

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Special Council  
**DATE:** Thursday 23 August 2007  
**TIME:** 1.20 pm  
**VENUE:** Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

**PRESENT:** Mayor J C Hurley (Chair), Crs S J Borlase, S G Bryant, R G Currie, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, R G Kempthorne, T E Norriss, E M O'Regan, N Riley and E J Wilkins.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (P Wylie), Transportation Manager (R Ashworth) and Administration Officer (B D Moore).

## APOLOGIES

**Moved Crs Bryant/Currie  
CN07/08/01**

**That apologies from Crs Henry, O'Shea and King for absence be sustained.  
CARRIED**

## 1. CONSULTATION ON NORTH NELSON TO BRIGHTWATER CORRIDOR STUDY

The agenda contained a staff report dated 17 August 2007 from Transportation Manager, R Ashworth. The report explained that the North Nelson to Brightwater Corridor Study has been led by Transit NZ and together with members of the Nelson City Council/Tasman District and eight appointed members make up the Council Regional Land Transport Committee.

There has been difficulty reaching a consensus on the Stoke to Nelson route. Option 1 for that route includes the introduction of peak hour clear way for use by high-occupancy vehicles northbound on State Highway 6 and southbound on Rutherford Street/Waimea Road. Option 2 proposes the southern corridor local arterial route. Submissions to the Study closed on 17 August 2007 and this has caused division within the Nelson community regarding the area of dispute which lies in the Nelson City Council areas.

The Transportation Manager's report sought agreement that Tasman District Council formally withdraws from the Study.

The report suggested a proper process which could then be followed and following a meeting with Nelson City Council representatives, that the Tasman District Council

proceeds with its own Regional Land Transport Committee, issues a draft Regional Land Transport Study with consequential application and adoption.

Cr Norriss spoke in support of the recommendation contained within the report and explained his concern regarding the current membership of the present Regional Land Transport Committee.

Cr O'Regan supported the recommendation saying that Tasman District Council should not impose its ideas on Nelson City Council ratepayers. He added his agreement to comments from the Chief Executive that some appointed Regional Land Transport Committee representatives are not responsible to the public.

Cr Currie said that a Tasman District Council Regional Land Transport Committee could work well independently.

Cr Bryant expressed frustration with his experience at being a member of the existing Regional Land Transport Committee which he said had turned into a corridor committee with the emphasis on the Stoke to Nelson options question.

Cr Inglis referred to the extent of roading within the Tasman District where roading and state highways greatly exceed that within Nelson City.

Cr Kempthorne said pulling out of the existing Committee does not solve the problem and that Tasman District can still be valuably involved. He said the regional project requires a joint approach from both councils.

Cr Higgins said that both Nelson and Tasman Districts have to get on and work together and support each other.

**Moved Crs Norriss/O'Regan  
CN07/08/02**

**THAT Tasman District Council formally writes to both Transit New Zealand and Nelson City Council, advising of its intention to resign from the joint Regional Land Transport Committee and from the tri-party agreement (Corridor Study), in accordance with the process set out in report T601-3 of 17 August 2007, Nelson North to Brightwater Corridor Study.**

Mayor Hurley called for a division.

Cr O'Regan	For
Mayor Hurley	For
Cr Bryant	For
Cr Kempthorne	Against
Cr Currie	For
Cr Borlase	For
Cr Wilkins	For
Cr Higgins	Against

Cr Riley	For
Cr Norriss	For
Cr Inglis	For

**CARRIED**

Mayor Hurley thanked members for their attendance and closed the special Council meeting at 2.05 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Mayor: