

MINUTES

TITLE: Tasman Regional Transport Committee
DATE: Wednesday 12 November 2008
TIME: 1.00 pm
VENUE: Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Cr T E Norriss (Chair), Cr B F Dowler, Cr J L Edgar, I Hunter (NZTA), C Musgrave, W Findlater, B McGurk, P Heywood, P Burton,
IN ATTENDANCE: P Thomson, B Moore

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Edgar/Dowler
WK08/11/01

THAT apologies for absence from D Hume, C Tawhai and Crs T King and S Bryant be sustained.

CARRIED

1 INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

The committee was introduced to Paul Heywood the appointee representing Access and Mobility and Bill Findlater, the appointee representing Economic Development. Ian Hunter was present to represent the New Zealand Transport Agency in the absence of Deborah Hume.

2 SUBMISSION TO THE NELSON REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Tasman District Council Engineering Manager, Mr P Thomson referred to the submission contained within the agenda which had been compiled after circulating a draft copy to committee members seeking their input. Mr Thomson said that comments and changes received from the committee members were incorporated into the draft submission that was in the agenda. The committee discussed the submission page-by-page incorporating any additional amendments required.

The last paragraph on the first page was amended to read "consideration of a Regional Fuel Tax". Page 2, first line was amended to read "travel and freight". Page 2, third paragraph was amended to read "by 2018 from the current usage of 0.5%". The sixth paragraph on page 2 was amended to read "potential impact of the implementation of the Nelson RPTP". The last paragraph on page 2 was deleted. The first paragraph on page 3 was amended as follows: "The Tasman RTC supports the targets under Travel Demand Management which meet the RLTS mission "to have a land transport system which is safe, efficient, integrated and responsive, and which meets the needs of the region and future generations in ways which are environmentally, socially and economically sustainable. Initiatives such as school travel planning, workplace travel planning and carpooling are also likely to be encouraged by the Tasman RTC".

Councillor Norriss commented that four years of discussion with Nelson City Council had produced few items that benefit Tasman District Council. He said that an integrated approach is needed to the whole region and that both Councils have significant issues.

**Moved P Heywood/C Musgrave
WK08/11/02**

**That the amended submission on the Nelson Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy October 2008 be approved and adopted.
CARRIED**

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 17 OCTOBER 2008

**Moved Crs Edgar/Dowler
WK08/11/03**

**THAT the minutes of the Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 17 October 2008 be approved.
CARRIED**

2 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 December 2008 at 9am.

Cr Norriss thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1.55 pm.

Chair:

Date:

13 November 2008

Cr Derek Shaw
Chairman
Nelson Regional Transport Committee
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Dear Councillor Shaw

SUBMISSION ON NELSON DRAFT REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY

The newly formed Tasman Regional Transport Committee welcomes this opportunity to submit on the Draft Nelson Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) October 2008. It is our Committee's intention to work together in a spirit of goodwill when developing land transport strategies and programmes.

The Draft RLTS notes that cross boundary issues are part of the context within which the strategy has been developed. From page 11,

"A major issue for Nelson is managing the flow of people and freight between Tasman District and Nelson. Richmond and its hinterland are identified as generating a significant amount of traffic into and out of Nelson... Effectively implementing the Nelson Regional Land Transport Strategy will require close cooperation with Tasman and Marlborough District Councils."

The Tasman Regional Transport Committee agrees that cross boundary issues will be best addressed by ensuring close cooperation in developing land transport solutions. The Committee looks forward to providing input or consultation at any level that may be appropriate and considered desirable by the Nelson RTC.

Key cross boundary transport issues based on the Draft RLTS are considered to be:

- Implementation of proposed Passenger Transport improvements;
- The Travel Demand Management strategies, particularly pricing policies;
- Consideration of a Regional Fuel tax;
- Affordability of the implementation plans, as it affects the Tasman region and users of the Nelson transport infrastructure; and
- Ensuring good standard of routes for travel and freight to the Port, Airport and primary work areas.

The Tasman RTC notes the Nelson Regional Passenger Transport Plan (RPTP) is to be implemented from mid 2010 with funding applications being prepared as part of the three-year programme beginning 2009/10.

The target to *“Increase the share of journey to work trips by public transport modal share to at least 10% by 2018”* is from the current usage of 0.5%.

For journey to work movements Richmond and its immediate environs are recognized as both a major destination as well as a major origin.

The Tasman RTC agrees with a “Whole Journey Approach” to determine the success or otherwise of the individual’s passenger transport experience as well as the total cost and benefits for justification and affordability.

It is noted however that part of this approach includes the necessary supporting infrastructure such as cycle parking facilities, adequate bus shelters and car parking facilities at origin and destinations. Possible provision of these facilities, the appropriate locations, standards and upkeep will need to be discussed as part of the overall potential impact of the implementation of the Nelson RPTP on the Tasman District.

It is also noted that the RPTP, Policy 1 states

“Nelson City Council adopts a phased approach to the implementation of a new passenger transport network and commences with Phase A subject to the availability of funding and agreement on cross boundary issues.”

The Tasman RTC supports the targets under Travel Demand Management which meet the RLTS mission *“to have a land transport system which is safe, efficient, integrated and responsive, and which meets the needs of the region and future generations in ways which are environmentally, socially and economically sustainable”*. Initiatives such as school travel planning, workplace travel planning and carpooling are also likely to be encouraged by the Tasman RTC.

The Tasman RTC supports the Walking and Cycling strategies and will work with the Nelson RTC to ensure the cross-boundary links are fully developed and encouraged.

The Tasman RTC wishes to have early discussions with the Nelson RTC on the issues mentioned above. Also the Tasman RTC will be completing its RLTS during 2009 and look forward to input and discussions with Nelson RTC to ensure cooperation for the provision of sustainable transport systems for the regions of Tasman and Nelson.

Yours sincerely

Cr Trevor Norriss
Chairman, Tasman Regional Transport Committee