

5 **Statutory Committees**

5.1 ***Regional Transport Committee - Terms of Reference***

5.1.1 **Delegated Function**

Section 105(1) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 requires the Regional Council to establish a Regional Transport Committee for its region. Section 105 is a new section dealing with the establishment of Regional Transport Committees and was inserted in the Act by the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008 which commenced on 1 August 2008.

5.1.2 **Membership**

Each regional council must appoint to its regional transport committee:

- Two persons to represent the regional council;
- One person from each territorial authority in the region to represent that territorial authority;
- One person to represent the agency;
- One person to represent the objective of economic development;
- One person to represent the objective of safety and personal security;
- One person to represent the objective of public health;
- One person to represent the objective of access and mobility;
- One person to represent the objective of environmental sustainability; and
- One person to represent cultural interest.

Each regional council must appoint from its representatives the chair and deputy chair of the committee.

At any meeting of a regional transport committee, the chair, or any other person presiding the meeting,

- Has a deliberative vote; and
- In the case of an equality of votes, does not have a casting vote (and therefore the act or question is defeated and the status quo is preserved).

5.1.3 **Term of the Committee**

As soon as practicable after each triennial election, every regional council must establish a regional transport committee under Section 105(1) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 for its region.

5.1.4 Specific Responsibilities and Delegated Authority

To prepare for approval by the Regional Council:

- 1 A Regional Land Transport Strategy for its region, any variations to it and any reports on it.
- 2 A regional land transport programme for its region and any variations to it.
- 3 Any advice and assistance the Regional Council may request in relation to its transport responsibilities generally.
- 4 Approve submissions to central government, local authorities and other agencies on Regional Transport Committee related matters.

Each Regional Transport Committee must adopt a policy that determines significance in respect of variations made to regional land transport programmes and regional land transport strategies.

5.1.5 Procedure of the Committee

The persons appointed to represent the objectives of economic development, safety and personal security, public health, access and mobility, environmental sustainability; and cultural interest have full speaking rights but are not entitled to vote on matters related to regional land transport programmes.

The persons appointed to represent the objectives of economic development, safety and personal security, public health, access and mobility, environmental sustainability; and cultural interest are entitled to vote on matters related to regional land transport strategies and regional fuel tax schemes.

The provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 concerning the meetings of committees of regional councils, so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply in respect of meetings of the regional transport committees.

Note:

- *The Regional Transport Committee does not have any financial delegation.*
- *Under the Local Government Act 2002 the Regional Transport Committee is not defined as a joint committee.*
- *The Regional Transport Committee reports directly to the Regional Council.*