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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 Wednesday 21 April 2021, commencing at 1.02p.m.**

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Present: Councillor B McGurk (Chairperson), Councillors J Edgar (Deputy Chairperson), R O'Neill-Stevens and Waka Kotahi Representative Ms E Speight

In Attendance: Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Governance Adviser (E Stephenson) and Governance Support (P Boutle)

Apology: Her Worship the Mayor Reese on Council business

### **Karakia Timatanga**

#### **1. Apologies**

Resolved RTC/2021/008

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Receives and accepts an apology from Her Worship the Mayor Reese on Council business.***

McGurk/Edgar

Carried

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

The Chairperson advised that Confidential Item 1 – Consideration of Public Transport Improvements to existing contract in Year 1 and 2 of Long Term Plan, had been withdrawn and that high-level information would be included in the officers' verbal update relating to Item 8 - Nelson Tasman Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 - Deliberations Report.

### 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

Document number R24810, agenda pages 9 - 19 refer.

The motion was taken in parts.

Resolved RTC/2021/009

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee, held on 6 April 2021 (A2620943), as a true and correct record; and***

O'Neill-Stevens/McGurk

Carried

Resolved RTC/2021/010

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 2. Confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee, held on 9 April 2021 (A2620949), as a true and correct record.***

Edgar/O'Neill-Stevens

Carried

### 6. Late submission

Document number R24808, agenda pages 20 - 25 refer.

The Chairperson advised that a late submission had been received and that the following motion was required to accept the submission.

Resolved RTC/2021/011

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Receives the report Late submission (R24808) and its attachment (A2619186) ; and***
- 2. Accepts late submission #27446 from Dai Mitchell to the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2021 -2031.***

O'Neill-Stevens/Edgar

Carried

## 7. **2021-31 Regional Land Transport Plan - Deliberations Report**

Document number R22719, agenda pages 26 - 161 refer.

Manager Transport and Solid Waste, Marg Parfitt, and Team Leader Transport Activity Management, Sue McAuley, presented the report and explained the rationale for the updated recommendations that had been provided. Ms Parfitt noted that there had been no substantive changes to the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) made by Marlborough District Council (MDC) or Tasman District Council (TDC), who had both completed their RLTP deliberations. Ms Parfitt and Ms McAuley answered questions regarding the content of the RLTP and the proposed changes.

In response to a question regarding the Nelsust log barging proposal, Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis, advised that from a Nelson City Council perspective, officers would not be prioritising, or further considering that proposal.

Following further questions, an additional amendment to the recommendations was suggested in that the words 'and be consistent' be added to bullet point nine of clause 4 of the recommendation to allow for any changes in the carbon emissions reduction target.

In response to a suggestion that the Tangata Whenua section on agenda page 79 was too Nelson specific, Mr Louverdis confirmed that more general wording would be provided via a minor amendment.

Resolved RTC/2021/012

### ***That the Regional Transport Committee***

1. ***Receives the report 2021-31 Regional Land Transport Plan - Deliberations Report (R22719) and its attachments (A2609254, A2564747 and A2570814); and***
2. ***Notes that consultation on the Regional Land Transport Plan and the Regional Public Transport Plan occurred simultaneously and that all submissions received have been included in the appropriate deliberations report regardless of which one they submitted to; and***
3. ***Advises Waka Kotahi and the Tasman and Marlborough Regional Transport Committees of any amendments to the draft Nelson Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31; and***
4. ***Approves the Nelson Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31 (A2570814 of Report R22719) with the following changes:***

- ***Amend the costings in the draft Nelson Regional Land Transport Plan to reflect the revised budgets in each Councils Long Term Plan and the Waka Kotahi Investment Proposal;***
  - ***Update the Significant Projects table to reflect Waka Kotahi removing the 'Motueka Upgrade Additional Scope' project from the investment proposal;***
  - ***Amend the Death and Serious Injury (DSI) ratings in the information reading significant safety projects;***
  - ***Update the table 'Linking Transport Objectives and Significant Activities' on page 56 of the draft Nelson Regional Land Transport Plan to reflect the review of the sustainability alignment of the listed projects, carried out by Council officers and Waka Kotahi;***
  - ***Update the strategic context section of the draft Nelson Regional Land Transport Plan to reflect the most up to date forecasts for aviation growth and to add commentary which identifies the assumptions on which these figures are based;***
  - ***Update the Tangata Whenua section on pages 14-15 of the draft Nelson Regional Land Transport Plan to clearly outline the special status of iwi as the tangata whenua of Te Taihuhu, and how they will be involved in ongoing engagement with Council and Waka Kotahi to implement the Regional Land Transport Plan;***
  - ***Amends the Regional Land Transport Plan public transport budget in line with the draft Regional Public Transport Plan; and***
  - ***Inclusion of a policy confirming resilience is part of prudent asset management; and***
  - ***Amends the 'Carbon Emissions' headline target to align and be consistent with the Climate Change Commissions target of a 47% reduction in transport generated carbon emissions by 2035; and***
5. ***Notes staff will work with Waka Kotahi, Tasman District Council and Marlborough District Council staff to finalise the Regional Land Transport Plan; and***

6. ***Confirms that the Nelson Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31, amended as in clause 5 above, be lodged with the Council; and***
7. ***Delegates authority to approve any changes to the Nelson Regional Land Transport Plan consequential to the Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031 deliberations, and minor changes made either by Marlborough District Council or Tasman District Council Regional Transport Committees, to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Regional Transport Committee.***

Edgar/O'Neill-Stevens

Carried

Recommendation to Council RTC/2021/013

***That the Council***

1. ***Approves the Nelson Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031 (A2570814 of Report R22719) for submission to Waka Kotahi prior to 30 June subject to any changes made as part of the Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031 process, and minor changes made by Marlborough District Council or Tasman District Council Regional Transport Committees, and notes the delegation to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Regional Transport Committee.***

Edgar/O'Neill-Stevens

Carried

The meeting was adjourned from 1.52p.m. until 2.07p.m.

**8. Nelson Tasman Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 - Deliberations Report**

Document number R24772, agenda pages 162 - 294 refer.

Manager Transport and Solid Waste, Marg Parfitt, and Team Leader Transport Activity Management, Sue McAuley, presented the report and explained the rationale for the updated recommendations that had been provided. Ms Parfitt clarified that Waka Kotahi had granted Nelson City Council an extension to lodge the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) on 2 July 2021 and provided a summary of the feedback. A document of high level estimates of changes to the existing public transport contract was tabled (A2623754). Ms Parfitt and Ms McAuley answered questions regarding the content of the RPTP and proposed changes and on submissions to the RPTP, current and proposed public transport services and future steps.

Attendance: Ms Speight left the meeting from 2.30p.m. until 2.47p.m.

The Committee expressed its appreciation to all officers involved in the RLTP and RPTP for the extensive amount of work that had been undertaken.

Resolved RTC/2021/014

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Receives the report Nelson Tasman Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 - Deliberations Report (R24772) and its attachments (A2569883, A2617764, A2617627); and***
- 2. Notes that consultation on the Regional Land Transport Plan and the Regional Public Transport Plan occurred simultaneously and that all submissions received have been included in the appropriate deliberations report regardless of which one they submitted to; and***
- 3. Approves lodging the amended Nelson Tasman Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 (A2569883 of Report R24772) with Council for consideration, with the following changes:***
  - Including the provision to undertake detailed service route and timetable planning in 2021-2023;***
  - Bring service frequency increases proposed for stage 2 (2026) into stage 1(2023) at an increased net cost of up to \$670,000;***
  - Including support to move to the Living Wage for bus drivers from July 2021 (at an estimated cost of \$38,000 per year) subject to nationally led outcomes and further discussion with Waka Kotahi and the bus operator;***
  - Include the investigation to allow dogs in suitable carrier containers on buses at off peak times; and***
- 4. Advises the Tasman Regional Transport Committee and Waka Kotahi of any amendments to the Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 approved by the Nelson Regional Transport Committee; and***
- 5. Notes that any changes made by Tasman District Council to the Nelson Tasman Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-31 will be cost neutral to Nelson City Council.; and***
- 6. Notes that a final Regional Public Transport Plan will be brought to the 29 June 2021 Nelson Regional Transport***

***Committee meeting following Long-Term Plan adoption recommending to Council to lodge with Waka Kotahi.***

Edgar/McGurk

Carried

**Attachments**

- 1 A2623754 - High level cost estimates for Y1 and 2 changes to existing bus contract

Recommendation to Council RTC/2021/015

***That the Council***

1. ***Considers making provision for extra funding as outlined in 6.6.4 of report R24772 to the 21 April 2021 Regional Transport Committee as part of the Long-Term Plan 2021 – 2031 deliberations on the basis that external additional funding is secured from non-rates sources, or that savings are made in other transport related activities; and***
2. ***Notes that a Regional Public Transport Plan will be brought to Council on 1 July 2021 seeking approval to lodge with Waka Kotahi and that this timing of the approval of the Regional Public Transport Plan will ensure consistency across the Regional Land Transport Plan, Regional Public Transport Plan and Long Term Plan.***

Edgar/McGurk

Carried

**9. Exclusion of the Public**

There was no exclusion of the public as Item 1 of the Confidential agenda - Consideration of Public Transport Improvements to existing contract in Year 1 and 2 of Long Term Plan had been withdrawn.

**Karakia Whakamutunga**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 3.14p.m.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

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