

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Tasman Regional Transport Committee  
**DATE:** Friday 16 December 2011  
**TIME:** 1.15 pm  
**VENUE:** Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street,  
Richmond.

**PRESENT:** Crs T E Norriss (Chair), B W Dowler, J L Edgar, Z S Mirfin  
Peter Hookham, NZ Transport Agency  
Jenny Chetwynd, NZ Transport Agency  
Dave Brash, NZ Transport Agency  
Mark Owen, NZ Transport Agency  
Jo Leyland, Environment and Sustainability & Submitter  
Bill Findlater, Economic Development  
Kura Stafford, Iwi Representative  
Cr Gail Collingwood, Nelson City Council Submitter  
Yvonne Gwyn, Nelson City Council  
Mr Richard Curry, Submitter  
Mr David Burt, Submitter  
Mr Ben Nistor, Submitter

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Transportation Manager (Gary Clark)  
Administration Officer (G Woodgate)

## APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Edgar/Mirfin  
TRTC11-12-01

THAT apologies from Cr P F Sangster, Peter Burton and Paul Heywood for  
absence be received.

**CARRIED**

## 1 PUBLIC FORUM

No-one spoke in Public Forum.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **2 Tasman Regional Transport Committee – 18 October 2011**

The following amendments were made to the minutes:

- Page 1 Present - J Leyland was deleted from those present.  
Apologies – Resolution was numbered TRTC11-10-01.  
1.1 Tasman Regional Transport Committee – Resolution was renumbered to TRTC11-10-02.
- Page 2 Chairman’s Report– Resolution was renumbered to TRTC11-10-03.  
Delivery of regional Land Transport Strategy and National Land Transport Programme – Resolution was renumbered to TRTC11-10-04.  
The ‘Regional Transport Committee’ in the resolution, was given its full title and now reads the ‘Tasman Regional Transport Committee’.
- Page 3 Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan – Resolution was renumbered to TRTC11-10-05.  
The ‘Regional Transport Committee’ in the resolution, was given its full title and now reads the ‘Tasman Regional Transport Committee’.
- Page 4 Draft Regional Land Transport Programme – Resolution was renumbered to TRTC11-10-06.  
The ‘Regional Transport Committee’ in the resolution, was given its full title and now reads the ‘Tasman Regional Transport Committee’.

**Moved Cr Dowler/Findlater  
TRTC11-12-02**

**THAT the minutes of the Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 18 October 2011 containing resolutions TRTC11-10-01 to TRTC11-10-06, as amended, be confirmed as a true and complete record.  
CARRIED**

### **3 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Cr Norriss gave a verbal report which advised that he was looking forward to hearing from:-

1. Submitters to the draft Tasman Regional Passenger Transport Plan and
2. To the presentation from NZ Transport Agency.

**Moved Crs Norris/Dowler  
TRTC11-12-03**

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

**4 NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY – ROLE IN DELIVERY OF THE REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME - RRTC11-12-02**

Mr Peter Hookham of the New Zealand Transport Agency provided an OHP update on the New Zealand Transport Agency's role in the delivery of the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the National Land Transport Programme in the Tasman Region.

**Moved Cr Edgar/Findlater  
TRTC11-12-04**

**THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the report NZ Transport Agency's Role in the Delivery of Regional Land Transport Strategy and National Land Transport Programme, RRTC11-12-02.**

**CARRIED**

**5 DRAFT TASMAN REGIONAL PASSENGER TRANSPORT PLAN – RRTC11-12-01**

The report considered submissions received on the Draft Tasman Regional Passenger Transport Plan.

Five people spoke to their submissions:-

**1.40 pm Mrs Gail Collingwood** (on behalf of the Nelson City Council)

Mrs Collingwood spoke to her submission and emphasised the following:-

Policy 1- Requested the Tasman District Council (TDC) include, as an action point, 'Investigate opportunities for, and implement, feeder routes to connect with the services between Richmond and Nelson'.

Policy 2 – Fully supported TDC requiring Euro 5 standards for vehicles contracted for services between Richmond and Nelson.

Policy 3 – Requested TDC install secured covered parking in Richmond near the bus terminal as soon as possible.

Policy 4 - Suggested TDC consider charging parking fees in Richmond to reduce the subsidy for private vehicle travel and to encourage the use of public transport.

Policy 5 - Advised that if TDC wished to specify ticketing systems on commercial services then controls on commercial services be included in the Plan.

Policy 6 - Requested that TDC contribute to the cost of promotion of the new services and ongoing promotion of public transport in the Richmond area.

Cr Collingwood advised that she wanted both sets of Council staff to work together on providing a high quality passenger transport service for the region and added that a terminal at Sundial Square was a good proposal.

Cr Collingwood also felt that a Park and Ride facility near the proposed terminal would add to that facility.

**2.00 pm Richard Gordon Currie** (on behalf of the Nelson Grey Power Association)  
Mr Currie's submission requested bus fares not to be subsidised by ratepayers.

He added that:-

1. There was no public pressure for an increased Richmond – Nelson passenger service.
2. If fuel costs go up then passenger fares also go up and ratepayers oppose a transport cost increases.
3. Road congestion occurred mainly at school times.
4. There was no access for buses to any Retirement Villages.
5. Wheelchair access and bicycle storage on public transport was not feasible.
6. The Medical Centre moving so far down Queen Street, Richmond, where there was no bus route, was a major inconvenience to the elderly.

**2.15 pm David Burt**

Mr Burt's submission included the following:-

- Supported the proposed increased frequency of bus services.
- Buses should have a low floor with no inside step access.
- Bus shelters should be provided at the most used stops.
- Bus stops should be marked by the standard red sign on a pole or lamp-post as well as on the road surface.
- Bus stops, or shelters, should have timetables on display in weather and vandal protected panels.

Mr Burt added that:-

1. He was surprised to see only 15 submissions and that only one third of submitters wanted to speak to their submission.
2. The passenger transport service for the region was good and reliable.
3. An increase in frequency of the service would make it more user friendly.
4. Users would respond positively to a questionnaire.
5. Recommended that Tasman Regional Transport Committee members use the service themselves to see for themselves who was using it.

**2.30 pm Ben Nistor**

Mr Nistor (youth bus user) wanted to encourage the Tasman District Council (in collaboration with the Nelson City Council) to be ambitious in their draft Tasman Regional Passenger Public Transport Plan.

Mr Nistor's submission:-

- Believed that the current bus services provided by SBL were inadequate for the size and population of both Richmond and Nelson catering for only a minority of the 'transport disadvantaged'.
- Wanted the existing bus routes extended past the existing terminus in Richmond down Gladstone Road to Three Brothers corner before returning either by Wensley Road or Gladstone Road.
- Wanted other routes investigated as to their viability including services to Wakefield and along Hill Street.
- Considered the bus frequencies after 5.30pm on Fridays and during the weekends to be inadequate.

- Bus fares were considered excessive.
- Wanted the TDC to make a fair commitment towards paying for the Public Transport services. Funding to come from a targeted rate to those living in Richmond.
- Wanted TDC to consider discouraging the use of cars in Richmond's Town Centre by reducing parking durations, not providing any provision for extra car parks in growth plans or by introducing parking fees.

Mr Nistor added that:-

1. TDC should consider population growth especially in the west and south of Richmond when finalising the Plan.
2. The Plan should cater for an ageing population as well as the 'transport disadvantaged' such as youth.
3. The Richmond service only catered for a small group of users and the route needed to be extended.
4. He had emailed SBL with a number of points he had raised in his submission but they had not replied to him.

Cr Dowler asked Mr Nistor if the concept of a day pass for the bus service would be of interest to youth and was advised 'maybe'.

#### **2.45 pm Jo Leyland, Environment and Sustainability**

Ms Leyland's submission included the following:-

- Promote intermodal passenger transport including the use of passenger ferry services.
- Promote the safe carriage of cycles by public transport operators especially where associated with District cycle trails.
- Ensure supporting pedestrian and cycle facilities such as footpaths, pedestrian crossing points/refuges and cycle parking are provided where appropriate to enable excellent walking and cycling access to and from bus stops and ferry terminals.

Ms Leyland added that:-

1. With the development of the Great Taste Trail, there was a need to promote the carrying of cycles on public transport.
2. The Plan should not focus solely on the land-based issues only.
3. Bus operators received no information regarding the draft Tasman Regional Passenger Transport Plan for their input.

3.00–3.25 pm – afternoon tea break

#### **General Discussion on Submissions**

In general discussion on all submissions received, the following points were discussed:-

- What could be done to make the existing services better.
- There is an urgent need for bus route access to Nelson Hospital.
- There is a need to back a terminus at Sundial Square (Cr Edgar opposed this).
- Investigations should be carried out into the need for a Day Passes on all bus routes.
- There is a definite need to be able to buy bus tickets in places other than just the bus depot.

- The need for wheelchair accessible/friendly buses will probably decline in the future as private vehicles are now being fitted for them.

The following changes to the draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan were then agreed:-

Page 4      5.1 Policy 1 – Passenger Transport Network      Last bullet point  
Replace the word ‘subdivisions’ with ‘developments’.

Page 5      Policy 2 – Vehicle Standards      First bullet point  
Deletion of the word ‘wheelchair’.

Page 5      Policy 3 – Passenger Infrastructure Standards      First bullet point  
Addition of ‘and associated infrastructure’.

Page 5      Policy 3 – Passenger Infrastructure Standards  
Additional Bullet point to read:-

- Ensure that the bus infrastructure is maintained.

#### **Moved Crs Dowler/Mirfin TRTC11-12-05**

- 1. THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Draft Tasman Regional Passenger Transport Plan, Hearing of Submissions Report, RESC11-12-01; and**
- 2. THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee recommends that the Tasman District Council adopts the Draft Tasman Regional Passenger Transport Plan, as amended.**

#### **CARRIED**

#### **4                    NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY – ROLE IN DELIVERY OF THE REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME - RRTC11-12-02 – Continued**

Mr Mark Owen of the NZ Transport Agency updated the Committee on key initiatives that may impact the strategic development of the regional transport network.

Mr Owen’s update included the following:-

- Opus International Ltd has been awarded a 3 year contract across the Nelson-Tasman region.
- Jenkins Bridge is seen as the weak link on the Tasman route.
- Top of the South: High Productivity Motor Vehicles Feasibility Report - Final document is now out for feedback. Transportation Manager to circulate copies to Committee members.
- There were two feasible sites identified for stock effluent:-
  1. Beach Road
  2. Elm Street – currently being focused on.

Gary Clark (Tasman District Council Transportation Manager) explained why the Beach Road option was not viable and would not be supported.

The meeting concluded at 4.05 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

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