry Archer)

That the report 'Regional Land Transport Plan for Northland 2021/2027 - Three Year Review - Update' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 29 June 2022, be received.

Carried

Waka Kotahi Northland Activity and Funding Update (Item 5.5)

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

Moved (Rick Stolwerk / Greg Martin)

That the report 'Waka Kotahi Northland Activity and Funding Update' by Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships Upper North Island and dated 29 June 2022, be received.

Carried

Action: *Chris Powell asked Waka Kotahi to amend page 54 Northland Project Updates, 2018-21 NLTP, second column dates.*

Towai Rail Crossing and Kawakawa Railway Line (Item 5.6)

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

Moved (Ann Court / Rick Stolwerk)

That the report 'Towai Rail Crossing and Kawakawa Railway Line' by Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships Upper North Island and dated 11 July 2022, be received.

Carried

Action:

1. *Write to KiwiRail and cc in Waka Kotahi asking what are their intentions on maintaining the corridor 5metres either side of the tracks and to put forward their maintenance programme.*
2. *Ask KiwiRail what is the acceptable level of service and budget for the maintenance.*

Compensation for Damages on Northland State Highways (Item 5.7)

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

Moved (David Wills / Greg Martin)

That the report 'Compensation for Damages on Northland State Highways' by Steve Mutton, NZTA - Director Regional Relationships Upper North Island and dated 12 July 2022, be received.

Carried

Action: *Councillor Ann Court discussed the fact that Northland claims applications are nine times higher than anywhere else in NZ, and requested this issue be continued as an ongoing action point.*

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.42pm.