

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

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

**On Monday 5 December 2016, commencing at 1.30pm**

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Present: Councillor P Matheson, Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, Councillors G Noonan and M Rutledge and J Alexander (NZTA Rep)

In Attendance: Councillors I Barker, M Lawrey and S Walker; Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Manager Operations and Asset Management (P Anderson), Senior Asset Engineer – Transport & Roding (R Palmer), Engineering Advisor (S McAuly), Communications Adviser (A Hamblin), Engineering Officer (K Goldthorpe), Team Leader Administration Advisers (Robyn Byrne) and NZTA Representatives (Regional Director J Harland, Regional Performance Manager M Owen)

Apology: R Bleakley

### **1. Apologies**

The apology from Ms Bleakley was noted.

### **2. Appointment of Chairperson**

Group Manager Infrastructure Alec Louverdis assumed the chair and called for nominations from the Regional Transport Committee for the appointment of a Chairperson.

Her Worship the Mayor nominated Councillor Matheson for Chair. There were no further nominations. The NZTA representative abstained from voting.

Resolved RTC/2016/006

***That the Committee***

***Appoints Councillor Matheson as Chairperson of the  
Regional Transport Committee.***

Rutledge/Noonan

Carried

Councillor Matheson assumed the chair.

### 3. Appointment of Deputy Chairperson

The Chairperson called for nominations from the Regional Transport Committee for the appointment of a Deputy Chairperson. Her Worship the Mayor nominated Councillor Noonan for Deputy Chair. There were no further nominations.

The NZTA representative abstained from voting.

Resolved RTC/2016/007

***That the Committee***

***Appoints Councillor Noonan as Deputy Chairperson of the Regional Transport Committee.***

Her Worship the Mayor/Rutledge

Carried

### 4. Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chairperson advised of a minor late item regarding a Joint presentation on the role and purpose of Regional Transport Committee.

Resolved RTC/2016/008

***That the Committee***

***Considers the item regarding the presentation on the role and purpose of the Regional Transport Committee at this meeting as a minor late item not on the agenda, pursuant to Section 46A(7)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.***

Matheson/Noonan

Carried

### 5. Interests

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

### 6. Public Forum

There was no public forum.

### 7. Joint presentation

Senior Asset Engineer – Transport & Roading, Rhys Palmer, presented on the functions of the Regional Transport Committee and its responsibility for delivering the Regional Transport Plan, a partnership between Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).

## Attachments

1 A1673619 Regional Transport Committee Roles and Responsibilities

### 8. **2015/16 Annual Monitoring Report on the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2021**

Document number R6612, agenda pages 5 - 25 refer.

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

Members asked for clarification on some statistics. It was noted that the walking and cycling counts were reported together and Mr Palmer was asked if these could be split. He advised that currently they were jointly recorded but officers had noticed a higher growth in the walking count than the cycling count.

There was some discussion on the decline in public transport use along with the Supergold patronage, which was heavily subsidised. Officers were asked if it was possible to provide free travel for children and students; NZTA noted that they co-invested public transport and they would need to look at this option closely in terms of using their investment for free public transport.

Resolved RTC/2016/009

#### ***That the Committee***

***Receives the report 2015/16 Annual Monitoring Report on the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2021 (R6612) and its attachment (A1654649)***

Her Worship the Mayor/Rutledge

Carried

### 9. **Stoke Foothills Business Case**

Document number R6613, agenda pages 26 - 31 refer.

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

The Committee noted that state highways were for inter-regional transport and expressed concern at secondary roads being used increasingly because the state highway was not performing at optimum level. It was noted that Council needed to be mindful it was not moving the burden of cost to ratepayers even if it was helped with funding by NZTA.

Resolved RTC/2016/010

***Receives the report Stoke Foothills Business Case (R6613) and its attachment (A1667256); and***

***Approves inclusion of the Stoke Foothills Business Case into the 2015-2021 Regional Land Transport Plan.***

Rutledge/Noonan

Carried

## 10. New Zealand Transport Agency Update

Document number R6825, agenda pages 32 - 34 refer.

Acting Regional Manager Central- NZTA, Julie Alexander, presented her report and gave a presentation on the National Land Transport Programme 2018-21. (A1674747)

### **Attachments**

- 1 A1674747 National Land Transport Programme 2018-21

In response to a question, Ms Alexander advised that the Southern Link was a very important project. The business case had been completed and was now going through internal processes. She said the investigation was being funded by government and this involved reporting back to the NZTA Board and Minister of Transport.

Regional Director, Jim Harland gave a verbal update on the roading impacts of the Kaikoura earthquake of 14 November 2016, and following aftershocks. He said NZTA were spending money with a priority on a safety perspective, which was significant.

It was noted that for the foreseeable future, the Picton to Christchurch Lewis Pass highway route would be the main freight route for the South Island, and Kiwirail was looking at a coastal shipping route into Lyttleton.

The Committee discussed the impact on Nelson; with the increase in freight and transport this would impact the already constrained network through the city.

Resolved RTC/2016/011

***That the Committee***

***Receive the report New Zealand Transport Agency Update (R6825) and its attachment (A1665721).***

Rutledge/Noonan

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 3.15pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

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