

MINUTES

TITLE: Tasman Regional Transport Committee
DATE: Friday 14 September 2012
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street,
Richmond.

PRESENT: Crs T E Norriss (Chair), B W Dowler and Z S Mirfin

Jenny Chetwynd, NZ Transport Agency
Jo Leyland, Environment and Sustainability
Bill Findlater, Economic Development
Stephen Greally, Safety & Personal Security

IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Thomson, Engineering Manager, Tasman District
Council
Gary Clark, Transportation Manager, Tasman District
Council
Sarah Downs, Transportation Planning Officer, Tasman
District Council
Peter Hookham, NZ Transport Agency
Mark Owen, NZ Transport Agency
Administration Officer (G Woodgate)

APOLOGIES

Moved Findlater/Cr Dowler
TRTC12-09-01

**THAT apologies from Cr Judene Edgar, Paul Heywood, Peter Burton and Kura
Stafford for absence be received.**

CARRIED

1 PUBLIC FORUM

No-one spoke in Public Forum.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Tasman Regional Transport Committee – 8 June 2012

Moved Cr Dowler/ Findlater
TRTC12-09-02

**THAT the minutes of the Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on
8 June 2012 containing resolutions TRTC12-06-01 to TRTC12-06-05, be confirmed
as a true and complete record.**

CARRIED

Matters Arising:

The Chairman updated Committee members on issues raised by Grey Power, Motueka regarding traffic matters along High Street, Motueka.

Jo Leyland asked when would New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) be giving Committee members a re-briefing on their roles on this Committee (as per Action Point on Page 6) and was advised that this would occur at the next meeting.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Norriss gave a very brief Chairman's verbal report. He advised that the Tasman District Council had approved the Transport Programme.

Moved Chetwynd/Findlater
TRTC12-09-03

THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Chairman's Report.
CARRIED

4 NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY UPDATE – RRTC12-09-01

The report provided an update on the New Zealand Transport Agency's role in the delivery of the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the National Land Transport Programme. It also provided an update on key initiatives that may impact the strategic development of the regional transport network.

Jenny Chetwynd updated Committee members on:-

- Where NZTA is currently at
- The National Land Transport Programme
- The Road Maintenance Taskforce.

NZTA Funding

- The NZTA Fund is a pay as you go Fund
- The NZTA Fund has a three year programme
- A \$250m overdraft facility for the Fund has been approved by Treasury
- Christchurch is having an impact on the Funds cash flow. The spend in Christchurch is capped at \$50m per year.

Road Maintenance Task Force

- Flat line maintenance budgets have been requested by the Government.

NZTA also deals with:-

- Access and use of the national network
- Road User Charges
- Safe System Approval
- Transport Service Licensing – legislation is currently being reformed.

9.55 am: Cr Mirfin arrived.

Road User Charges to be discussed further at the next Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting.

Questions and Answers

Cr Dowler advised that he preferred retaining the six monthly Warrant of Fitness period for vehicles and felt the Committee should forward a submission on this issue.

Jo Leyland raised the issue of school bus passing rules. She felt that what other countries do regarding this issue should be investigated and alternatives explored. The Transportation Planning Officer advised that the location of a number of bus stops is currently being investigated in the Tasman region.

Discussion on driver education and defensive driving while passing school buses was then discussed as it is all about child safety. There is a question over where the 20km/hr applies when passing a school bus that has stopped.

Mark Owen then updated Committee members on Highway and Network Operations. His report advised:-

- The cost of crashes on Tasman's highways
- Crashes on Tasman's highways are showing a reducing trend
- Tasman travel times are dropping.

Discussion on Tasman's marker pegs ensued.

Moved Findlater/Cr Mirfin TRTC12-09-04

**THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the report NZ Transport Agency Update - RRTC12-09-01.
CARRIED**

5 LAND TRANSPORT AMENDMENT BILL – RRTC12-09-02

The report provided information on the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill 2012; why the changes are needed and what they mean.

Peter Hookham advised:-

- The TRTC will need to raise its sights and
- It will need to know its future roading trends.

Questions and Answers

The Chairman advised that while Council focuses on transport finances, the TRTC focuses on issues raised by its representatives.

Jo Leyland asked if the TRTC was going to make a submission to the LTMA Bill 2012 and, after discussion, it was decided that it would. Members were then requested by the Chairman to read the Bill and pass comments back to either himself or to the

Executive Assistant – Engineering (Robyn Scherer) by the end of September. Submission closes 26 October 2012.

Jenny Chetwynd advised that the LTMA Bill 2012 would be discussed further at the next Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting.

Jo Leyland felt that a 10 year road transport vision was not long enough and that such a vision should be for at least a 50 year time period. Peter Hookham advised that NZTA was currently looking at such a long term vision.

Moved Crs Dowler/Mirfin TRTC12-09-05

THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee:-

- 1. RECEIVES the report Land Transport Management Amendment Bill 2012 - RRTC12-09-02; and**
- 2. IN conjunction with the Chairman and TDC staff, prepare and forward a submission on the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill 2012.**

CARRIED

10.50 – 11.00 am: Morning tea.

Cr Mirfin did not return to the meeting.

6 NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME 2012/2015

Peter Hookham gave a power point presentation on the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) 2012/2015. The presentation included the following:-

- Economic Growth
- Road Safety
- Public Transport
- Network Management
- Transport Planning and Funding System
- National Land Transport Programme for Tasman including:-
 - Outcomes
 - Key Projects in the NLTP
 - Funding Priorities
 - Nelson's Key Projects
 - Regional Summary.

Questions and Answers

Jo Leyland noted that there was no bus integration in the NZTA financing.

11.30 am: Mr Bill Findlater departed.

11.34 am: Mr Peter Thomson departed.

Cr Dowler noted the huge volumes of cement being carted from Westport to Christchurch by truck and the number of milk tankers on Tasman roads.

The Chairman asked NZTA representatives if they could provide statistics on how many rural Tasman children between the ages of 18-24 are currently sitting their licences and if this could be compared to statistics prior to licences having to be tested in Nelson. He added that rural road accidents do not show the percentage of urban drivers involved.

The Chairman then advised NZTA representatives that Tasman rural people object strongly to having to go to Nelson to sit their drivers licence tests because of the travel distance and the associated costs.

7 ROAD MAINTENANCE TASKFORCE UPDATE

Jenny Chetwynd gave a verbal update on the Road Maintenance Taskforce.

Jenny's report covered the following:-

- Purpose of the Road Transport Maintenance Taskforce
- Governance Group
- GPS Funding Ranges
- Clear Priorities Required
- Key Findings
- Adapting Business Models
- Advanced Asset Management
- Improved Procurement Practices
- Findings from Consultation
- Rooding Efficiency Group
- Summary
 - More efficiencies are required from the money received from Government.

Questions and Answers

Jo Leyland asked if a pie chart showing the percentage spend of NZTA could be produced that showed the spend for the 2009/12 three year period for contrast to the 2013/15 period. NZTA to arrange.

The Chairman advised that lowering of roading network levels of service in rural areas will not go down well.

Jo Leyland asked if all future Tasman Regional Transport Committee Agenda's could contain an update on activities throughout the Tasman region since the last meeting.

The meeting concluded at 12.43 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: