



Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Transport Committee

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

On Monday 1 July 2019, commencing at 1.35p.m.

Present: Councillor M Rutledge (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, Councillors P Matheson, G Noonan (Deputy Chairperson) and Mr Harland (NZTA Representative)

In Attendance: Councillors I Barker, M Lawrey, B McGurk and S Walker, Chief Executive (P Dougherty), Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), and Governance Adviser (E Stephenson)

Apologies : Her Worship the Mayor for lateness

1. Apologies

Resolved RTC/2019/013

That the Regional Transport Committee

- 1. Receives and accepts the apology from Her Worship the Mayor for lateness.***

Noonan/Matheson

Carried

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

4.1 Nelsust - What should Nelson's Regional Transport look like in a Climate Emergency?

Peter Olorenshaw, Convenor for Nelsust, provided a presentation and spoke about the significance of transport emissions in New Zealand, and what could be done to reduce them. He said that he would like to see RTC representatives on the Nelson Plan working group and more options for commuters and clearway lanes for road transport and buses. He advocated for the use of electric vehicles and reducing the attraction of car commuting. Mr Olorenshaw answered questions regarding his presentation.

Attachments

1 A2217831 - Peter Olerenshaw PowerPoint presentation

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor entered the meeting at 1.39p.m.

5. Chairperson's Report (Agenda Item 6)

The Chairperson gave an oral report. He acknowledged the current upheaval at the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and the work undertaken on Council's behalf, particularly on keeping the Nelson Future Access project moving forward and progressing the Atawhai Speed Review Programme. Topics he covered included the smooth rollout of the Waimea Road speed reduction and that it was good to see clarity on the Future Access Project.

He expressed disappointment on the Targeted Enhanced Funding Assistance Rate (TEFAR) programme roll out, noting that Council had now been told that there would not be any more funding from that programme. He felt that the programme had resulted in a huge amount of work for Council to put up projects aligning with the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) to attract TEFAR funding, which had also set community expectations regarding projects that would be progressing, for example, the Whakatū to Atawhai noise reduction resurfacing programme.

He voiced concern, in the light of another fuel tax increase and increasing road user charges, at seeing more and more money taken out of Nelson and not seeing the same level of investment necessary to keep it moving forward. He felt that rural and provincial New Zealand's transport safety, access and liveability needs should not be sacrificed for major projects in Auckland and Wellington.

Resolved RTC/2019/014

That the Regional Transport Committee

1. Receives the Chairperson's oral report.

Her Worship the Mayor/Matheson

Carried

In response to a question regarding the effects of the changed speed limit on Waimea Road, Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis, said that officers would report back at a suitable time, but that it was still too early to extract meaningful data.

6. Confirmation of Minutes (Agenda Item 5)

6.1 15 April 2019

Document number M4160, agenda pages 8 - 16 refer.

A minor correction to the minutes on agenda page 11 was noted.

Resolved RTC/2019/015

That the Regional Transport Committee

- 1. Confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee, held on 15 April 2019, as a true and correct record.**

Matheson/Her Worship the Mayor

Carried

7. New Zealand Transport Agency Update - Atawhai Speed Review and other matters

Document number R9903, agenda pages 17 - 21 refer.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.01p.m. and reconvened at 2.02p.m.

Jim Harland, NZTA, thanked Council for its support during this challenging time. A printed PowerPoint presentation was tabled. Topics in the update included:

- National Land Transport Plan (NLTP) funding
- The NZTA's 10 year plan (Arataki – Our Plan for the Land Transport System), and its inputs into the next NLTP
- The NZTA Investment Decision-Making framework
- Ratings and the shift in emphasis to safety, place making, access, environment and value for money
- Technical workshops to develop a draft framework which would provide guidance on business cases

- Speed management was a top priority, focusing on safety for users of footpaths and roadways
- Speed review decisions, targeting the top 10% of areas at risk
- Innovating streets for people, the need to recognise liveable places when planning networks.

Mr Harland answered questions regarding alignment between the NLTP and Regional Land Transport Plans (RLTP) and speed management, in particular relating to cost effectiveness.

In response to a question regarding how quickly they could start looking at implementation costs and engineering solutions for innovating streets for people, and the possibility of a trial for willing residents, Steve Higgs, NZTA, offered to find out what was intended under that programme and report back to the next Committee meeting.

Further discussion took place regarding 10 year plans and changes in government, discretionary funding, changes as a result of three year reviews, the economic cost of speed management to the region and prioritisation of the Atawhai section of the Nelson to Blenheim corridor improvements.

Resolved RTC/2019/016

That the Regional Transport Committee

- 1. Receives the report New Zealand Transport Agency Update - Atawhai Speed Review and other matters (R9903) and its attachment (A2210105).***

Noonan/Matheson

Carried

Attachments

- 1 A2219375 - NZTA Update Presentation

8. Update on South Island Visitor Flows Project

Document number R10192, agenda pages 22 - 23 refer.

Manager Transport and Solid Waste, Marg Parfitt, spoke to the report. She advised that the Committee would be kept updated regarding progress.

Steve Higgs, NZTA, answered questions regarding the project, including data sources, a reliable source of truth, effects of visitor numbers on infrastructure and the next stage of the project.

In response to a question regarding the policy of the RTC South Island Chairs Group, the Chairperson advised that he had only been to one

meeting where this was discussed. He advised that the South Island Freight Project had just been received and that he would update the Committee at the next meeting.

The benefit of the region having the right data to build into business cases was highlighted and in terms of the desire for tourist dispersal over the South Island, the need to ensure that the region had the draw cards to encourage tourists here. It was emphasised that the trends for reduction in air travel and increase in land travel meant that reliable visitor flow information would be very helpful in building a tourism strategy.

Resolved RTC/2019/017

That the Regional Transport Committee

- 1. Receives the report Update on South Island Visitor Flows Project (R10192).***

Rutledge/Her Worship the Mayor

Carried

9. Submission to Ministry of Transport Government Policy Statement 2018 : Revised draft measures

Document number R10207, agenda pages 24 - 31 refer.

Manager Transport and Solid Waste, Marg Parfitt, noted that this was a procedural matter to retrospectively approve the submission that had been sent to the Ministry of Transport (MoT). Ms Parfitt noted that the Ministry of Transport had acknowledged the submission.

Resolved RTC/2019/018

That the Regional Transport Committee

- 1. Receives the report Submission to Ministry of Transport Government Policy Statement 2018 : Revised draft measures (R10207) and its attachment (A2187966); and***
- 2. Approves retrospectively the submission from the Regional Transport Committee Chairperson to the Ministry of Transport (A2197966 to report R10207).***

Matheson/Her Worship the Mayor

Carried

Councillor Noonan abstained, as she felt she had not received enough information to make a decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 3.01p.m. and reconvened at 3.09p.m.

10. Nelson Future Access Update

Document number R10225, agenda pages 32 - 38 refer.

Rhys Palmer and Coral Aldridge, NZTA, spoke to the report and answered questions regarding the Investment Logic Map (ILM), the membership of the Project Reference Group and public engagement.

Mr Palmer answered questions regarding the Rocks Road Walking and Cycling project, noting that a decision to push the project out had been made by the NZTA after a recommendation by the Steering Group. Discussion took place on the state of the sea wall, the difficult consenting environment and progression of the business case. Frustration was expressed by members at the revised programme. A request was made for better engagement with the political side of council on changes of that magnitude.

Her Worship the Mayor raised a Point of Order against Councillor Barker regarding a comment that the climate change emergency had been declared at the request of the Government. The Point of Order was upheld by the Chairperson and Councillor Barker withdrew the comment and apologised.

Further discussion took place regarding the need to ensure a credible set of options to get the best chance of funding on a national basis.

Resolved RTC/2019/019

That the Regional Transport Committee

- 1. Receives the report Nelson Future Access Update (R10225) and its attachment (A2214088).***

Her Worship the Mayor/Rutledge

Carried

11. 2017/18 Annual Monitoring Report on the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2021

Document number R10262, agenda pages 39 - 61 refer.

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor Reese left the meeting at 4.12p.m.

Manager Transport and Solid Waste, Marg Parfitt, answered questions regarding the monitoring report, including, HPMV routes, setting of targets, cycling and walking counts and availability of data.

Resolved RTC/2019/020

That the Regional Transport Committee

- 1. Receives the report 2017/18 Annual Monitoring Report on the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2021 (R10262) and its attachment (A2015759)***

Noonan/Harland

Carried

12. Regional Land Transport Plan variation - Nelson State Highway Speed Management Guide Implementation

Document number R10295, agenda pages 62 - 69 refer.

Steve Higgs and Jeanine Foster, NZTA, spoke to the report and answered questions regarding the request to vary the Nelson RLTP 2018-21.

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor returned to the meeting at 4.25p.m.

Resolved RTC/2019/021

That the Regional Transport Committee

- 1. Receives the report Regional Land Transport Plan variation - Nelson State Highway Speed Management Guide Implementation (R10295) and its attachment (A2209766)***

Noonan/Harland

Carried

Recommendation to Council RTC/2019/022

That the Council

- 1. Approves that the Nelson Regional Land Transport Programme 2015-21 is varied to include a total of \$1.26M for Nelson State Highway Speed Management Guide Implementation over 2018-2021 with a 100% Funding Assistance Rate***

Noonan/Harland

Carried

13. Exclusion of the Public

Steve Higgs, of The New Zealand Transport Agency, was in attendance for Item 2 of the Public Excluded agenda - Public Transport Contract – supplementary report, to answer questions and, accordingly, the following resolution was required to be passed:

Resolved RTC/2019/023

That the Regional Transport Committee

1. ***Confirms, in accordance with sections 48(5) and 48(6) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, that Steve Higgs of the New Zealand Transport Agency remain after the public has been excluded, for Item 2 of the Public Excluded agenda (Public Transport Contract – supplementary report), as he has knowledge relating to the matter that will assist the meeting.***

Matheson/Noonan

Carried

Resolved RTC/2019/024

That the Regional Transport Committee

1. ***Excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.***
2. ***The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:***

Matheson/Noonan

Carried

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interests protected (where applicable)
1	Regional Transport Committee Meeting - Public Excluded Minutes - 15 April 2019	<p>Section 48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7.</p>	<p>The withholding of the information is necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(b)(ii) To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information • Section 7(2)(h) To enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities
2	Public Transport Contract - supplementary report	<p>Section 48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7</p>	<p>The withholding of the information is necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(b)(ii) To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information • Section 7(2)(i) To enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 4.31p.m. and resumed in public session at 4.35p.m.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4.35p.m.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date