
MINUTES
of the
TASMAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
held
1.30 pm , Wednesday, 9 May 2018
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Councillors S G Bryant (Chair), C M Maling, D E McNamara, D J Ogilvie and P F Sangster and Mr J Harland

Committee Advisers: Ms J Murray, Ms D Smith and Mr W Findlater

In Attendance: Councillor S R Brown, Councillor D M Wensley, Engineering Manager (R Kirby), Transportation Manager (J McPherson), Activity Planning Manager (D L Fletcher), Activity Planning Adviser (D Bryant) and Executive Assistant (R L Scherer)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies from Committee members.

Apologies from Mr K Thompson and Inspector J Mattison were noted.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Sangster/Cr Ogilvie

TRTC18-05-1

That the minutes of the Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Monday, 19 March 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 REPORTS

7.1 Regional Land Transport Plan (Mid Term Review) Deliberations Report

Activity Planning Adviser, Drew Bryant introduced the report and noted that staff will make some changes to the timeline as noted in Section 1.12 as a result of the recent release of the New Zealand Transport Agency's Investment Proposal (TAIP) and the Council's recent Long Term Plan deliberations.

Mr Bryant used a powerpoint presentation to update the meeting on the new direction the Government has made through the Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport. He noted that the GPS focuses on safety, access, environment and value for money. The Investment Assessment Framework (IAF) focuses on safety, access and the environment and the TAIP on safety.

Mr Bryant noted the changes to the significant activities in the TAIP that have resulted in changes to the proposed activities in the Tasman Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP). He advised the meeting that the Network Operating Framework project and the Motueka SH60 improvements project have been deleted from the NZTA's programme. New activities now in the TAIP include a safer corridor for the SH6 Wakefield to Richmond, S6/SH63 intersection and SH6 south of Tapawera.

NZTA Regional Director, Jim Harland spoke about the priorities of the GPS and noted that NZTA is required to give effect to the GPS in its programme. This has resulted in a rejig of the investment framework and the reassessment of the entire state highway investment programme in a very short timeframe. He noted that nationally the state highway programme has been reduced and the focus is now on local roads, footpaths, safety and public transport. Mr Harland reiterated that safety was the prime driver for the new programme.

He urged the Tasman Regional Transport Committee to continue with its priority projects and confirmed that NZTA will need to take the Committee's priorities into account.

It was noted that submissions to the Investment Assessment Framework close on 18 May 2018.

Engineering Services Manager, Richard Kirby noted that the Wakefield to Richmond safe corridor project was new to Tasman and that the Richmond to Appleby safety project was the Council's priority. This was confirmed by the death and serious injuries statistics for these two sections of state highway.

In response, Mr Harland agreed that the Council should question the priority given to the Wakefield to Richmond project.

Mr Bryant outlined the proposed local roads funding changes which focus on footpath maintenance and rehabilitation and seal road resurfacing.

Mr Bryant provided a list of staff recommendations that they propose to include in the RLTP:

- Retain the Remainder of the Network Operating Framework
- Retain SH60 Motueka Improvements activity
- Retain State Highway Low Cost/Low Risk Budget
- Accept SH60 Richmond to Golden Bay split

- Advance SH60 Richmond to Appleby activity into first three years of the RLTP
- Accept three new State Highway activities
- Accept local road changes through LTP process

In response to a question, Mr Harland confirmed that NZTA will take account of the Council's preferred programme of priority projects.

Mr Bryant noted that the SH65 Hutcheson Bridge upgrade project has been deleted from the NZTA proposal but that the Council intends to retain this project in the RLTP.

In response to a question about the state highway improvements on SH60 through Motueka township, Mr Harland emphasised the need to focus on the safety profile of this route rather than travel time restrictions.

Mr Kirby agreed that this project had previously focused on travel time and this may mean that the work could be delayed.

Mr Harland suggested that the Committee include the state highway improvements in Motueka as part of the wider Motueka to Collingwood SH corridor project.

The Committee members unanimously agreed that the SH60 Motueka project was a priority.

Submissions

Mr Bryant summarised the submissions to the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan – Mid Term Review.

He spoke about a proposed bus services between Motueka and Nelson and Wakefield through Richmond to Nelson. Staff have previously investigated these services and concluded that they would not be viable. However a proposed Richmond bus loop did was possibly viable.

As a result, staff have included funding for a 4-year Richmond loop bus service and associated facilities. If after four years, the service is successful, the Council will commit to a regular Richmond bus loop service. The services is proposed to start in Year 2 (2019-2020) of the Long Term Plan. This will allow time for staff to determine a final route, market the services and provide infrastructure such as bus stops.

Ms Murray spoke about the difficulty of gaining momentum for a bus service and the effort required to get the public to use buses. She spoke about a similar experience in Christchurch where the Council used public surveys to gain an understanding of what the public wanted from a bus service. It was agreed that any service needs to be reliable and provide routes that are relevant to the travelling public who use the service.

State Highway 60 – Richmond to Mapua

Mr Bryant noted that the majority of submissions to the RLTP Mid-Term Review were safety related in one way or other, with the submissions regarding SH60 all focused on safety. He advised the Committee that staff are currently working with NZTA to get the speed lowered on SH60 from Three Brothers Corner to Maisey Road to 80 kmh.

Walking and Cycling

Activity Planning Manager, Dwayne Fletcher noted that the RLTP includes a low-cost, low-risk programme that focuses on walking and cycling.

He spoke about the proposed Champion Road/Salisbury Road intersection upgrade where the safety of pedestrians and cyclists was paramount and advised the Committee that the Council

had approved an underpass as part of the intersection upgrade.

Mr Fletcher also referred to a number of intersection improvements in Motueka along with the Takaka-Pohara cycleway/shared path which has been bought forward. The Council also has an active programme to remove roadside hazards so driver's mistakes don't lead to death or serious injury.

After some discussion, the Committee agreed to amend the resolution to reflect the direction provided by the GPS on Land Transport and the Transport Agency's Investment Proposal.

Moved Cr Sangster/Cr Maling

TRTC18-05-2

That the Tasman Regional Transport Committee

- 1. receives the Regional Land Transport Plan (Mid Term Review) Deliberations Report TRTC18-05-01; and**
- 2. recommends to the Full Council that it approves the Regional Land Transport Plan (Attachment 1); and**
- 3. authorises the Tasman Regional Transport Committee Chair and Engineering Services Manager to make changes to the Regional Land Transport Plan before submitting it to Full Council for approval to reflect:**
 - (a) changes to the Regional Land Transport Plan (Attachment 1); that are agreed to by the committee, included in a submission to the Transport Agency's Investment Proposal and recorded in the minutes of this meeting; and**
 - (b) minor editorial changes; and**
 - (c) changes to reflect Nelson City Council and Marlborough District Council changes to Table 4 that effect their regions; and**
- 4. recommends that the Full Council submits the Regional Land Transport Plan to the New Zealand Transport Agency by 30 June 2018; and**
- 5. approves a submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency on the Transport Agency's Investment Proposal emphasising the following:**
 - Retain the Remainder of the Network Operating Framework**
 - Retain SH60 Motueka Improvements activity**
 - Retain State Highway Low Cost/Low Risk Budget**
 - Accept SH60 Richmond to Golden Bay split**
 - Advance SH60 Richmond to Appleby activity into first three years**
 - Accept three new State Highway activities**
 - Accept local road changes through LTP process**
 - Retain the funding for improvements to the Hutcheson Bridge on SH65**

CARRIED

8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

The meeting concluded at 2.50 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

Confirmed