

**Minutes of the Regional Transport
Committee Meeting of the Taranaki
Regional Council, held in the Taranaki
Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road,
Stratford on Friday 26 March 2010
commencing at 11.30 am.**

Members	Councillors	R F H Maxwell	(Chairperson)	
		B R Jeffares	(Deputy Chairperson)	
		H Dodunski	(New Plymouth District Council)	
		G Lawson	(South Taranaki District Council)	
	Mayor	N Volzke	(Stratford District Council)	
		Ms J Chetwynd	(New Zealand Transport Agency)	
		R Hendry	(Environmental sustainability)	
		P Moeahu	(Cultural interests) (from 10.45 am)	
	In Attendance	Councillor Messrs	M P Joyce	
			B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
R A Phillips			(Director-Operations)	
G C Severinsen			(Policy Manager)	
Mrs		C Clarke	(Passenger Services Officer)	
		J Bielski	(Policy Analyst)	
		F Ritson	(Passenger Services Administration Officer)	
Mrs		K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)	
Mr		M Aves	(New Plymouth District Council)	
Mr		V Lim	(South Taranaki District Council)	
Ms		D Elers	(New Zealand Transport Agency)	
Ms		E Shaw	(Ministry of Transport)	
Ms		M Webby	(Taranaki Road Safety Co-ordinator)	

One member of the media.

Apologies The apologies from Mrs K Stowers (Access and mobility), Mr J Geraghty (Economic development), Inspector F Grant (Safety and personal security) and Dr G Simmons (Public health) were received and sustained.

**Notification
of Late Items**

There were no late items of general business.

- Confirmation of Minutes**
Regional Transport Committee
26 November 2009

Resolved

THAT the Regional Transport Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

- takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee

meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 26 November 2009 at 10.30 am

2. notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 8 December 2009.

10/059

Maxwell/Jeffares

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group

- 2.1 The minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on 10 February 2010 (unconfirmed) were received and noted.
- 2.2 Members noted the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group's discussion on the winding up of R Funds for Taranaki in 2014/15 and requested an update on this issue be provided at the next Regional Transport Committee meeting (scheduled for 16 June 2010).
- 2.3 It was noted and discussed that the Vehicle Dimension and Mass Rules, expected to come into force from 1 April 2010, would be delayed. Ms E Shaw, Ministry of Transport, advised the Committee that the implementation of the Rules is expected to take place later in April/early May 2010. District council staff dealing with roading matters and issues were still unclear as to the permit system required following implementation of the Rules.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on Wednesday 10 February 2010.

10/060

Maxwell/Lawson

3. Minutes of the Stratford to Okahukura Railway Line (SOL) Working Party

- 3.1 The minutes of the Stratford to Okahukura Railway Line (SOL) Working Party meeting held on 19 January 2010 (unconfirmed) were received and noted.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Stratford to Okahukura Railway Line (SOL) Working Party meeting held on Tuesday 19 January 2010.

10/061

Maxwell/Jeffares

4. Minutes of the State Highway 3 Working Party

- 4.1 The minutes of the State Highway 3 Working Party meeting held on 16 November 2009 were received and noted.
- 4.2 The Committee noted the Working Party's intention to review their Terms of Reference to update the Working Party's goals, purpose and specific objectives. A draft document for comment will be presented to their next meeting scheduled for May 2010.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the State Highway 3 Working Party meeting held on Monday 16 November 2009.

10/062

Maxwell/Lawson

5. Regional Land Transport Strategy Update

- 5.1 Mr G C Severinesn, Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum requesting the endorsement by the Committee of key elements of the strategic direction of the Regional Land Transport Strategy for Taranaki (RLTS).
- 5.2 Preceding the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee, a workshop was held for Members of the Committee and the Regional Transport Advisory Group on the RLTS. The workshop provided an opportunity for informal discussion to finalise the strategic direction for the RLTS whereby the following elements were discussed and reviewed:
 - A Vision
 - Land Transport Outcomes
 - Strategic options
 - A preferred strategic option
 - A significance policy
 - Key transport initiatives
- 5.3 The outcomes of the workshop, facilitated by officers of the Taranaki Regional Council, are formally ratified in the recommendations outlined below.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. adopts Vision Five for the *Regional Land Transport Strategy for Taranaki* as follows:

Vision Five

To contribute to the transformation of New Zealand through a transport system in Taranaki that is safe, reliable and effective, and connects Taranaki with other parts of New Zealand and the world.

2. agrees to the following set of land transport outcomes (Version Two) to be included in the *Regional Land Transport Strategy for Taranaki* as follows:

Version Two

A land transport system that in respect of:

Economic development

- Encourages and assists economic development and a thriving economy*
- Promotes tourism opportunities*
- Contributes to New Zealand's economic growth and productivity*

Safety and personal security

- Is safe, secure and reliable*

Access and mobility

- Encourages and assists access and mobility*

Public health

- Protects and promotes public health*
- Promotes healthy transport choices*

Environmental sustainability

- Promotes environmental sustainability and recognises cultural values*
- Minimises and/or mitigates environmental impacts*

Route security and reliability

- Is safe, efficient and responsive to changing needs of all transport modes to reduce travel times and congestion*
- Is convenient and attractive to use*

Network function

- Is efficient and accessible to everyone*
- Is well integrated*
- Connects Taranaki with the rest of New Zealand and the world.*

3. agrees to the following set of strategic options for inclusion in the *Regional Land Transport Strategy for Taranaki*:
 - *Option 1: Business as usual*
 - *Option 2: Full roading development*
 - *Option 3: Minimal change to roading, with increased provision for alternative modes*
 - *Option 4: Improved roading, with increased provision for alternative modes*
 - *Option 5: Modal transfer*
4. adopts the following preferred strategic option for inclusion in the *Regional Land Transport Strategy for Taranaki*, being:

Option 4 - Improving roading, with an increased provision for alternative modes
5. adopts the draft significance policy on variations to the *Regional Land Transport Strategy for Taranaki*

6. agrees to the inclusion of key transport initiatives in the *Regional Land Transport Strategy for Taranaki*.

10/063

Maxwell/Chetwynd

6. New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Director's Report

- 6.1 Ms J Chetwynd, New Zealand Transport Agency provided a powerpoint presentation to the Committee on progress made towards the implementation of the National Land Transport Programme and other matters of interest. It is the intention to provide a formal report from Ms Chetwynd, as Regional Director – Central Region, at each Regional Transport Committee meeting.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes and receives with thanks the information provided by the New Zealand Transport Agency on progress made towards implementing the *National Land Transport Programme 2009/10 – 2011/12*.

10/064

Lawson/Volzke

7. Variation process for the Regional Land Transport Programme for Taranaki 2009/10 – 2011/12

- 7.1 Mrs J Bielski, Policy Analyst, outlined a draft process for handling variations to the Regional Land Transport Programme for Taranaki 2009/2010 – 2011/2012.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the report entitled Taranaki's Regional Land Transport Programme Variation Process 2009/12
2. endorses the proposed Regional Land Transport Programme Variation Process 2009/12.

10/065

Dodunski/Lawson

8. Proposed variation to the Regional Land Transport Programme for Taranaki 2009/10 – 2011/12

- 8.1 Mrs J Bielski, Policy Analyst, spoke to the memorandum seeking the Committee's approval for a variation to the Regional Land Transport Programme for Taranaki 2009/10 – 2011/12 (RLTP) at the request of the New Zealand Transport Agency's Highway Network Operations team.

- 8.2 The request by the New Zealand Transport Agency's Highway Network Operations team is a variation to five projects included in the RLTP as outlined below:

- Mahoetahi to Clifton Rd I/S Improvements – Construction (this was identified as and Investigation and Design project in the current RLTP)
- Manawapou North Realignment – Design (this was identified as an Investigation project in the current RLTP)
- Manawapou North Realignment – Construction (this was identified as an Investigation project in the current RLTP)
- South of Egmont Village Curves – Construction (this was identified as and Investigation and Design project in the current RLTP)
- Lorna Street Safety Improvements – Design (this was identified as the Devon Intermediate Safety Improvement project in the current RLTP)

8.3 Members of the Committee noted that the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group determined that the projects did not trigger a significant variation to the RLTP and do not trigger the statutory requirement to carry out public consultation.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the report “Variation – Regional Land Transport Programme” submitted by the New Zealand Transport Agency’s Highway Network Operations team
2. agrees to the requested variation to the *Regional Land Transport Programme for Taranaki 2009/10 – 2011/12* made by the New Zealand Transport Agency’s Highway Network Operations team as outlined below:
 - *Mahoetahi to Clifton Rd I/S Improvements – Construction (this was identified as and Investigation and Design project in the current RLTP)*
 - *Manawapou North Realignment – Design (this was identified as an Investigation project in the current RLTP)*
 - *Manawapou North Realignment – Construction (this was identified as an Investigation project in the current RLTP)*
 - *South of Egmont Village Curves – Construction (this was identified as and Investigation and Design project in the current RLTP)*
 - *Lorna Street Safety Improvements – Design (this was identified as the Devon Intermediate Safety Improvement project in the current RLTP)*
3. adopts the variation and forwards it on to the New Zealand Transport Agency for their consideration and approval.

10/066

Lawson/Jeffares

9. Update on current Ministry of Transport initiatives

9.1 Ms E Shaw, Ministry of Transport, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Committee in support of the memorandum providing Members with an update on legislative and policy initiatives currently being progressed by the Ministry of Transport including Safer Journeys 2010-2020, SuperGold Review and Review of the Land Transport Management Act 2008.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes and receives with thanks the information provided by Elizabeth Shaw on initiatives currently being progressed by the Ministry of Transport.

10/067

Dodunski/Lawson

10. Road Safety update

- 10.1 Ms Marion Webby, Taranaki Road Safety Co-ordinator, provided a verbal report to the Committee on road safety activities being progressed in the region during the current financial year in accordance with the National Land Transport Programme 2009/10 – 2011/12. Projects that RoadSafe Taranaki have been involved in since July 2009 include Speed around Schools campaign, bus safety in rural areas, fatigue events and restraint checks in conjunction with New Zealand Police.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes and receives with thanks the information provided by Marion Webby, Road Safety Co-ordinator for Taranaki, on the road safety activities being progressed during 2009/2010.

10/068

Maxwell/Volzke

Mr P Moeahu, cultural interests representative, left the Regional Transport Committee meeting at 12.50 pm.

11. Update on Regional Cycleways bid to Ministry of Transport

- 11.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum providing a briefing to Members on Taranaki's progress with regard to preparing a bid for National Cycleways funding from the Ministry of Tourism.
- 11.2 The Taranaki Regional Cycleways Group submitted two funding applications being a Taranaki Inland Route and Round the Mountain Route. Both applications were unsuccessful.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes that two funding applications were made by the Taranaki Regional Cycleways Group to the Ministry of Tourism for funding under the New Zealand Cycle Trails Project
2. notes that funding was not approved by the Ministry of Tourism for the two Taranaki proposals.

10/069

Maxwell/Dodunski

12. Status report on the closure of the Stratford to Okahukura Railway Line

- 12.1 Committee Chairman, Councillor R F H Maxwell, spoke to the memorandum introducing a submission, to be endorsed by the Committee, made to KiwiRail on issues associated with the closure of the Stratford to Okahukura Railway Line (SOL). The submission was sent by the due date of 12 February 2010.
- 12.2 Councillor Maxwell advised the Committee of a letter received from the Minister of Transport, Hon Steven Joyce, acknowledging the submission and outlining that responsibility for determining the future of the SOL rests with KiwiRail. It was noted that it is anticipated that a decision on the future viability of the SOL will be made by KiwiRail sometime in late March/early April 2010.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes and endorses the submission prepared by the Stratford to Okahukura Railway Line Working Party in response to a request for feedback from KiwiRail on the closure of the Line.

10/070

Jeffares/Volzke

13. Submission to Environment Waikato's draft Stock Truck Effluent Strategy

- 13.1 The memorandum requesting the endorsement of a draft submission that has been prepared in response to Environment Waikato's draft Regional Stock Truck Effluent Strategy 2009-2015, was received and considered by the Committee. The submission was sent by the due date of 29 January 2010. The submission supported the identification of Te Kuiti as a 'Priority 1' in-transit site for the installation of a stock-truck effluent disposal site.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes and endorses the submission prepared in response to Environment Waikato's draft Regional Stock Truck Effluent Strategy 2009/2015.

10/071

Jeffares/Lawson

14. Public transport operational update

- 14.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum providing Members with an operational update of the public transport services throughout Taranaki and the SuperGold Card Scheme.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the operational overview of the public transport services throughout Taranaki
2. receives and notes the information on the SuperGold Card Scheme

10/072

Maxwell/Lawson

14. General Business

The Committee were advised that Mr Errol Christiansen has retired from the New Zealand Transport Agency with his last day at the Agency today (Friday 26 March 2010). Mr Christiansen has served the Taranaki Regional Council, the Taranaki Regional Land Transport Committee and the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee in his capacity as State Highway Manager (Transit New Zealand and New Zealand Transport Agency) for many years. Committee Chairperson, Councillor R F H Maxwell, recommended that a letter of thanks for his valued contribution and acknowledgement of service be sent to Mr Christiansen from the Committee.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. sends a letter of thanks, on behalf of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee, to Mr Errol Christiansen, State Highway Manager, for his valued contribution and acknowledgement of service following his retirement from the New Zealand Transport Agency.

10/073

Maxwell/Lawson

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor R F H Maxwell, declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 1.15 pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____
R F H Maxwell

Date: **16 June 2010**