
MINUTES
of the
TASMAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30am, Monday, 22 June 2020
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Councillors S Bryant (Chair), C Butler, B Dowler, A Turley, and Waka Kotahi, New Zealand Transport Agency, Director Regional Relationships, J Harland

In Attendance: Committee Advisers, Ms J Murray, Mr G Andrews

Engineering Services Manager (R Kirby), Transportation Manager (J McPherson), Activity Planning Adviser (D Bryant), AA Nelson National Councillor (A Kneale), Executive Assistant (C Vass), Administration Officer (L Kearney)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Cr Bryant welcomed everyone to the first meeting for the year and noted a challenging year with regards to the Covid-19 pandemic

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Cr Turley/Councillor Dowler
TRTC20-06-1

That apologies from Donna Smith be accepted.
CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Councillor Dowler/Cr Butler

TRTC20-06-2

That the minutes of the Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 2 December 2019 and 9 September 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 REPORTS

7.1 Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Stuart Bryant presented his report which was taken as read.

He noted that over the past four weeks there was a noticeable increase in traffic which was a challenge. He said the Richmond Loop Public Bus was due to commence in the near future but as yet the timing has not been published.

In response to a question seeking interest in having 20km/h speed notices advertised on school buses, the Chairman said he thought it was possible and Senior Sergeant Grant Andrews said it was permissible as long as it was a static sign. Transportation Manager, Jamie McPherson said he will raise this with the Transportation Team and NZTA. The Director of Regional Relationships, NZTA, Jim Harland commented that a trial in Ashburton was done with positive outcomes.

Moved Councillor Dowler/Cr Turley

TRTC20-06-3

That the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Chairman's Report

RTRTC20-06-1;

CARRIED

7.2 Tasman Transport Activity Management Update

Activity Planning Adviser, Drew Bryant presented the report which was taken as read.

Mr Bryant apologised for an error with the incorrect appended copy of the GPS attached to the Agenda and distributed a printed copy of the correct document for members of the committee. The correct GPS document will be attached to the Minutes. He advised that on page 13 there is a summary of the Transport Agency priorities.

Mr Bryant also said that we are developing a Regional Land Transport Plan which is a major publication and we are working together with the Marlborough District Council and Nelson City Council to determine key issues which have been circulated and the committee members will receive an email to ask for input to determine the ranking of the issues. A workshop was held at the Nelson City Council recently which included the Intensification Strategy, Richmond Network Operating Framework and the Public Transport Study. The Council has also submitted a submission on the draft GPS 2021 which could have significant changes.

Director Regional Relationships, NZTA, Jim Harland said that NZTA are working with the Ministry of Transport regarding the draft GPS report.

In response to a question asking if this document was available for public consultation, Jim Harland said that there was no obligation in land transport to engage the public. Chairman Stuart Bryant noted that last time we had an approved plan there was less transport and more public roads, Mr Harland replied that a lot of rework was completed but we could be faced with the same situation.

Mr Harland asked a question regarding page 12 local roads and whether it was capital and operation costs of local roads on the graphs, Mr Drew Bryant confirmed it was.

**Moved Cr Butler/Councillor Dowler
TRTC20-06-4**

That the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Tasman Transport Activity Management Update RTRTC20-06-2.

CARRIED

7.3 Amendments to the Regional Land Transport Plan

Activity Planning Adviser Transportation, Drew Bryant presented the report which was taken as read.

Mr Bryant said in summary we have a number of projects since our last meeting and for them to be eligible for funding from the NZTA we are presenting them to the committee to get a recommendation to be included in the Regional Land Transport Plan.

Project Business Case Richmond. We need to develop a path forward on how we make changes or improvements around the network, it is a business case and we don't anticipate any changes but out of these discussions will come a number of projects that could be included in the Regional Land Transport Plan.

Connect Borck Creek along Berryfield Drive. Working through a Programmed Business Case for the connection of two areas of Richmond West subdivisions over Borck Creek.

TDC staff have a preference to build a bridge across the creek to mitigate for any storm events which would increase costs and we would need to adjust the Regional Land Transport Plan to get funding. Engineering Services Manager, Richard Kirby clarified that this was not a staff preference for a bridge but was changed from a ford as this was a safety risk for children crossing so a bridge was considered the safest option.

Mr Bryant also noted that NZTA brought a report about Motueka High Street to this committee. The Regional Land Transport Plan was amended, to date NZTA have not committed any funding towards the project and we are hopeful we might receive funds in this round of funding. Mr Harland said that we are working on a transport agency investment proposal and depending on funds he will do all he can for the High Street project.

The Chairman asked if Mr Harland could outline the priorities on the NZTA list and Mr Harland answered that a new framework had been developed but was not certain where the Motueka High Street project was on the list but thought it was in the middle of the rankings.

In response to a question asking if another item was added to the list does another project get dropped, Mr Bryant said it would not be dropped from the list but would need to be supported by

Council to get the funding.

Moved Cr Turley/Councillor Dowler
TRTC20-06-5

That the Tasman Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. receives the Amendments to the Regional Land Transport Plan RTRTC20-06-3; and**
- 2. recommends to the Full Council that the Richmond Transport Programme Business Case activity be included in the Regional Land Transport Plan; and**
- 3. recommends to the Full Council that the Berryfield Drive Connection activity be included in the Regional Land Transport Plan.**

CARRIED

7.4 Waka Kotahi, New Zealand Transport Agency Update

Director Regional Relationships, NZTA, Jim Harland presented the report which was taken as read.

Mr Harland used a power point presentation to discuss the Waka Kotahi Transport Agency Update. He spoke about how rural areas were largely unchanged during the Covid-19 lockdown including farmers and transport companies, etc.

Mr Harland noted that in relation to the Regional Land Transport Plans outlined in Mr Bryant's report NZTA were looking to complete a draft front end report by 30 June 2020.

He also spoke about the Transport Agency Investment Proposal (TAIP) and advised that the Council will have their own view on priorities and NZTA will keep working with Council during the next three months.

Mr Harland spoke about the Innovating Streets Pilot Fund and said it was not always about roads but also about creating people friendly spaces through tactical urbanism. Mr Harland encouraged the Council to put in for funding for the innovating streets pilot fund. Engineering Services Manager, Richard Kirby confirmed we had already applied for funding.

Mr Harland also spoke about the Asset Management Data Standard (AMDS). He said it was important to have a common standard language to describe land transport assets and he expected to begin the phased rollout in July 2021.

He also spoke about Accessible Streets consultation and advised that nine proposals had been received in total to change the national framework with local adaptations to fit local conditions.

In response to a question, Mr Harland confirmed that guidelines for the Urban Development Programme will be published in due course. Richard Kirby said we had a Land Development Manual which we will have to revisit again after new information is received from the NZTA.

Mr Harland also commented on the successful advertisement campaign by Trade Me regarding Car Safety Ratings. He said this has been a very successful tool in raising awareness of the safety of motor cars now available to everyone and not just motoring enthusiasts. Senior Sergeant Grant Andrews noted there had been a 40 percent reduction of road incidents over the last 10 years.

In response to a question on any updates on speed reviews, Mr Harland said a decision is being made and will be published in the near future.

In response to a question regarding the Nelson Future Access Study, Transportation Manager, Jamie McPherson advised that Council staff are involved in this and public consultation is underway. He also advised that NZTA propose to reseal the Main Road Hope to Richmond section of highway which chip seal next year.

In response to a question about State Hwy 65 on page 73 of the report under emergency works, Mr Harland said work cannot be done in winter but will check in with his team and report back to the Council.

Senior Sergeant Grant Andrews advised that there were no fatalities on the section of road on SH60, from Three Brothers Corner to Maiseys Road since the speed limit was reduced to 80 kms.

Mr Harland also noted the soft launch of the new brand name for NZTA, Waka Kotahi which is consistent with a moving canoe.

Moved Cr Butler/Councillor Dowler
TRTC20-06-6

That the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Waka Kotahi, New Zealand Transport Agency Update RTRTC20-06-4.

CARRIED

8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

The meeting concluded at 11am.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: