

Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Friday, 15 June 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: S Crosby (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Deputy Chairman: J Nees (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Members: Mayor J Forbes (Opotiki District Council), Deputy Mayor D Donaldson (Alternate, Rotorua Lakes Council), Councillor R Curach (Tauranga City Council), Councillor B Julian (Alternate, Kawerau District Council), Councillor A Iles (Alternate, Whakatāne District Council), Councillor D Thwaites (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Councillor J Palmer (Alternate, Western Bay of Plenty District Council), A Talbot (Alternate, New Zealand Transport Agency)

In Attendance:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council

N Poutasi (General Manager, Strategy & Science – Acting) G Maloney (Transport Policy Manager), B Healey (Senior Transport Planner), Nic Newman (Principal Advisor), T Nerdrum-Smith (Committee Advisor)

Councillors

D Love (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Other

John Galbraith (Freight Advisor), Mark Haseley (Principal Transport Planner, New Zealand Transport Agency), Dan Kneebone (Port of Tauranga), Martin Parkes and Clare Cassidy (Tauranga City Council), Carole Gordon, Heidi Hughes and, David Harte (Public Forum speakers)

Apologies:

Mayor Campbell, Mayor A Bonne (Whakatāne District Council), Cr T Molloy (Alternate, Tauranga City Council, Mayor S Chadwick (Rotorua Lakes Council), P McLean (Regional Director Waikato/BOP, New Zealand Transport Agency), Cr L Thurston (Alternate, Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Cr K Young (Alternate, Ōpōtiki District Council), Inspector Brent Crowe (Safety Advisor, NZ Police)

1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Accepts the following apologies tendered at the meeting: Mayor Campbell, Mayor A Bonne (Whakatāne District Council), Cr T Molloy (Alternate, Tauranga City Council), Mayor S Chadwick (Rotorua Lakes Council), P McLean (Regional Director Waikato/BOP, New Zealand Transport Agency), Cr L Thurston (Alternate, Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Cr K Young (Ōpōtiki District Council) and Inspector Brent Crowe (Safety Advisor, NZ Police).**

Iles/Curach
CARRIED

2 **Public Forum**

Carole Gordon

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2900954

Points of Presentation

- Crisis – Declining PT Patronage
 - *Concerned how increased patronage will be achieved*
 - *sites for park and ride access to bus route services queried*
- Ease of use and access to public transport made a strategic difference
- Bold efficient vision
- Park and ride needed to be further encouraged.

Staff Follow-Up

- Respond to presenter regarding strategies for increased public transport patronage.

Heidi Hughes – Greater Tauranga

Points of Presentation

- Expressed concerns regarding the interaction with Council as part of the RLTP consultation process
- It was challenging to engage with Council in an effective manner
- Concerned that the public transport/bus service had been deprioritised in the final draft RLTP
- Sought a 'modern, quick and easy' bus service
- Greater Tauranga represented almost 1000 people
- Outlined key points of submission to the Public Transport Blueprint
- Views of Greater Tauranga did not appear to be well represented in the Public Transport section of the RLTP.

In Response to Questions

- Considered wording used in the RLTP did not represent a real change in the current thinking.

Staff in Response to Questions

- The Regional Public Transport Plan was an operational, rather than strategic document and as such, wider public consultation (beyond the legal requirements) was not proposed.

David Harte

Key Points

- Wanted to be a committed public transport user, but found it challenging due to lack of access/convenience, delays etc

- Queried the amount BOPRC was seeking from Central Government towards Public Transport vs what was contributed by the Bay of Plenty region
- Concerned that the amounts being sought were significantly lower than what should be requested.

Staff Follow-up

- Provide indicative answer on the contribution by the Bay of Plenty region, noting that the LTAs would not approve their Long Term Plans 2018-28 until the end of June 2018.

3 **Acceptance of Late Items**

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Considers, pursuant to section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the following items at this meeting:**
- 2 **Late report: Regional Land Transport Plan Variation - Western Bay of Plenty District Council - Omokoroa Road Corridor;**
- 3 **Reason for lateness: Approval is required from the Regional Transport Committee to meet the NZTA's timeframes for application.**

Iles/Nees
CARRIED

4 **General Business**

Nil

5 **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Noted the declaration of interest from Deputy Mayor Donaldson and Cr Crosby on any discussion and decision making relating to Rotorua Airport.

6 **Previous Minutes**

6.1 **Regional Land Transport Plan Hearings Subcommittee Minutes - 25 May 2018**

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Confirms the Regional Land Transport Plan Hearings Subcommittee minutes - 25 May 2018 with some minor spelling amendments.**

Nees/Donaldson
CARRIED

7 **Reports**

7.1 Update from Committee Members and Advisors

Key Points

Rotorua:

- Urban Scion-Redwood cycle link had been completed and was well used
- Draft Spatial Plan had been recommended by Rotorua Strategy Group to Rotorua Lakes Council
- Fully funded Tarawera Road intersection upgrade and four-laning was progressing.

Western Bay of Plenty

- Recognised the late report seeking NZTA contribution for WBOPDC
- Northern cycleway link was progressing well
- Seal extension was welcomed by rural ratepayers.

Ōpōtiki

- Noted the decision by Central Government to not fund the Ōpōtiki Harbour improvement project
- Ōpōtiki had enjoyed hosting the NZTA Board
- Interested to see if the increased use of E-bikes would have an impact on bus patronage.

Kawerau

- Kawerau was in clean-up mode after the recent storm event
- Progressing Kawerau Container Terminal project and associated roading upgrades as potential opportunities under the Provincial Growth Fund.

Whakatāne

- A second traffic bridge and a pedestrian bridge were being flagged through the Long Term Plan 2018-28
- SH1/29 East Coast Main Trunk Line governance meeting had been postponed until August 2018.

Tauranga

- TCC LTP deliberation had been completed
- Cancellation of cycleway trial at Pilot Bay had generated public commentary
- Interchange discussions for Bayfair and the CBD
- Noted the free student bus service trial in Welcome Bay, planned to commence in February 2019.

Port of Tauranga

- Driver Action Group was working with Toi-Ohomai to develop cadetships for professional road users
- Trade volumes continued to be strong at the Port of Tauranga
- Before committing funding to rail studies, it was important to understand the impact of commuter vs freight trains and the Port of Tauranga had gathered data that would be of assistance.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Update from Committee Members and Advisors.**

**Crosby/Julian
CARRIED**

7.2 New Zealand Transport Agency Update

Alistair Talbot, NZTA, updated the Committee on current New Zealand Transport Agency national and regional initiatives.

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2897362

Points of Presentation

- 30 June 2018 – RLTP developments and final Government Policy Statement (GPS) release date
- Draft Agency Investment Proposal (TAIP)
- Partnering with Local Government
- Update on Bay of Plenty projects
- The next steps for Tauranga Northern Link was being discussed as project re-scoping was flagged to align with the new GPS
- Proposed speed limit adjustments always involved consultation with the local community
- Re-evaluation of projects to align with the new GPS was expected to take 3-6 months, with the main focus being on SH2 and SH29
- Baypark to Bayfair (B2B) and urban works projects were not part of the re-evaluation.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, New Zealand Transport Agency Update.**

**Mayor Forbes/Cr Julian
CARRIED**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10.33am and reconvened at 10.53am.

7.3 Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2897109

G Maloney, Transport Policy Manager, B Healey, Senior Transport Planner and N Newman, Principal Advisor provided an outline of the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) process.

Key Point of Presentation

- Timeline of consultation period
- Submissions
 - Number received
 - Key themes
 - Hearings
 - Deliberations

- Recommended changes to the Plan
- Recommendations to Agencies
- Recommendations on process/outputs.

Key Points - Staff

- Case study for SH2 North was 'work in progress' and would be included in the final published RLTP
- Staff would work with Western Bay of Plenty District Council and NZTA in the development of the case study
- Further amendments to the RLTP were expected once the GPS had been adopted at the end of June 2018.

Key Points - Members

- The Regional Transport Subcommittee had considered all submissions received and the draft Plan had been amended as a result
- Noted that the RLTP had to be adopted by 30 June 2018
- The WBOPDC member was concerned there was no funding allocated to the SH2-Ōmokoroa Road intersection project and sought increased priority of this project
- Noted the significant work of the Subcommittee in developing the recommendations for the Committee to consider
- The priority and responsibility of the Public Transport National Ticketing Programme was not clearly identified.

Noted that Deputy Mayor Donaldson and Cr Crosby would not participate in the discussion and vote of matters relating to Rotorua Airport (Prioritised Activity 14), due to a conflict of interest.

Amendments to the Draft Plan (Supporting Document to Agenda):

- Add 'largest' in front of 'Container Port'
- Pg. 19 – Rail: Add 'North Island Main Trunk Rail Line'
- Pg. 54 – Rail network - Investment in rail: Include reference to electrification
- Pg. 65 – Question marks in the table should be 'ticks'
- Maps - Katikati – commitment vs allocation: (staff noted that maps in the Plan were still to be updated and that activities identified as 'committed' had implementation/construction phases committed)
- Pg. 96 – Local road improvements – Priority 3: correct the date from '2-18-20' to '2018-20'
- Pg. 107 – Other funding: Include tolls
- Pg. 140 of Plan swap priorities: SH29 Tauriko West Network Connections with SH2/Ōmokoroa Road Intersection Upgrade.

Staff Follow-up

- PowerPoint presentation to be made available to the public as part of the meeting record
- Obtain road closure data from NZTA that is more recent than 2016 (pg. 44 of Plan).

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018.**
- 2 Approves the Regional Land Transport Plan Subcommittee's recommendations in the appended deliberation's papers and notes the associated resolutions in the Minutes of the Subcommittee's deliberations meeting on 25 May 2018:**

- a. Policy Framework;
 - b. Regional Programme and Prioritised Activities;
 - c. Road Network;
 - d. Public Transport;
 - e. Rail;
 - f. Walking and Cycling; and
 - g. General and Other Matters.
- 3 Endorses the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018 as appended to the report, Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018 including any amendments arising from discussion of this report;
 - 4 Notes that it is satisfied that the draft Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018 meets the requirements of Section 14 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (Core requirements of regional land transport plans);
 - 5 Delegates to the Committee Chair the authority to make minor changes, to the draft Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018 prior to its approval by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

Crosby/Iles
CARRIED

Cr Thwaites opposed the motion.

That the Regional Transport Committee recommends that the Regional Council:

- 6 Receives the report, Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018.
- 7 Notes that the Regional Transport Committee has prepared the draft Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018 on the Regional Council's behalf in accordance with the Land Transport Management Act 2003;
- 8 Approves the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018.

Crosby/Donaldson
CARRIED

- 9 Notes that future changes to the GPS and /or FAR rates, the Provincial Growth Fund and any other future Local or Central Government direction will require further amendments to the Regional Land Transport Plan;
- 10 Notes that further financial data with regards to the projects will also be added to the RLTP by the Project Owner, when available.

Crosby/Mayor Forbes
CARRIED

7.4 Draft Regional Public Transport Plan

Garry Maloney, Transport Policy Manager provided an outline of the report.

Key Points - Staff

- All comments received on the Regional Public Transport Plan would be presented to the Public Transport Committee for consideration and reported back to the Regional Transport Committee.

Key Points - Members

- Recognised that some of Council's stakeholders may require further understanding with regards to the level of public engagement in operational vs strategic plans.

Staff Follow-up

- Amendment: Point 145: Promote public transport as the preferred add 'vehicular' mode for travel in urban centres.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Public Transport Plan.**
- 2 Notes that it has been consulted on the review of the Regional Public Transport Plan and that the Draft Plan is well aligned with the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan.**

**Crosby/Nees
CARRIED**

7.5 Regional Land Transport Plan Variation - Tauranga City Council Eastern and Western Corridor Local Transport Improvements

Clare Cassidy, Tauranga City Council: The variation would require being 'pulled through' as the RLTP progressed and there might be some adjustment.

In Response to Questions

- The identified stormwater projects were road related.
- Incomplete projects with retrospective approval came under the umbrella of the Eastern Corridor Growth Projects and Western Corridor Growth Projects, and it might be necessary to separate out some projects or adjust budgets over time as the business case stages for other projects in those corridors evolved.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Plan Variation - Tauranga City Council Eastern and Western Corridor Local Transport Improvements.**
- 2 Adds 'Tauranga City Council Eastern and Western Corridor local transport improvements 2015-18' to the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-45.**
- 3 Determines that the variation is not significant for the purposes of public consultation.**

Curach/Crosby

CARRIED

8 Discussion of Late Item

8.1 Regional Land Transport Plan Variation - Western Bay of Plenty District Council - Ōmokoroa Road Corridor

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1** Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Plan Variation - Western Bay of Plenty District Council - Ōmokoroa Road Corridor.
- 2** Adds 'Western Bay of Plenty District Council Ōmokoroa Road Corridor' to the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-45.
- 3** Determines that the variation is not significant for the purposes of public consultation.

**Thwaites/Mayor Forbes
CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 11.52 am.

Confirmed

Cr Stuart Crosby
Chairperson, Regional Transport Committee

Date