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## **Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Transport Committee**

**Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street,  
Nelson**

**On Monday 4 July 2016, commencing at 2.06pm**

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**Present:** Councillor R Copeland (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, Councillors B McGurk (Deputy Chairperson) and P Rainey, and Ms R Bleakley

**In Attendance:** Councillors K Fulton, P Matheson and G Noonan, Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Senior Asset Engineer – Transport and Roading (R Palmer), Administration Adviser (S Burgess), and NZTA Representatives (M Owen and J Alexander)

### **1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **2. Confirmation of Order of Business**

There was no change to the order of business.

### **3. Interests**

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no interests with items on the agenda were declared.

### **4. Public Forum**

There was no public forum.

### **5. Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **5.1 16 October 2015**

Document number M1537, agenda pages 5 - 9 refer.

It was noted the spelling of Mr Hookham on the first page of the minutes would be corrected.

Resolved RTC/2016/001

***THAT the amended minutes of the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee, held on 16 October 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record.***

McGurk/Bleakley

Carried

## 6. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson spoke about residents' concerns regarding the sealing material used on Whakatu Drive, and advised she had sent a follow up letter to Ms Bleakley of the New Zealand Transport Agency requesting robust consultation on any future plans.

The Chairperson spoke about work relating to travel demand as a result of the Annual Plan 2016/17 process, adding that a workshop on the matter was proposed for 16 August 2016.

## 7. South Island Inter Regional Transport Committee Chairs Working Group

Document number R6002, agenda pages 10 - 18 refer.

Senior Asset Engineer – Transport and Roading, Rhys Palmer, presented the report.

Resolved RTC/2016/002

***THAT the report South Island Inter Regional Transport Committee Chairs Working Group (R6002) and its attachment (A1560415) be received;***

McGurk/Rainey

Carried

In response to a question, Mr Palmer advised the Working Group meetings would be based around key pieces of work, therefore it was not anticipated that there be regular meetings.

It was asked that the Working Group meetings feed back into Council's asset management planning.

Resolved RTC/2016/003

***AND THAT the Committee support participating in the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Working Group;***

***AND THAT the value gained from participating in the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Working Group be reviewed in 2018.***

Her Worship the Mayor/Copeland

Carried

## **8. RLTP Variation - Nelson Road Safety Promotion 2016-2018**

Document number R6045, agenda pages 19 - 21 refer.

Raewyn Bleakley and Mark Owen of the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) presented the report.

Mr Owen said the additional funding would complement the funds Council already had allocated to road safety. He highlighted the funding would not be used for physical roadworks. Ms Bleakley added that the Tasman Regional Transport Committee had adopted the recommended approach.

In response to a question, Mr Owen explained there was flexibility in the methods used for road safety promotion, and NZTA would work closely with Council's Road Safety Coordinator to ensure effective communication.

In response to concern about Council officer resource, Ms Bleakley clarified that the promotion would be focussed on highways and it was understood additional work could not be carried out by Council officers.

Resolved RTC/2016/004

***THAT the report RLTP Variation - Nelson Road Safety Promotion 2016-2018 (R6045) and its attachment (A1559397) be received;***

***AND THAT the Nelson Regional Transport Committee vary the current 2015-18 Regional Land Transport Programme to include a total of \$200,000 for Nelson Road Safety Promotion on the State Highway network spread over the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years.***

McGurk/Her Worship the Mayor

Carried

## **9. New Zealand Transport Agency Update**

Document number R6127, agenda pages 22 - 25 refer.

Raewyn Bleakley of the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) presented the report.

In response to a question, Senior Asset Engineer – Transport and Roading, Rhys Palmer, said it was envisaged that cycle safety signs between Atawhai and Cable Bay Road would be in place before the busy summer season.

The Committee discussed the Nelson Southern Link Investigation. The Chairperson tabled the related resolution passed by Council on 5 May 2016 (A1578170).

Questions were raised about Council obtaining feedback from the community on the Investigation, and the appropriate process and timing for this. Ms Bleakley advised that it was for Council to determine its process as to how it formed a position on the matter. Attention was drawn to the Council feedback given via the 5 May 2016 resolution and the subsequent letter to the NZTA from the Chief Executive.

Ms Bleakley emphasised that Council could put forward feedback to the NZTA on its position at any time, and was welcome to do so in conjunction with future stages of the business case process.

In response to a question, Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis, advised that it would be a decision of Council, not the Regional Transport Committee, to determine a process for providing feedback to the NZTA in future if desired.

The Committee noted the need for consideration of Council's timeframes and planning requirements under the Local Government Act 2002 as the Investigation moved through future phases.

In response to requests for timeframe information, Ms Bleakley assured the Committee that the NZTA would keep Council updated as the process for the Investigation was worked through.

Discussion turned to the Rocks Road Walk/Cycle project and its link to the Nelson Southern Link Investigation.

It was questioned whether a design for the Rocks Road Walk/Cycle project that was not dependant on the outcome of the Nelson Southern Link Investigation could be achieved. Concern was then raised about timeframes and funding of this project. It was noted that the NZTA was to organise a meeting of the Rocks Road Steering Group in the coming month, which could consider these ideas and concerns.

The Committee discussed the Urban Cycleway Fund projects and scope, noting that it was being funded by the Crown and therefore there were strict timeframes for the use of funds.

The Committee requested further detail on funding allocations and timeframes for projects supported by the Urban Cycleway Fund.

It was asked that the Rocks Road Steering Group consider inviting all Nelson Regional Transport Committee members to future Group meetings.

Resolved RTC/2016/005

**Receive the report New Zealand Transport Agency Update (R6127) and its attachment (A1569142).**

Copeland/Rainey

Carried

**Attachments**

- 1 A1578170 - Council resolution regarding Nelson Southern Link Investigation 05May2016

There being no further business the meeting ended at 3.34pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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