
MINUTES
of the
TASMAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30 am, Friday, 14 February 2014
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Councillors T E Norriss (Chair), B F Dowler, J L Edgar, P F Sangster, Mr G Cameron, Ms K Lee and Ms D Smith.

In Attendance: Mr L Hammond, Regional Manager, NZTA
Mr Mark Owen, Regional Performance Manager, NZTA
Engineering Manager (P Thomson)
Transportation Manager (G Clark)
Transportation Planning Officer (S Downs)
Administration Officer (G Woodgate)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

9.30 am: The meeting was opened by Cr Edgar and immediately adjourned until 10.00 am due to two start times having been circulated to members.

10.00 am: The meeting reconvened.

The Chair apologised for the start time confusion.

Members of the Committee and Tasman District Council staff then introduced themselves at the request of the Chair.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Cr Dowler/Cr Edgar
TRTC14-02-1

That apologies from Ms J Chetwynd, Mr W Findlater, Inspector J Richardson, Mr F Hippolite and Mark Wheeler (MDC) for absence be accepted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4 PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

5 REPORTS

5.1 New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) - Regional Report

Mr L Hammond, Regional Manager, NZTA and Mr Mark Owen, Regional Performance Manager, NZTA presented the Regional update report.

The purpose of the report was to receive an update from the New Zealand Transport Agency.

Mr Hammond spoke to the NZTA Regional update report and noted the following:-

- The NZTA Regional update report is a snapshot of NZTA business
- In 2013, the Tasman District Council was given a presentation on the NZTA and a copy of this presentation is to be circulated to new members
- The One Network Road Classification Project (ONRC) and the Road Efficiency Governance (REG) Group were then outlined
- NZTA want evidence based requests for road maintenance funding over the next three years
- NZTA want Council to revise their Asset Management Plans in time for the ONRC
- A Network Operating Plan workshop focusing on how NZTA and Council work together and looking at the network from a customer's point of view is being planned
- Funding Assistance Rates Review (FAR Review)
New funding assistance rates have been developed as a result of the FAR review. Closing date for submissions on changes to the FAR system is now Friday 28 March 2014. An LGNZ Rural and Provincial Section Transportation Summit is planned for the 13/14 March 2014.
- National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) – this programme is on the NZTA website and a link is to be resent to Committee members by Mr Hammond. The NLTP is now a 10 year plan with a six year focus and has a business case, outcomes based approach. 80% of the next NLTP is committed to maintenance and public transport services. The remaining 20% will be contestable nationwide.
- State Highway Programme – the programmes funding was outlined as was the fact that Tasman has already spent its \$22m allocation of the Regional Funding programme.

Mr Owen then spoke on the One Network philosophy.

Committee members raised the following matters:-

- To a question regarding what is NZTA's engagement regarding levels of service, Mr Hammond replied that it was with Council officers and Government transport agencies. He added that a level of service agreed to by NZTA and Council will be funded to that level. If Council provides a lower level of service there will be monetary savings but if it wants to provide a higher level of service, then Council will need to fund the difference.
- Clarification to the two-abreast cycling rule was requested as it appears to be open to misinterpretation. Mr Hammond replied that NZTA is currently looking at key issues and developing a plan around cycle issues. Cr Edgar was requested to attend a forthcoming workshop on cycling.
- Concern was raised over the Three Brothers Corner with regard to pedestrians and cyclists and in particular children cyclists. Wider consultation on the corner was requested when it comes up for public consultation regarding the proposed stock effluent project.
- Funding of health shuttles by the Ministry of Health between Motueka and Richmond has resulted in some public transport networks stopping – buses and taxi services being adversely affected. The Transportation Manager advised that the Regional Passenger Transport Plan (RPTP) was the mechanism to address this issue.
- Concern was raised regarding how to get funding for monitoring and assessments of dust

from rural roads and how to get this issue placed on the national radar. Mr Hammond advised that he would look into this issue.

Moved Cr Dowler/Cr Sangster
TRTC14-02-2

That the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the New Zealand Transport Agency - Regional Report.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 11.55 am

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

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