

Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held in Council Meeting Room One, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, 5 Quay Street, Whakatane on Friday, 4 March 2011 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: J Nees

Deputy Chairman: D Owens

Appointees: Mayor T Bonne (Whakatane District Council), Mayor K Winters (Rotorua District Council), Mayor J Forbes (Opotiki District Council), Mayor R Paterson (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Councillor R Chase (Kawerau District Council), Senior Sergeant S Nightingale (Safety and Personal Security Representative), B Pointon (Public Health Representative), N Pope (Access and Mobility Representative), T Reynish (Economic Development Representative), M Tapsell (Cultural Interests Representative), H Wilson (New Zealand Transport Agency Representative), alternate member Councillor Terry Malloy (replacement for Tauranga City Mayor S Crosby), alternate member Deputy Mayor J Turner (replacement for Whakatane District Mayor T Bonne) – attendance in part,

In Attendance: M Macleod (Group Manager Strategic Development), G Maloney (Transport Policy Manager), M Calvert (Senior Planner - Transport), K McKenzie (Transport Planner), J Joyce (Planning and Investment Manager, NZTA), M Seabourne (Principal Transport Planner, NZTA) J Paterson (Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Network Engineer) M Fauvel (Policy Planner, Western Bay of Plenty District Council), K Thompson (Highway and Road Safety Manager, Rotorua District Council), N Classen (District Engineer, Rotorua District Council), S Kameta (Committee Administration Officer), L Butt (Governance Team Leader).

Apologies: Chairman Cronin, Tauranga City Mayor S Crosby, and T Richardson (Environmental Sustainability Representative)

1 **Chairman's announcement**

Chairperson Nees opened the meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed members to the first Regional Transport Committee meeting of the triennium. Chairperson Nees introduced new members; Senior Sergeant Nightingale (Safety and Personal Security representative), Bay of Plenty Regional Councillor Douglas Owens and Whakatane District Council Mayor Tony Bonne.

Chairperson Nees advised that members will receive a copy of the *Draft Local Government Summary* (from the Local Government Transport Congress), noting it is for members information only.

2 Reports

2.1 Presentation from New Zealand Transport Agency

Refer tabled documents numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Representatives from the New Zealand Transport Agency gave presentations that provided national context within which the Committee is preparing its Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Harry Wilson discussed the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) noting the significant progress toward the delivery of key GPS and SH projects. Mr Wilson presented an expenditure NLTP forecast up to June 2012, and the expected spend and commitments for the next NLTP. Mr Wilson concluded saying that in the 2012-2015 discretionary funding will be targeted to high priority activities, noting the upcoming Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) and the Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) processes will inform this prioritisation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.53 am and reconvened at 11.10 am.

Janeane Joyce's (Planning and Investment Manager, BOP NZTA) presentation concentrated on the Agency's planning and investment responsibilities and advised the Agency is shifting its focus from funding outputs, to planning and investing in outcomes. She discussed the processes within NZTA for how this will be achieved noting this new approach will improve the quality and transparency of planning and investment decisions for the next RLTP and NLTP.

Mike Seabourne's (Principal Transport Planner, NZTA) presentation focussed on the Agency's process for the classification of the State highway network. Mr Seabourne outlined the seven criteria for assessment, noting the classification process would ensure highways were safe, fit for purpose, and maintenance and improvements were better targeted.

Members sought and received clarification on a number of matters outlined during the NZTA presentations.

Attendance

Whakatane District Council Mayor Bonne left the meeting at 11.50 am and was replaced by the alternate member for Whakatane District Council, Deputy Mayor J Turner.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

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

**Nees/Pointon
CARRIED**

2.2 Local Government Transport Congress

Refer tabled document number 5.

The tabled document outlined the key messages from the Congress held on 10-11 February 2011. Members who attended the congress were invited to share their learning's from the event.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Local Government Transport Congress.**

**Nees/Winters
CARRIED**

2.3 Submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency's Draft State Highway Classification

Garry Maloney (Transport Policy Manager) presented the draft submission prepared in response to NZTA's draft State highway classification. He raised key points in the submission, and sought feedback from the committee.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the submission be amended to include the minor amendments discussed, and also include a comment to retain SH2 Waihi to Tauranga as a regional strategic route, and clarify issues in respect of SH2 to Te Puke.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency's Draft State Highway Classification.**
- 2 **Approves the attached submission to be submitted to NZTA on behalf of the Regional Transport Committee with amendments as discussed, including an amendment to the submission to retain SH2 Waihi to Tauranga as a regional strategic route, and to clarify issues in respect of SH2 to Te Puke.**
- 3 **Confirms that the significance of the decision has been assessed as LOW, and under Section 79 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) confirms that in light of the level of significance of the decision it does not require: (a) Further identification and assessment of different options under section 77 LGA; (b) Further investigation or consideration of community views under section 78 LGA; (c) Any further written record of the manner in which section 77 and section 78 matters have been addressed.**

**Nees/Paterson
CARRIED**

2.4 Development of 2012/15 Regional Land Transport Programme

Garry Maloney (Transport Policy Manager) presented the report that advised members about the timeframe for preparing the 2012/15 Regional Land Transport Programme.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Development of 2012/15 Regional Land Transport Programme.**

**Nees/Paterson
CARRIED**

2.5 New meeting date

Chairperson Nees advised members of the need to schedule an additional RTC workshop at the end of March. Staff will coordinate this workshop date with respective members who will be advised once a date is confirmed.

The meeting closed at 11.48 am.