



**Notice of the ordinary meeting of the  
Regional Transport Committee  
*Kōmiti ā-Rohe mō ngā Take Waka***

Date:	7 September 2020
Time:	1.30p.m.
Location:	Council Chamber, Civic House 110 Trafalgar Street Nelson

## **Agenda**

### ***Rārangi take***

<b>Chair</b>	Cr Brian McGurk
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Cr Judene Edgar
<b>Members</b>	Her Worship the Mayor Rachel Reese Cr Rohan O'Neill-Stevens Mr Jim Harland (NZTA Representative)

Quorum: 2

**Pat Dougherty  
Chief Executive**

Nelson City Council Disclaimer

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## ***Regional Transport Committee Delegations***

Establishment and operation of the Regional Transport Committee is governed by the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

### **Areas of Responsibilities:**

- Preparation of, or variations to a Regional Land Transport Plan, for approval by Council
- Preparation of or variation to a Regional Public Transport Plan, for approval by Council
- Provision of advice and assistance to Council in relation to its transport responsibilities.

### **Powers to Decide:**

- To adopt a policy that determines significance in respect of
  - variations made to regional land transport plans under section 18D of the Land Transport Management Act 2003
  - activities that are included in the regional land transport plan under section 16 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003
- To approve submissions to external bodies on policy documents likely to influence the content of the Regional Land Transport Plan.

### **Powers to Recommend to Council:**

- Approval of Regional Land Transport Plan
- Approval of any variations to the Regional Land Transport Plan
- Approval of any variation to the Regional Public Transport Plan
- Any other recommendations regarding the committee's advice or assistance to Council in relation to its transport responsibilities.

**1. Apologies**

- 1.1 An apology has been received from Her Worship the Mayor

**2. Confirmation of Order of Business****3. Interests**

- 3.1 Updates to the Interests Register
- 3.2 Identify any conflicts of interest in the agenda

**4. Public Forum****5. Confirmation of Minutes**

- 5.1 22 June 2020 **5 - 10**

Document number M10961

Recommendation

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee, held on 22 June 2020, as a true and correct record.***

**6. Chairperson's Report**

- 7. Waka Kotahi: NZ Transport Agency Update **11 - 12****

Document number R19205

Recommendation

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Receives the report Waka Kotahi: NZ Transport Agency Update (R19205) and its attachment (A2450193).***

## **8. Nelson Future Access Update**

**16 - 20**

Document number R19206

Recommendation

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Receives the report Nelson Future Access Update (R19206) and its attachment (A2450566).***



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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 22 June 2020, commencing at 1.31p.m.**

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- Present: Councillor B McGurk (Chairperson), Mr J Harland (NZTA Representative) and Councillor R O'Neill-Stevens
- In Attendance: Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Governance Team Leader (R Byrne) and Governance Adviser (J Brandt)
- Apologies: Her Worship the Mayor Reese (on Council business); Councillor Edgar for lateness

### 1. Apologies

Resolved RTC/2020/045

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Receives and accepts an apology from Her Worship the Mayor (on Council business) for attendance, and an apology from Councillor Edgar for lateness.***

O'Neill-Stevens/Harland

Carried

### 2. Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chairperson noted that Agenda Items 10 and 9 would follow after the Chairperson's report (agenda item 6).

### 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 2 December 2019

Document number M6592, agenda pages 7 - 11 refer.

Resolved RTC/2020/046

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee, held on 2 December 2019, as a true and correct record.***

O'Neill-Stevens/Harland

Carried

## 6. Regional Transport Committee Chairperson's Report

Document number R14839, agenda pages 12 - 13 refer.

Councillor McGurk presented his report. He noted that the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) had declined the Committee's request to decouple the Neale Park to Clifton Terrace section of State Highway 6 (SH6) from the Nelson to Blenheim SH6 speed limit review. Following a request on timeline for delivery, Mr Harland undertook to follow this up.

Resolved RTC/2020/047

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Receives the report Regional Transport Committee Chair's Report (R14839).***

McGurk/O'Neill-Stevens

Carried

## 7. Waka Kotahi: NZ Transport Agency Update (Agenda Item 10)

Document number R15905, agenda pages 31 - 44 refer.

NZTA representative, Jim Harland, gave a PowerPoint presentation (agenda pages 38 - 44). Mr Harland noted he would follow up on a request made by the committee whether additional measures were being planned to increase road safety at the SH6/The Glen intersection other than signage, noting it was the committee's preference to take further measures.

Mr Harland further answered questions about the Innovating Street Programme and The Accessible Streets consultation, noting the subsequent rule change was expected to occur by the end of 2020.

Resolved RTC/2020/048

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Receives the report Waka Kotahi: NZ Transport Agency Update (R15905) and its attachments (A2402735 and A2402744).***

Harland/McGurk

Carried

**8. Nelson Future Access Update (Agenda Item 9)**

Document number R13755, agenda pages 26 - 30 refer.

NZTA Principal Transport Planner, Rhys Palmer, presented the report and answered questions about the Project Reference Group, reasons for the four-week consultation timeframe, and details of the planned community engagement.

Resolved RTC/2020/049

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Receives the report Nelson Future Access Update (R13755) and its attachment (A2403485).***

O'Neill-Stevens/Harland

Carried

**9. Submission on the Draft Government Policy Statement 2021 on Land Transport**

Document number R13693, agenda pages 14 - 20 refer.

Resolved RTC/2020/050

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Receives the report Submission on the Draft Government Policy Statement 2021 on Land Transport (R13693) and its attachment (A2378455); and***
- 2. Approves retrospectively the feedback from the Regional Transport Committee Chair to the Ministry of Transport (A2378455 to Report R13693).***

McGurk/O'Neill-Stevens

Carried

# **10. Feedback on Arataki, the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency long term view**

Document number R16940, agenda pages 21 - 25 refer.

Resolved RTC/2020/051

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

- 1. Receives the report Feedback on Arataki, the Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency long term view (R16940) and its attachment (A2365952); and***
- 2. Approves retrospectively the feedback from the Regional Transport Committee Chair to Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (A2365952 to Report R16940).***

O'Neill-Stevens/Harland

Carried

# **11. Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved RTC/2020/052

## ***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:***

O'Neill-Stevens/Harland

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 - 2 December 2019	Section 48(1)(a)  The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which	The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Section 7(2)(b)(ii)</li></ul> To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to



Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interests protected (where applicable)
		good reason exists under section 7.	<p>prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 7(2)(i) To enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</li> </ul>

The meeting went into confidential session at 2.15p.m. and resumed in public session at 2.17p.m.

Please note that as the only business transacted in public excluded was to confirm the minutes, this business has been recorded in the public minutes. In accordance with the Local Government Official Information Meetings Act, no reason for withholding this information from the public exists.

## 12. Confirmation of Minutes

### 12.1 2 December 2019

Document number M6594, agenda pages 3 - 4 refer.

Resolved RTC/2020/053

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

- Confirms the minutes of part of the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee, held with the public excluded on 2 December 2019, as a true and correct record.***

O'Neill-Stevens/Harland

Carried

**13. Re-admittance of the Public**

Resolved RTC/2020/054

***That the Council***

***1. Re-admits the public to the meeting.***

Harland/O'Neill-Stevens

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 2.17p.m.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

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

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## **Waka Kotahi: NZ Transport Agency Update**

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) update on various items.

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

- 1. Receives the report Waka Kotahi: NZ Transport Agency Update (R19205) and its attachment (A2450193)***

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 This report provides an update from the NZTA on a variety of issues (refer to Attachment).
- 3.2 The NZTA representatives will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions and to provide any update further to their report.

**Author: Margaret Parfitt, Manager - Transport and Solid Waste**

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1: A2450193 Nelson RTC update from Waka Kotahi 7 September 2020 [↓](#)



## Update to the Nelson Regional Transport Committee

Jim Harland, Director Regional Relationships South Island

Steve Higgs, Lead Strategic Planner

7 September 2020

### 1. NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME UPDATE

#### 2018-21 NLTP update

##### **Funding package to address COVID-19 impacts**

The pressure on this NLTP as a result of COVID impacts is being managed through further injection of funding into the National Fund. This is enabling Waka Kotahi to continue to deliver its programme this year. The Government announced a funding package to ensure delivery of the 2018-21 NLTP. This is made up of:

- \$425 million borrowing to fill the COVID-related funding gap for the 2019-20 financial year, to be repaid over the following seven years
- a \$600 million top-up from the COVID Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) to cover the impact of reduced revenue and COVID-related expenditure for the 2020-21 financial year; and up to \$300 million additional borrowing if required for the remainder of the 2018-21 NLTP.

#### 2021- 2024 National Land Transport Programme Update

The Waka Kotahi Board met on 20<sup>th</sup> August and have decided to delay the release of the Waka Kotahi Investment Proposal (WKIP) in order to better understand the potential impacts of the GPS on the Waka Kotahi investment programme. This will likely have a flow on effect of other dates such as the final RLTP.

Key dates that the officers will be working to are:

- Input programmes into the NLTP from August to September
- NZTA moderation sessions for continuous (maintenance and operations, safety programmes, public transport services etc) programmes in October
- Likely Release of Waka Kotahi Investment Proposal now post election
- Further advice on the likely RLTP submission dates and NLTP dates to come.

#### Government Policy Statement

The GPS was considered by Cabinet on 10th August and we are still awaiting its release.

### Additional RLTP development guidance

Waka Kotahi is continuing to work with the Transport Special Interest Group (TSIG) on a consistent approach to the development and preparation of RLTPs. The full guidance is summarised here:

In December we (Waka Kotahi and TSIG) released guidance to assist with the preparation of the strategic front-end section of RLTPs, which sets out the region's problems and how the proposed investment will address these at a regional level. [View the guidance](#)

In addition we have released the following further advice:

- [Supplementary guidance was provided in June\](#)
- [Regional Programme guidance is now available](#)
- We've also put online the RLTP prioritisation guidance that has been prepared by TSIG to be used by Regional Transport Committees (RTCs) to prioritise improvement projects included in the RLTP. In summary it:
  - proposes a prioritisation based on a principled approach to developing the RLTP. A benefit of this is it will be to allow comparison of similar activities and projects across multiple regions. Currently, unique approaches taken by different regions to prioritise their activities and projects make it difficult to draw comparisons.
  - allows the region to tell their story on the outcomes that really matter and how investment in projects included in the various improvement activities will contribute to the RLTP desired outcomes. This will help Waka Kotahi understand the local context when making decisions on the RLTP.

[View the RLTP prioritisation guidance](#)

### Arataki

Arataki version 2 was endorsed by the Board on 20 August and will be released shortly. Version 2 assesses the likely impacts of COVID-19 on the land transport system in each region.

A presentation accompanies the release of Version 2. The insights for each region, a national presentation and research reports are available [here](#).

Generically the key messages are:

- We need to work together to manage expectations in the short to medium-term
- Funding challenges highlight that the need to **optimise what we have got** and make smart, integrated decisions, particularly around land-use planning is even more important than ever
- Where funding allows, prioritise achievement of the **step changes**
- Revisit **demand assumptions** on key corridors, and review sequencing and timing of planned interventions
- Revisit population **growth assumptions** in the main metros.

For Top of the South the key insights are:

- The economies of the three regions reflect New Zealand's economy as a whole, with primary production, manufacturing, government services, healthcare and retail trade all making significant contributions. As a result, the regions are forecast to be impacted by the downturn generally in line with the national average.
- The regions will be impacted by a reduction in international tourist (33% of total tourism spend comes from international visitors), but less so than other regions in the South Island. The regions are also reasonably well-placed to benefit from any increase in domestic tourism given their central location and relative accessibility.



- The significant primary sector including forestry, horticulture, viticulture and pastoral farming, along with seafood, are forecast to remain relatively stable during the recovery period.

Under the Slower Recovery Scenario:

- Tasman region's forecast fall in employment to 2021 (relative to BAU) is -6.2%, slightly lower than the national average of -6.7%
- The forecast fall in employment for Nelson (-6.7%) is in line with the national average and Marlborough (-7.3%) is slightly higher
- Together the regions are forecast to bounce back relatively well, with employment levels returning to near BAU by 2025.

Māori and Pasifika, and youth, are likely to experience the greatest impacts. An increase in youth not in employment, education or training (NEETs) is expected.

What does this potentially mean for the Transport System?

- No significant changes are expected in the nature, scale and location of transport demand over the medium to long term. The 10 year outlook remains largely unchanged.
- Maintaining safe and reliable connections between the upper South Island and Canterbury will be important to supporting recovery, while providing efficient access to Picton port for Cook Strait traffic remains important
- Domestic tourism destinations such as Kaikōwhiri, Marlborough Sounds and Golden Bay may experience an increase in demand at least in the short term.
- There will be an on-going need for transport services to support COVID recovery by improving access to employment and essential services for vulnerable communities.
- There will be on-going pressure on transport revenue as a result of the COVID lockdown.

We've already released supporting evidence and insights to inform RLTPs, the TAIP, etc. If you have any questions or need help from the Arataki team, contact us on [arataki@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:arataki@nzta.govt.nz)

## 2. WAKA KOTAHİ ACTIVITY IN NELSON

*For Nelson the most notable projects are:*

### Network Operating Framework

The Richmond Network Operating Framework has been completed and will inform the development of the (Richmond) Programme Business Case.

### Nelson Future Access – Project Update

Refer separate report

### Regional Speed Reviews – Nelson

#### **Blenheim to Nelson Speed review**

Conducting any speed review on a section of state highway, regardless of length, can be complicated and challenging. We understand there has been quite some time since consultation closed, however to ensure we are making an informed decision, we needed to carefully consider the information that we received through the submissions from the formal consultation and also further analyse our technical safety data in order to



provide the outcome for this speed review. We are currently completing the necessary steps and documentation to make a decision and announcement on this review.

### **SH6 Hope to Wakefield speed review**

We've read all the feedback from the engagement and considered these insights along with our technical analysis of what is safe on the road. Based on this we will be coming back to the community in the near future to formally consult on proposed safer speed limits. The formal consultation will cover off what the proposed safer speed limits are and give locals, and others who are interested, an opportunity to let us know if there are any other factors we should consider when making our decision.

### **Road to Zero: New Zealand's road safety strategy**

In June, our Road Safety team presented a webinar on Road to Zero through LGNZ. If you're interested in viewing it, you can find it at <https://vimeo.com/430225827/070c76e1ce>

Regional road safety information is being updated to better support regional road safety planning.

A new regional road safety dashboard is being released from August - this dashboard breaks down the regional distribution of deaths and serious injuries across the five Road to Zero focus areas.

Strategic guidance on road safety action planning is also being updated.

## **3. MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS**

### **Low Cost Low Risk programme**

The four Nelson projects, outlined below, under the Low Cost / Low Risk allocation for 2019/20 are completed, these are: -

- (i) SH6 / The Glen intersection
- (ii) SH6 Whangamoa hill –signage and delineation improvements
- (iii) SH6 Rocks Rd – Widening of the narrow parking spaces beside the fishing platform
- (iv) SH6 Whakatu Drive - additional side barriers beside the southbound lane from the Quarantine Rd roundabout.

Allocations for 2020/21 are yet to be determined.

### **Maintenance and Operations**

SH6 Atawhai Drive – There has been some minor issues with the chip seal undertaken along Atawhai Drive earlier in the year. The contractor is investigating these issues and we expect some remedial repairs to be undertaken in the coming months

SH6 Hira – A minor reseal is proposed later in the year.



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## **Nelson Future Access Update**

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the Nelson Future Access Project.

### **2. Recommendation**

***That the Regional Transport Committee***

- 1. Receives the report Nelson Future Access Update (R19206) and its attachment (A2450566).***

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The update from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) is appended as Attachment 1. The NZTA project managers will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions and to provide any update further to their report.

**Author: Alec Louverdis, Group Manager Infrastructure**

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1: A2450566 - Nelson Future Access Update [↓](#)



**To** Nelson Regional Transport Committee  
**Cc**  
**From** Waka Kotahi – NZ Transport Agency  
**Date** 07 September 2020  
**Subject** Nelson Future Access Project

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## **1. Purpose**

To provide a progress update on the Nelson Future Access Project.

## **2. Resolution**

Receive this update from Waka Kotahi – NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) on the Nelson Future Access Project.

## **3. Background**

At the last meeting on 22 June 2020 an update was received by the RTC on the Nelson Future Access Project by Waka Kotahi. The update included:

- Project Reference Group # 3 Meeting
- Work in progress at that time
- A programme update

## **4. Update for September 2020**

### **4.1 Community Engagement – July 2020 Summary**

We reached out to the community through the month of July to gain community insight on three potential long-term packages. They include:

- Priority Lanes – adding lanes to SH6/Rocks Road and Waimea/Rutherford (peak period clearways) for priority traffic
- Widening of the Coastal State Highway Corridor (provides two lanes in each direction) for general traffic
- Building a new Inland Route – with or without priority traffic

Together with the short-term package of improvements, the long-term transport packages were designed to ensure the transport system supports Nelson in the medium to long term.

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The level of community interest and the amount of feedback received across a variety of platforms was significant. In summary:

- 11545 total online visits from 4154 unique online users
- 1427 Social PinPoint comments
- 1314 Survey responses (online)
- 502 Survey responses (paper)
- 40 Email feedback
- Approx. 345 attendees at 5 open days

A presentation on the survey results will be made at the meeting.

The Engagement Summary Report with full details can be found at the following link:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/nelson-future-access-project/useful-documents/>

## **4.2 Project Reference Group**

The Project Reference Group, a group of representatives from community, business and transport interests are helping Waka Kotahi and Nelson City Council on the project. The Project Reference Group have recently completed the scoring of the packages against the stakeholder values created by the group. This scoring will be combined with technical scoring and used to assist decision making.

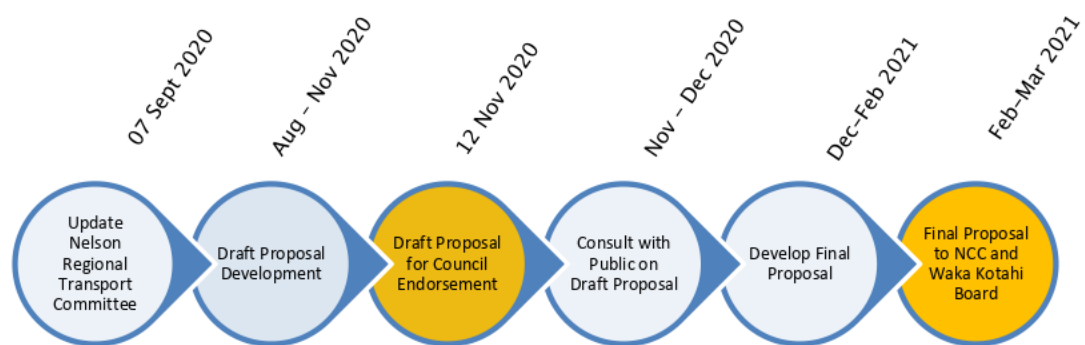
## **4.3 Draft Proposal Development**

The project team are in the process of developing the Draft Proposal based on the technical assessments and engagement feedback. This draft proposal will most likely be a combination of both short and long-term interventions.

#### 4.4 Programme Update

The current project programme is attached at the end of this update.

The next key milestone for the project is presentation of the draft proposal to the 12 November Council meeting, ahead of consulting with the public.



The business case completion is scheduled to be brought to Council in February 2021 and the NZTA Board in March 2021.

## ATTACHMENT 1 – PROGRAMME

		2018			2019												2020												2021		
		Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
General	Milestones/Key Tasks																														
	Stakeholders approve scope of DBC																														
	Procurement complete																														
Discrete activities	Stakeholder and Public Engagement Strategy																														
	Identification of discrete activities to be delivered 18-21																														
	Problems and Benefits workshop																														
DBC	Project Reference Group Step #1																														
	Introduction, Problems, Long List																														
	Transport Modelling																														
	Project Reference Group Step# 2 MCA																														
	Criteria and Process, Objectives																														
	Update Strategic Case Including finalising evidence base, confirm problems, benefits and investment objectives																														
	Complete network hierarchy (including assessment)																														
	Package development and assessment																														
	Engagement collateral preparation																														
	Project Reference Group Step #3, Package presentation, PRG weights MCA criteria																														
	Public Engagement on Packages																														
	Draft Proposal Development																														
Council	Project Reference Group Step #4 Scores community criteria following public engagement																														
	Public Consult on Draft Proposal																														
	Refine Draft to Final Proposal																														
	Council Endorsement of Business Case																														
NZTA Board																															

Planned  
Complete  
Hold Point for Council/NZTA Endorsement  
Project Reference Group Inputs

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