

Regional Transport Committee - action tracker

as at 15 July 2022

Action Item	Meeting date	Item	Action	Responsible staff	Status	Notes
5	11/08/2021	Northland Regional Land Transport Plan 2018-2021 Funding Uptake (Item 5.1)	The Chair and the GM Customer Services – Community Resilience will bring the following issues up with Labour MPs next week on behalf of Northland Regional Council and Regional Transport Committee: 1. How do Waka Kotahi decide which projects to fund – is it possible for projects to be funded without being included in our RLTP? 2. The delay in the release of the NLTP is causing issues with our contractors – uncertainty, aren't able to provide a continuous pipeline of work. 3. Timing of safety improvements.	The Chair NRC GM - Community Resilience	In Progress	07/06/2022 - Labour MP Kelvin Davis meeting 15 June 2022 to answer questions. 28/03/2022 - The meeting with Labour MPs took place on Tuesday 22 March 2022. Items relating to the RTC were Climate Change and Transportation and the large infrastructure projects including the Kiwi Rail Spur and SH1 improvements. The appetite for progressing the 4 lane highway and dry dock at the Port. The Funding Items and delays in the NLTP in the Action sheet #5 were not part of the final agenda. A response from Ministers has not yet been received. 08/12/2021 - The August meeting with Labour MPs has been postponed due to COVID-19 Delta Variant Resurgence.
7	11/08/2021	Northland Road Safety Update (Item 6.1)	Waka Kotahi to send the report relating to a recent fatal crash in Kaipara District to Cr Wills once it has been released.	Waka Kotahi	Complete	07/06/2022 - Report was sent to Cr Wills on 7 June 2022. 07/06/2022 - Chris Powell reminded this is still to be circulated. - Waka Kotahi will supply after meeting. 08/12/2021 - report is yet to be released. 05/10/2021 - from Waka Kotahi action register: report is yet to be released.
17	13/10/2021	Confirmation of Minutes - Regional Transport Committee Meeting 11 August 2021 (Item 4.1)	It was recommended in the 11 August 2021 meeting that the Regional Transport Committee obtain a quote to undertake a re-review of the cost of 4-laning.	Regional Transport Committee NTA	In Progress	10/05/2022 - Action escalated to Mayoral forum and assigned to CE's to progress. 05/04/2022 - Next steps will be addressed by the Chair of the RTC at the next meeting in June 2022. 28/03/2022 - An update will be provided by Waka Kotahi on the 4 laning in the 5 April RTC meeting. - NTA will provide an update as soon as possible. 08/12/2021 - NTA will provide an update as soon as possible. 13/10/2021 - NTA will provide an update as soon as possible.
26	8/12/2021	Northland Road Safety Update (Item 6.1)	Waka Kotahi are to report back to the Regional Transport Committee on roadworks planned in the Uretiti area.	Waka Kotahi	Complete	07/06/2022 - RTC was updated at the 7 June 2022 meeting that Waka Kotahi has no planned maintenance roadworks in the Uretiti area for this NLTP period. Waka Kotahi is delivering a safety project over the next two years as part of Road to Zero that will improve safety for road users on the stretch of State Highway 1 from the roundabout at Port Marsden Highway to the north side of the Brynderwyn Hills (this includes the Uretiti area). The safety improvements will greatly reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured along the section of state highway. 05/04/2022 - no update provided
28	8/12/2021	Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Report to Regional Transport Committee (Item 6.2)	Speed limit review process for our State Highway networks' is to be added as an agenda item for the next Regional Transport Committee workshop.	Committee Secretariat NTA	Complete	05/04/2022 - The process and explanation was covered in the RTC workshop. 28/03/2022 - To be workshopped in 2022 - April.
29	5/04/2022	Waka Kotahi Northland Activity and Funding update (Item 6.1)	Chair Councillor Stolwerk and Councillor Court are to discuss an approach moving forward to strengthen the Regional Transport Committee's voice in standing up for what Northland needs (involvement in national conversations and decisions being made regarding funding, projects, mode-sharing). Produce a plan that is workable. A way forward is to be discussed at the next RTC Workshop or Meeting.	The Chair NRC Councillor Ann Court	In Progress	07/06/2022 - Question to be posed to Minister Davis on 15 June 2022. 05/04/2022 - To be workshopped in June 2022 alongside the "what is Northland's story" and addressed in the June RTC meeting to next steps
30	5/04/2022	Waka Kotahi Northland Activity and Funding update (Item 6.1)	Waka Kotahi are to provide a breakdown of the funding allocation for the railway connecting the Whangārei Port (requested by Councillor Wills).	Waka Kotahi	In Progress	11/07/2022 - The Government is committed to an NZUP Northland Package investment broadly similar to previously announced for Northland – about \$700m. Waka Kotahi is working closely with KiwiRail as they develop their business case for the construction of a new rail line to Northport. A final business case is expected to be presented to the Waka Kotahi board and ministers in August 2022 for approval. A breakdown of the funding allocation for the rail connection will not be available until the end of August 2022.
31	5/04/2022	Waka Kotahi Northland Activity and Funding update (Item 6.1)	Chair Councillor Stolwerk is to circulate the response from the Labour MPs to the Regional Transport Committee elected members once it is received, including a summary of what was originally tasked.	The Chair NRC	In Progress	07/06/2022 - Responses recieved from Minister Davis on 15 June to be circulated. 07/06/2022 - Councillor Halse raised concerns – disconnect between funding provision and delivery for operations and maintenance. Can this be improved?
32	5/04/2022	Northland Road Safety Update (Item 6.4)	Inspector Anne-Marie Fitchett, Road Policing Manager, NZ Police, to provide final copy of the police report (Northland Road Policing Plan 2022).	NZ Police	Not Started	

34	5/04/2022	Workshop Action	Councillor Court asked Waka Kotahi to provide a Productivity Commission Report / Forensics Examination on the success of reducing speed limits compared to other safety efforts, such as engineering design and construction, enforcement, education and promotion and what, if any actions have arisen from the examination.	Waka Kotahi	In Progress	<p>11/07/2022 - This will be included in the Road to Zero Road Safety Initiatives material being presented at the RTC workshop on 2 August 2022.</p> <p>07/06/2022 - Next workshop agenda discuss setting of speed limits 2022 regarding funding required for speed limit changes through the RLTP from Waka Kotahi.</p>
35	5/04/2022	Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Report to Regional Transport Committee (Item 6.4)	Workshop to start a discussion regarding sustainability of the Waka Kotahi and MoT funding model moving forward (e.g. rail network investment programme – where is this money coming from?).	Waka Kotahi	In Progress	<p>11/07/2022 - The Ministers of Transport and Finance are overseeing an MOT review of the land transport revenue system ahead of the next Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS) in 2024. The gap between demands on the NLTF – to deliver on the GPS - and available revenue led to a late decision to ‘top-up’ the 2021-24 NLTP with a Crown loan of \$2 billion. The current revenue for the NLTF comes from fuel excise duty and road user charges, both of which have been impacted by transport mode-shift, electric vehicles, and COVID-19, including lockdowns and the shift to working from home. The aim is to have a sustainable land transport revenue system that is capable of delivering the 2024-27 NLTP, including the repaying of the \$2 billion Crown loan. Waka Kotahi is expecting MOT to provide an update end of August 2022.</p>
36	5/04/2022	Workshop Action	Waka Kotahi to send a copy of the report on forensics on spending to FNDC Councillor Court and take this discussion offline (awaiting email reply from Steve Mutton for clarity on the name of the report and the topic).	Waka Kotahi	In Progress	<p>11/07/2022 - Speaking with FNDC to gain clarity on request.</p>
37	5/04/2022	Workshop Action	ONF (One Network Framework) is to be added onto the agenda for the next Regional Transport Committee Workshop meeting on Tuesday 7 June 2022.	Waka Kotahi	Complete	<p>07/06/2022 - This item was covered in workshop in June.</p> <p>07/06/2022 - Chair Rick Stolwerk informed the meeting, if there were any questions these could be sent through the secretary for collation and forwarding to Waka Kotahi. Waka Kotahi to provide information on how they see this will benefit Northland.</p>
38	7/06/2022	Waka Kotahi Northland Activity and Funding Update (Item 5.4)	Waka Kotahi representative Steve Mutton will discuss funding allocations with the Chair once approval from the Waka Kotahi August 2022 board meeting.	Waka Kotahi	In Progress	<p>11/07/2022 - As per item 30, the Government is committed to an NZUP Northland Package investment broadly similar to previously announced for Northland – about \$700m. Further investigations are needed to refine project cost estimates. A final business case for the NZUP Northland Package is expected to be presented to the Waka Kotahi board and ministers in August 2022 for approval. A breakdown of the funding allocation for the rail connection will not be available until the end of August 2022.</p>
39	7/06/2022	Workshop Action	<p>1. Council David Wills two emailed questions are to be sent to Randhir for further comment - i. Under key challenges and opportunities, Northland - Auckland inter-regional connectivity is key for Northland's economic priority; Yet Waka Kotahi do not identify this as a focus for them. Why not?</p> <p>2. In the preamble. Northland population is dispersed - Public Transport, cycling and walking mode share is limited. And yet one of the identified main focuses for Waka Kotahi is, Mode Shift to PT and active modes in major centres, Whangarei; With so many other roading issues and the already identified limitation on any potential success why is this a priority for us in Northland?</p> <p>3. Randhir Karma to share his presentation with the Workshop Committee for response.</p>	Waka Kotahi	Complete	<p>11/07/2022 - i) With resilience and safety included as our headline focus areas, it is intended that these focus areas would also reflect the inter-regional connection between Northland and Auckland in terms of strategic route resilience and safety outcomes, noting that the Regional Story represents our short term NLTP view. Waka Kotahi is happy to amend the wording in these focus areas to make this more explicit. The 4-laning project is not specifically mentioned because the regional story is intended to be a short-term view (i.e NLTP cycles), and the strategic connection is already included on our 30 year programme.</p> <p>ii) Whangarei is Northland's growth urban centre, and this presents an opportunity to focus on mode shift outcomes. This is aligned with current national strategic priorities around climate and mode shift outcomes and hence is a focus area.</p>
40	7/06/2022	Workshop Action	Councillor Ann Court questioned In what way will the ONF assist with improving investment into Northland?	Waka Kotahi	Complete	<p>18/07/2022 - When used on a national level, the ONF can help communicate challenges and solutions more consistently when they are being considered as part of future planning and investment decision-making. The application of the ONF gives RCAs the ability to more accurately and consistently describe their future networks. At a local level this will provide a key input into RLTP development, which will result in:</p> <p>a) A more robust plan of how the RTC and its constituent RCAs intend to manage the movement and place function of the transport network as it responds to growth and other challenges facing the region over the next 10 years,</p> <p>b) A stronger position for Te Tai Tokerau when all the bids nationally are considered and then prioritised using the Investment Prioritisation Method (IPM), which is utilised by Waka Kotahi to make investment decisions that support the aims of the GPS, and ultimately decide what is invested from the NLTF.</p> <p>Waka Kotahi is working to integrate the ONF into planning and investment processes, including long term plans, Regional Land Transport Plans (RLTPs) and the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).</p> <p>07/06/2022 - Waka Kotahi to provide information on how they see this will benefit Northland.</p>