

Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held in Council Meeting Room One, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, 5 Quay Street, Whakatāne on Friday, 3 February 2012 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: J Nees

Deputy Chairman: D Owens

Appointees: Councillor C Chambers (Alternate member, Whakatāne District Council), Councillor R Chase (Kawerau District Council), Mayor S Crosby (Tauranga City Council), Mayor J Forbes (Opotiki District Council), T Reynish (Economic Development Representative), Mayor R Paterson (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), B Pointon (Public Health Representative), N Pope (Access and Mobility Representative), T Richardson (Environmental Sustainability Representative), K Taylor (Safety and Personal Representative), M Tapsell (Cultural Representative), H Wilson (NZ Transport Agency), Mayor K Winters (Rotorua District Council)

In Attendance: F McTavish (Group Manager Strategic Development), G Maloney (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), A Talbot, B Dowsett, M Hazel (NZTA), R Holford (Transportation Project Manager, TCC), P King (Transport Planner, TCC), N Claassen (Group Manager Infrastructure Services, RDC), K Thompson (State Highway & Road Safety Manager, RDC), Councillor G Webber (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), S Kameta (Committee Administration Officer)

Apologies: Mayor T Bonne (Whakatāne District Council), Apology for lateness from Mayor R Paterson (Western Bay of Plenty District Council)

1 **Chairman's Announcement**

The Committee Chair opened and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year, and welcomed back Harry Wilson (Member for NZ Transport Agency) who had been working in Wellington over the latter part of last year.

2 **Reports**

2.1 **Update from the New Zealand Transport Agency**

Harry Wilson provided the Committee with an update on recent changes and direction within the transport sector. Mr Wilson highlighted upcoming changes to regulatory mechanisms and safety, shared services efficiencies, and advised that the Government Policy Statement and Land Transport Management Act review were still in hand.

Advice was also provided from Brett Gliddon that a complete review of operations within the Bay of Plenty would be commencing soon.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

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

**Nees/Crosby
CARRIED**

Attendance

Mayor Ross Paterson joined the meeting at 9.50 a.m.

2.2 Update on Regional Land Transport Strategy Process

Refer to Publication, 'Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Strategy 2011-2014'

The report advised the Committee that the Regional Land Transport Strategy had been adopted by the Regional Council on 15 November. Copies of the Strategy were made available to members at the meeting.

The Committee Chair expressed her thanks to staff for their hard work and efforts in developing the Strategy. Members also commented on a well-written user-friendly document.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Update on Regional Land Transport Strategy Process.**

**Nees/Winters
CARRIED**

2.3 The Draft Waikato Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 - 2015

Refer PowerPoint Presentation (Objective ID A1035561).

Garry Maloney provided a presentation on the Draft Waikato Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) that highlighted key inter-regional activities and impacts of significance to both the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions. Mr Maloney recommended that the Committee provide a submission in support of the Waikato RLTP however, due to tight submission timeframes requested that the Committee Chair be given delegations to approve the submission.

Discussion was raised by members on the Committee's role in providing strategic direction for freight movements to the Port of Tauranga. The importance of dovetailing with the Waikato RLTP was raised. Members discussed partnering and opening a dialogue with the Upper North Island Strategic Alliance (UNISA) and developing a strategy around port growth and inland facilities. Mr Wilson advised that work was occurring on this issue and that arrangements could be made with UNISA to look at a whole strategy.

Members were asked to provide comments for the submission on the Draft Waikato RLTP. Staff would provide members with further details and a timeframe for providing submission comments following the meeting.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, The Draft Waikato Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 - 2015.**
- 2 Delegates to the Committee Chair the authority to approve a submission on behalf of the Regional Transport Committee on the 'Draft Waikato Regional Land Transport Programme 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 Management Act 2003, Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002, and Local Government Act 1974 and 2002).**

**Winters/Forbes
CARRIED**

2.4 Workshop on the Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-15

Garry Maloney presented the report that provided the Committee with information related to the workshop on the Regional Land Transport Programme.

The Committee Chair advised members of their voting rights in relation to the subsequent papers on the Regional Land Transport Programme, as stated in the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report, Workshop on the Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-15.**

**Nees/Owens
CARRIED**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. for the Committee to workshop and review key elements of the Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-15.

Attendance

Mayor Winters left during the workshop session at 12:38 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

2.5 **Prioritised List of Activities for inclusion in Regional Land Transport Programme**

The report sought the Committee's endorsement of the prioritised list of Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) activities. During today's workshop members were updated on project prioritisation and provided with presentations on key projects contained within the prioritised list. Staff also advised there would be further opportunity for members to review the prioritised list at the March meeting.

Members discussed several matters in the workshop relating to the prioritised list. A member questioned and raised concern of how projects had been ranked. Advice was provided that the list was prioritised in order of delivering the Regional Land Transport Strategy and did not represent projects in order of when they would be programmed. The list also excluded works that had already been programmed and funded.

After further discussion members agreed and requested that in addition to the single list of priorities, a representational list be included to categorise projects by activity class to provide clarity around this issue. It was suggested that explanatory text within the RLTP should also be included for work that was already programmed.

Members made further requests that the Ōpōtiki Harbour development work and indicative costs on major activities be included within the list, which was agreed to by members. A further matter was raised regarding the proposed programming of large State highway investigation works, which staff would discuss with the NZ Transport Agency and other Regional Advisory Group members.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Prioritised List of Activities for Inclusion in Regional Land Transport Programme.**

**Nees/Chambers
CARRIED**

- 2 Endorses the prioritised list of activities as contained in the report, Prioritised List of Activities for Inclusion in Regional Land Transport Programme.**

**Nees/Crosby
CARRIED**

Councillor Chambers requested her vote against the motion be recorded.

- 3 Notes that the prioritised list of activities will also be presented by activity classes in the Regional Land Transport Programme and that information will be included on committed activities and indicative major capital costs, so that a full picture of regional transport is included in the plan.**

**Nees/Owens
CARRIED**

- 4 Notes that the Ōpōtiki Harbour Improvement Project will be highlighted as a significant regional transport project for the Ōpōtiki District Council.**

**Nees/Forbes
CARRIED**

- 5 Notes that staff will make changes to the programmed list of State highway activity investigations based on future discussions with the NZ Transport Agency and other Regional Advisory Group members.

**Nees/Paterson
CARRIED**

- 6 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 Management Act 2003, Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002, and Local Government Act 1974 and 2002).

**Nees/Wilson
CARRIED**

2.6 **Monitoring and Review of the Regional Land Transport Programme**

The report sought the Committee's approval in principle to the proposed approach to monitoring and review of the Regional Land Transport Programme. Members requested a minor wording amendment for better clarity.

MOTION

Moved: Wilson

Second: Chambers

That wording in the second bullet of the Monitoring and Review Policy (Appendix 1) to be amended from 'regular reporting' to 'at least annual reporting'.

The motion was **PUT** and **CARRIED**.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Programme Monitoring and Review.**
- 2 **Adopts in principle the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Programme Monitoring and Review Policy in Appendix 1 of the report, Regional Land Transport Programme Monitoring and Review Policy, with minor wording amendment.**
- 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 Management Act 2003, Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002, and Local Government Act 1974 and 2002).**

**Wilson/Chambers
CARRIED**

2.7 Regional Land Transport Programme Significance Policy

The report sought the Committee's consideration to adopt in principle a significance policy to determine when variations to the Regional Land Transport Programme require public consultation. Members noted that the policy worked well and requested a minor wording amendment.

MOTION

Moved: Wilson

Second: Nees

That wording in the third section of the Significance Policy (Appendix 1) is amended from "will be not be" to "are unlikely to be".

The motion was **PUT** and **CARRIED**.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Programme Significance Policy.**
- 2 Adopts in principle the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Programme Significance Policy in Appendix 1 of the report, Regional Land Transport Programme Significance Policy, with minor wording amendment.**
- 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 Management Act 2003, Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002, and Local Government Act 1974 and 2002).**

**Wilson/Nees
CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 1.08 p.m.