
MINUTES
of the
TASMAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30am, Tuesday, 16 February 2021
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Councillors S G Bryant (Chair), A Turley, C Butler, B Dowler, D Ogilvie, and Ms E Speight (NZTA)

Tasman Regional Transport Committee Advisers, Sargent Grant Andrews,

In Attendance: Engineering Manager (R Kirby), Transportation Manager (J McPherson), Activity Planning Manager (D L Fletcher) Executive Assistant (L Turpie), Executive Support Officer (C Vass), Activity Planning Adviser Transportation, (D Bryant), Transportation Planning Officer (C Scott), Andrew James, (NZTA)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Cr Bryant welcomed Emma Speight, the new Director, Regional Relationships for Waka Kotahi (New Zealand Transport Agency) who has replaced Jim Harland. He noted that following progress on Motueka High Street upgrade and the speed limit review from Hope to Wakefield, the first workshop for the Richmond Transport Programme Business Case will be held in the next week.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Ms Jane Murray, Committee Adviser

Moved Cr Turley/Cr Dowler

TRTC21-02-1

That apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Allan Kneale – Automotive Association (AA) and AA National Council

Mr Kneale advised that his organisation had not had time as yet to look at the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan and Draft Regional Public Transport Plan but will submit comments in due course. The AA had concerns that there should be more funding available for the next three years to bring roads up to standard and was particularly concerned about the lifting of safety standards on regional highways. They would also like to see improved passing lanes as well as speed management programmes. Mr Kneale also said that the AA was impressed with the traffic calming measures on crossings at Salisbury Road.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Turley/Cr Butler
TRTC21-02-2

That the minutes of the Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Monday, 22 June 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

6 PRESENTATIONS

Waka Kotahi (NZTA) Director Regional Relationships, Ms Emma Speight, introduced herself to the committee and gave an update on the Tasman region via a power point presentation.

In response to a question to clarify the word 'moderation' Ms Speight explained that there was a need to look across the country to ensure all regions are treated equally. She noted that while some projects may have high regional priority they still sit within an activity class that nationally is oversubscribed, and therefore may not meet the threshold for funding. The national moderation goes across all activity classes, including continuous programmes, and has to balance regional requests for additional funding within the available funding.

In response to another question about the rationale for the 30year plan. Ms Speight said that our transport infrastructure investments are long term 50 to 100 years. As the population grows it creates more pressures and drivers that we are only starting to understand including carbon and climate change as well as future population growth.

In response to a question about Motueka High Street which was a great initiative but does not address congestion. Ms Speight said there had been discussions around a future bypass but this was not included in the scope of the Crown funding for this project. We need to think about strategic forward planning to understand what is contributing to congestion and all of the options for addressing it (including active modes). In the past people had been negative about bypasses - they are expensive and challenging to consent, but can provide a good option if the evidence supports a business case..

In response to a question about the concern of raised safety platforms in Motueka High Street and are these required if there are signals in place. Ms Speight said more discussion and consideration was required before any final decisions are made.

Ms Speight was asked if she could include in future reports the number of drug related accidents.

Ms Speight also highlighted their new advertising campaign encouraging people to look at the star safety rating on vehicles before they purchase a vehicle.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Draft Regional Land Transport Plan and Draft Regional Public Transport Plan - Consultation Documents

Activity Planning Adviser Transportation, Mr Drew Bryant spoke to the report which was taken as read.

He said this document identifies priorities and targets to be invested in over the next ten years. There were several differences on pages 2 and 35 where the vision was inserted that was decided upon in a workshop in January with the RTC members. A list of prioritised projects from the workshop has also been noted in a table on pages 53 and 54.

Mr Bryant said that if these draft documents were approved they would be published for public consultation commencing next day for one month and then a Hearings meeting arranged in April. After the Hearings meeting the document would return to the committee at which time a recommendation would be submitted to the Full Council in early June. The document would then be sent to Waka Kotahi (NZTA) for funding consideration.

Mr Bryant also noted that the Nelson and Marlborough District Councils have the same consultation period and this committee can make changes to this document but this would affect the same document that Nelson and Marlborough have before their RTC's.

In response to a question Mr Bryant said we will be addressing safety on the Berryfield/Lower Queen St intersection in the project that is shown on page 87 of the report.

In response to another question about the ranking for Motueka High Street being lower than other projects. Mr Bryant advised that the Motueka High Street upgrade is being funded from the CIP with an additional amount from Waka Kotahi. The prioritised portion is for the additional funding only. The CIP project sits outside of the prioritisation process.

In response to a question about separate transport plans Mr Bryant explained that the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan Hearings will be heard individually, but the Draft Public Transport Plan Hearing would be shared with Nelson City Council.

A question was asked about how we correlate all of the differing plans, Asset Management Plan, Long Term plans, etc. Mr Bryant explained that the Regional Land Transport Plan is a statutory document which is required to be eligible for funding within a separate time frame to Council's Long Term Plan process. The Regional Land Transport Plan and Long Term Plan have been developed in conjunction with each other but do have to be consulted on separately.

In response to a question about what is included in the Richmond's Future Transport Project and does it include \$3.78M in year 2021/22 for Berryfield Drive. Mr Bryant said that this was a programme of work that has come out of the Richmond Network Operating Framework and includes improvements to intersections and new cycleways.

Draft Regional Public Transport Plan

Transportation Planning Officer, Ms Clare Scott, spoke to the report which was taken as read.

Ms Scott summarised the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan which was discussed in several workshops with Councillors. The RPTP was part of the Regional Land Transport Plan but now is its own document. This is significant because of the impact on climate change and congestion issues, it is also the way we manage population growth. This document is compiled together with Nelson City Council.

Ms Scott referred to pages 23 & 24 where a visual graph of how previous routes are being incorporated into new routes. The primary change is the new simplified route and creation of super hubs. Motueka and Wakefield routes will be increased with a new express route from Richmond to Nelson which will be of particular benefit for commuters.

It was also noted by Ms Scott that there would be a new fleet of low emission buses and new branding across the region jointly between Nelson and Tasman.

In response to a question about the new express bus service and would this include an additional bus lane, Ms Scott said that the new express bus service was only intended to stop at super stops and not all stops and would use the current bus lanes. Discussions would be undertaken with Waka Kotahi to potentially have priority lanes in the future.

**Moved Cr Dowler/Cr Turley
TRTC21-02-3**

That the Tasman Regional Transport Committee

- 1. receives the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan and Draft Regional Public Transport Plan - Consultation Documents report, TRTC17-11-01; and**
- 2. agrees to use the special consultative procedure for consulting on the Draft Te Taihu Regional Land Transport Plan and Draft Nelson-Tasman Regional Public Transport Plan; and**
- 3. approves the Draft Te Taihu Regional Land Transport Plan for consultation (Attachment 2); and**
- 4. approves the Draft Nelson-Tasman Regional Public Transport Plan for consultation (Attachment 3); and**
- 5. approves the Summary of the Statement of Proposal (Attachment 1) for consultation on the Draft Te Taihu Regional Land Transport Plan and Draft Nelson-Tasman Regional Public Transport Plan; and**
- 6. agrees to publish the Summary Statement of Proposal on Council's website and in Newsline and local newspapers; and**
- 7. delegates authority to make minor amendments to the documents referred to in resolutions 3, 4, and 5 to the Chairman of the Tasman Regional Transport Committee and the Engineering Services Manager.**

CARRIED

**8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION
Nil**

The meeting concluded at 11.10am.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

Unconfirmed