

Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held in The Boeing Room, Classic Flyers NZ, 8 Jean Batten Drive, Tauranga Airport on Thursday, 5 May 2011 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor J Nees (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Deputy Chairman: Councillor D Owens (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Appointees: Mayor T Bonne (Whakatane District Council), Councillor R Chase (Kawerau District Council), Mayor J Forbes (Opotiki 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), T Richardson (Environmental Sustainability Representative), M Tapsell (Cultural Interests Representative), Mayor K Winters (Mayor, Rotorua District Council), Alternate members: Councillor T Molloy (Tauranga City Council), Councillor G Webber (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), R Brodnax (NZ Transport Agency)

In Attendance: M MacLeod (Group Manager Strategic Development), G Maloney (Transport Policy Manager), M Calvert (Senior Transport Planner), E Hatch (Senior Transport Planner), B Healey (Transport Planner), J Joyce (Planning and Investment Manager, NZTA), M Seabourne (Principal Transport Planner, NZTA), S Kameta (Committee Secretary), R Holford (Transportation Project Manager, Tauranga City Council), Attendance in part – Chairman J Cronin (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Apologies: Mayor S Crosby (Tauranga City Council), Mayor R Paterson (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), H Wilson (NZ Transport Agency)

1 **Chairperson's Announcement**

Chairperson J Nees advised there would be a change to the order of business to that listed in the agenda. Agenda Item 3.1 was deferred until after Item 3.2 to allow extra time for Bernadine Walsh from Ministry of Transport to attend and speak to this item.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Accepts a change in the order of business from that listed in the agenda.**

**Nees/Owens
Carried**

2 Reports

2.1 Regional Land Transport Strategy Draft Significance Policy

Mike Calvert (Senior Transport Planner) provided an overview of the report seeking approval of the Significance Policy that will be included in the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Committee members agreed to a minor wording amendment and the inclusion of cost figures within the Significance Policy.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Strategy Draft Significance Policy.**
- 2 Adopts the Significance Policy outlined in the report, Regional Land Transport Strategy Draft Significance Policy, with minor amendments, for inclusion in the draft Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Strategy 2011 – 2041,**
- 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/Winters
CARRIED**

2.2 Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding

The apologies of Bernadine Walsh (Ministry of Transport) were noted due to cancellation of flights. In her absence, Robert Brodnax (NZ Transport Agency) spoke to the report on the draft Government Policy Statement. Mr Brodnax advised that the draft GPS document had an increased emphasis on economic development, road safety and value for money, and in his view the proposed RLTS aligned strongly with the document. Mary-Anne MacLeod (Group Manager Strategic Development) provided a further overview of matters and implications specific to the region including a focus on economic development, future key routes significant to the region and targeted funding impacts.

Committee members discussed and provided feedback for staff to consider for when developing a submission on behalf of the Committee. Matters raised by members included concern at the reduction in funding for local road maintenance, investment in cycling and issues raised at the Local Government Transport Congress.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding.**

- 2 **Delegates to the Committee Chair the power to approve a submission on behalf of the Regional Transport Committee on the 'Engagement document - Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding 2012/13 – 2021/22'.**
- 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.**

**Winters/Webber
CARRIED**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am for the Committee to workshop and further review and develop the Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy, prior to providing recommendations for adopting the Proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy.

The meeting reconvened at 12:02 pm.

Attendance

Chairman J Cronin (Bay of Plenty Regional Council) joined the meeting at 12:02 pm.

2.3 Approval of Proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy for Consultation

The report sought approval for the adoption of the Proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy for public consultation. During today's workshop on the Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy, Committee members discussed and sought clarification on a number of matters in the Proposed RLTS and provided feedback to staff for consideration and amendments.

Committee members discussed dates for the hearing of the RLTS. It was noted that the dates outlined within the report conflicted with the LGNZ Conference, which a number of members would be attending. Further dates would be sought towards the end of July, which would align with the release of the final Government Policy Statement on Transport Funding.

Members discussed hearing committee membership whereby consensus was agreed to appoint a subcommittee for the hearing. Members advised that expressions of interest should be sought from all members to account for those members absent from the meeting. Further to this the importance of having a wide cross base on the hearing subcommittee was noted.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Approval of Proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy for Consultation.**

- 2 Adopts the Proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy 2011 – 2041, including any amendments arising from discussions at the 5 May 2011 workshop, or through the discussion of the report, Approval of Proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy for Consultation, for public consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.**
- 3 Delegates to the Committee Chair the power to make further minor amendments to the Proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy prior to its release to the public.**
- 4 Confirms that a subcommittee be appointed to hear submissions and delegates to the Committee Chair the power to appoint five members.**
- 5 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.**

**Forbes/Chase
CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 12:05 pm.