

Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held in Council Meeting Room One, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, 5 Quay Street, Whakatāne on Friday, 21 October 2011 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: J Nees

Deputy Chairman: D Owens

Appointees: Mayor T Bonne (Whakatane District Council), Councillor B Julian (Alternate Member, Kawerau District Council), Councillor T Molloy (Alternate member, Tauranga City Council), Mayor J Forbes (Opotiki District Council), B Pointon (Public Health Representative), N Pope (Access and Mobility Representative), T Reynish (Economic Development Representative), T Richardson (Environmental Sustainability Representative), Mayor K Winters (Rotorua District Council), R Brodnax (Alternate member, NZ Transport Agency), Councillor G Webber (Alternate member, Western Bay of Plenty District Council)¹

In Attendance: G Maloney (Acting Group Manager Strategic Development), E Hatch (Acting Transport Policy Manager), R Gibson (Senior Transport Planner), B Healey (Transport Planner), J Joyce (Planning and Investment Manager, NZTA), B Gliddon (Principal Project Manager, NZTA), M Seabourne (Principal Transport Planner, NZTA), N Claassen (Group Manager Infrastructure Services, Rotorua District Council), K Thompson (State Highway & Road Safety Manager, Rotorua District Council), J Paterson (Transportation Network Manager, Western Bay of Plenty District Council), C Ballantyne (Principal Transport Planner, Aecom), S Kameta (Committee Administration Officer)

Apologies: Mayor S Crosby (Tauranga City Council), Councillor R Chase (Kawerau District Council), Mayor R Paterson (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Senior Sergeant S Nightingale (NZ Police)

1 **Chairman's Announcements**

Chair Nees advised members that due to heavy involvement in the Rena oil response apologies had been received from Ministry of Transport representatives; presenters of Agenda Items 3.1 and 3.2. A brief update for these items would be provided by staff.

Mayors Bonne and Forbes advised they would be leaving the meeting early due to prior engagements also relating to the Rena oil response.

¹ Following resolution of Council on 15 March 2012, a correction was made to the minute to include the attendance of Councillor G Webber.

2 Reports

2.1 Government Policy Statement

Emlyn Hatch (Acting Transport Policy Manager) provided a brief update of the Government's Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding noting there were minimal changes to the GPS and a stronger focus on economic development and safety.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Government Policy Statement.

Owens/Bonne
CARRIED

2.2 Review of the Land Transport Management Act

Garry Maloney, Acting Group Manager Strategic Development provided a brief update of what had been reflected in the review, in particular the intention to combine the Regional Land Transport Strategy and Regional Land Transport Programme into one document giving more prominence to the latter. Robert Brodnax (NZTA) noted further that a 6-9 month timeframe was likely on a draft Bill being presented to Parliament.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Review of the Land Transport Management Act.

Nees/Winters
CARRIED

2.3 National Infrastructure Plan 2011

The Acting Transport Policy Manager presented the report advising the Committee on the recently released National Infrastructure Plan 2011.

Committee members considered there was a lack of understanding of, and input sought from, local government in terms of the level of infrastructure it provided. It was noted that approximately 45 percent of the total investment for roading came from local government.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, National Infrastructure Plan 2011.

Nees/Julian
CARRIED

2.4 Update from the New Zealand Transport Agency

Refer PowerPoint presentation A963254.

Janeane Joyce and Brett Gliddon from the New Zealand Transport Agency provided a presentation on the Bay of Plenty's Draft State Highway Programme, highlighting key investment and focus areas, project programming and forecasts.

Members discussed and were provided with clarification on safety and economic development scenarios and forward planning of projects within the region.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Update from the New Zealand Transport Agency.**

**Nees/Owens
CARRIED**

2.5 Approval of the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Strategy

Refer Bay of Plenty RLTS Audit Report: October 2011 (Tabled Document No.1, A967802), Statement by Independent Auditor (Tabled Document No.2, A967801) and PowerPoint presentation A963253.

Bron Healey (Transport Planner) and Emlyn Hatch presented the report seeking a decision from the Committee that it recommend to the Regional Council that it approve the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS). A presentation was provided summarising the development and consultation undertaken and amendments made to the RLTS.

Mr Hatch informed members that the audit review had been recently completed (refer Tabled Document No.1) confirming that the RLTS had met key statutory requirements.

Attendance

Mayor Bonne and Mayor Forbes left the meeting at 10.43 a.m.

Committee members sought clarification on the uncertainty of implementation areas around land use change patterns and requested minor amendments to Chapters 2 and 3 of the RLTS and some changes to the Hearing Committee's recommendation report.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Approval of the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Strategy.**
- 2 Recommends to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council that it adopt the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Strategy 2011-2041, including any amendments arising from this discussion.**

- 3 **Delegates to the Committee Chair the power to make minor changes to the Regional Land Transport Strategy prior to its adoption by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.**
- 4 **Confirms that the decision is within the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's strategic planning framework (Council's Ten Year Plan, and planning documents and processes under the Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993, Land Transport Act 2003, Civil Defence and Emergency Act 2002, and Local Government Act 1974 and 2002).**

**Winters/Owens
CARRIED**

2.6 **Draft Regional Public Transport Plan**

Refer Draft Bay of Plenty Regional Public Transport Plan 2011 (Tabled Document No.3, zA46783) and PowerPoint presentation A963255.

Mr Healey provided a presentation on the draft Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) including advice that the plan was currently out for consultation with submissions closing on 7 November. Further to this, Mr Healey advised that the hearing dates had been changed to 28 and 30 November, which were different to the dates that had been outlined within the report.

Members discussed and sought clarification on urban connector routes, school bus services, funding options and encouraging student patronage. Staff noted that the funding section would need to reflect the Regional Council's new Ten Year Plan (in development).

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Draft Regional Public Transport Plan.**

**Owens/Winters
CARRIED**

2.7 **Development of the 2012-2015 Regional Land Transport Programme**

Refer to Appendix Two: Draft Prioritised Projects (Tabled Document No.4, A967819) and PowerPoint presentation A963161.

Rachel Gibson (Senior Transport Planner) provided a presentation overview of the proposed methodology and process for prioritising projects for the development of the Draft Regional Land Transport Programme.

Ms Gibson noted that Appendix 2: draft prioritised projects list (Tabled Document No.4) was incomplete and a work in process, and would be further developed by the Regional Advisory sub-group for the Committee's consideration at an upcoming workshop.

Members sought clarification on the draft list of projects, the assessment process and linkages with NZTA. Staff advised that there were some differences between regional

and national processes and that further consultation would be undertaken with NZTA to better align the two processes.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Development of the 2012-2015 Regional Land Transport Programme.**
- 2 Approves the process for prioritising projects within the Regional Land Transport Programme for 2012-2015**
- 3 Confirms that the decision is within the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's strategic planning framework (Council's Ten Year Plan, and planning documents and processes under the Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993, Land Transport Act 2003, Civil Defence and Emergency Act 2002, and Local Government Act 1974 and 2002).**

**Owens/Molloy
CARRIED**

2.8 Regional Land Transport Programme 2009/12 Variation

The purpose of the report was to advise the Committee of a variation to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009/12 which had been approved by the Regional Advisory Group under delegated authority.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Programme 2009/12 Variation.**

**Nees/Owens
CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.