

# Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Friday, 23 November 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

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## Present:

**Chairman:** S Crosby (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

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

**Appointees:** Deputy Mayor D Donaldson (Alternate, Rotorua Lakes Council), Councillor T Molloy (Alternate, Tauranga City Council), Councillor R Curach (Tauranga City Council), Councillor B Julian (Alternate, Kawerau District Council), Councillor A Iles (Alternate, Whakatāne District Council), Councillor K Young (Alternate, Opotiki 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:** Advisors: Fane Troy – representing Inspector B Crowe (Road Safety Advisor, BOP District Police), John Galbraith – Freight Advisor, Dan Kneebone - Port Advisor/Property & Infrastructure Manager, Port of Tauranga

BOPRC: Cr D Love, Cr K Winters, Namouta Poutasi – General Manager: Strategy & Sciences, Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner, T Nerdrum-Smith – Committee Advisor,

Others: Adam Francis - NZTA and Alex Jeffcoat – Beca (NZTA) –, John Hutchings – HenleyHutchings, David Cunliffe – Stakeholders Strategies Ltd (via Audio Visual Connection), Jim Paterson - WBOPDC

**Apologies:** Mayor M Campbell (Kawerau District Council), Mayor S Chadwick (Rotorua Lakes Council), Mayor A Bonne (Whakatāne District Council), Mayor J Forbes (Opotiki District Council), P McLean (Regional Director Waikato/BOP, New Zealand Transport Agency)

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## 1 Apologies

### Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Accepts the apology/apologies from Mayor S Chadwick (Rotorua Lakes Council), Mayor A Bonne (Whakatāne District Council), Mayor J Forbes (Opotiki District Council), tendered at the meeting.

Crosby/Iles  
CARRIED

## 2 Public Forum

Nil

## 3 Acceptance of Late Items

Nil

## 4 General Business

## 5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Cr Crosby – Quayside Holdings Ltd and Rangioru Business Park.

## 6 Previous Minutes

### 6.1 Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 14 September 2018

#### Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 14 September 2018 with the following amendments:
  - John Galbraith: Correct the title to Freight Advisor
  - 7.1 - Update from Committee Members and Advisers (pg. 3 of minutes)
    - John Galbraith – 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet: “...If successful, the consortium would seek support from the ...”
    - Mayor Bonne – 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet: “...safe freight alignment...”. 4<sup>th</sup> bullet: “...working with Tuhoe regarding...”

Nees/Iles  
CARRIED

## 7 Reports

### 7.1 Update from Committee Members and Advisers

John Galbraith – Freight Advisor

- Toi-Ohomai logistics cadetship had its first five students underway
- Was seeking to expand the cadetship programme across the region

Sought action on the Bay of Plenty Rail Study.

Cr Rick Curach – Tauranga City Council

- TCC Transport Committee was now a 'Committee of the Whole'
- Noted NZTA's announcement that the Bayfair underpass would be retained
- Links Avenue bus lane would be ready for the introduction of the enhanced bus service.
- The major gridlock caused by the recent accident on SH29/Maungatapu highlighted the vulnerability of the roading network
- Greerton roading enhancements were causing congestion, which was a challenge for the community
- Work would be commencing on the Elizabeth Street/Takitimu Drive signalisation
- Supported the progression of UFTI through SmartGrowth.

Dan Kneebone – Port of Tauranga Advisor/Property & Infrastructure Manager

- Port had submitted on the SmartGrowth Future Development Strategy, reemphasising the need to invest in urban network to keep traffic moving
- Genesis Energy was importing coal from Indonesia due to uncertainty around availability of gas.
- Handling of the coal was unlikely to be a major contributor to local air pollution due to its high moisture content
- Kāingaroa Timberlands was developing a log de-barker at Murupara which would reduce the amount of Methyl Bromide being used at the Port. It would also reduce the amount of bark and debris on the roads.

Cr Andrew Iles – Whakatāne District Council

- Council staff were working with NZTA regarding possible funding for Long Term Plan 2018-28 projects
- Final repairs following the storm in April 2018 were being carried out
- Horomanga River Bridge rebutment preparation had been completed and the next phase would commence once all required consents had been obtained.

Cr Stuart Crosby – Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Western Bay of Plenty was working together on an urban form and transport initiative to improve alignment with GPS outcomes.
- Had met with NZTA senior staff/Board Members regarding the interface with the Regional Transport Committee
- Funding was allocated in the 2018-19 Regional Council Annual Plan for the free school bus trial in Welcome Bay and to assess any unintended effects, e.g. students currently walking might choose to use a free bus instead.

Cr Ken Young – Ōpōtiki District Council

- Public consultation with regards to the Wainui Road to Ōpōtiki/SH2 safety upgrade project had previously been undertaken and he was seeking information regarding the next stage

Cr Berice Julian – Kawerau District Council

- Concerned that the new road seal of SH34 at the entry point to Kawerau would not support the heavy traffic

- Deteriorating railway conditions could have a negative impact on the adjacent roading network.

Deputy Mayor Dave Donaldson – Rotorua Lakes Council

- The decline in public transport patronage could to some extent be attributed to Toi-Ohomai withdrawing its funding of student fares
- New parcels of land were ready for development; however was dependent on upgrades to the State Highway network.

Cr Don Thwaites – Western Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Multi-modal changes were well received by the community e.g. Waihi Beach bus service, with a 'use it or lose it' approach
- Noted the increasing number of cycleways throughout the district
- Concerned regarding the number of accidents on SH2 and SH29.

Fane Troy – Senior Sergeant Taupō Area, NZ Police

- Overall road toll in the Bay of Plenty remained unchanged from the previous year, however there were increases in some areas, e.g. Eastern Bay of Plenty
- Although a number of heavy motor vehicles were involved in fatal crashes, few were attributable to the driver of the heavy vehicle
- There were a number of safety aspects with regards to heavy vehicles that could be more effectively applied, i.e. improved driver training
- The allocation of police resources was determined by Police National Head Quarters
- Recognised that all police staff had a responsibility towards road safety.

Adam Francis - NZTA

- Roundabouts were intended to reduce traffic speed and, in the event of a crash, minimise the impact of the collision due to the angle of the cars.

Cr Jane Nees – Bay of Plenty Regional Council

- Free bus service for students would add a cost of approximately \$40 p.a. per household in the region
- Impatient drivers and significantly increased traffic movements had created challenges with regards to roundabouts in the Tauriko area
- Requested a report back on the \$300,000 funding the Regional Council had previously allocated to route security in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

Staff Follow-up

- NZTA to provide an update with regards to traffic movements in Tauriko at a future meeting.
- Report back on Eastern Bay of Plenty route security funding.

## **Resolved**

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

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

**Thwaites/lles**

**CARRIED**

## 7.2 New Zealand Transport Agency Update

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective A3047380*

Alistair Talbot, Adam Francis and Alex Jeffcoat (Beca) – NZTA presented this item.

### Key Points of Presentation

- Targeted Enhanced Funding Assistance Rates (TEFAR)
- Safe Networks for our Communities
- Provincial Growth Fund applications
- Long term view
- Developing Better Investments Proposal
- Update to Economic Evaluation Model
- State Highway 2 / State Highway 29.

### In Response to Questions

- NZTA assessed whether or not projects met the criteria for inclusion in the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP). If not, the Provincial Growth Fund might represent an alternative source of funding
- High traffic volumes was the key generator for the accidents on SH2/SH29
- SH29 was a heavy vehicle route, which was recognised as a contributing factor to incidents.

### Staff Follow-up

- NZTA information to be provided in statistical/graph form to identify any trends
- Information to be provided regarding the cost of accidents. The cost should not be limited to the cost of injuries/fatalities, rather include the cost of the roading network being inhibited with the loss of traffic flow; what was being done to minimise incidents and effectiveness assessment of implemented measures
- Regular updates regarding safety information to be provided to the Committee.

## **Resolved**

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

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

**Crosby/Nees  
CARRIED**

## 7.3 Regional Land Transport Plan Variations

Cr Crosby **declared an interest** in this item, vacated the Chair and Cr Nees **assumed** the Chair.

Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner and Jim Paterson – Western Bay of Plenty District Council presented this item.

Presenters in Response to Questions

- Roading developments connected to the Rangiuru Business Park were anticipated to have a positive flow-on effect on the surrounding area.

Key Points – Members

- Port of Tauranga supported the developments of the Rangiuru Business Park.

Staff Follow-up

- Detailed design concept information for the Rangiuru Interchange to be provided to the Committee Members once it is available.

**Resolved**

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Plan Variations;**
- 2 Adds the State Highway 2 Interchange for Rangiuru Business Park activity to the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018;**
- 3 Adds the State Highway 29 Ruahihi Bluff Rock Protection Project to the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018;**
- 4 Adds the Ngatai Road Cycling and Safety Improvements activity to the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Plan 2018; and**
- 5 Determines that the proposed variations are not significant for the purposes of public consultation.**

Thwaites/Curach  
CARRIED

Cr Nees vacated the Chair and Cr Crosby assumed the Chair.

11.00 am The meeting adjourned.

11.20 am The meeting reconvened.

**7.4 Urban Form and Transport Initiative Update**

*Refer PowerPoint presentation – Objective A307664*

David Cunliffe – Stakeholders Strategies Ltd joined the meeting via audio visual connection.

Key Points of Presentation

- Western Bay of Plenty - Urban Form and Transport Initiative
- The content we present here should be considered preliminary and draft
- The brief: Reconsider WBOP's urban form and transport plans
- Central government's transport policy and priorities have changed
- Growth in the wider bay will impact urban form and transport demand in WBOP

- Local transport issues are identified and becoming increasingly urgent
- Seven transport system priorities have been identified
- Transport corridor interventions have been planned, but gaps exist
- The characteristics of the WBOP combine to form a distinctive planning challenge
- Global trends are creating new opportunities and challenges
- UFTI proposes to deliver high level urban form and transport recommendations throughout 2019
- Through UFTI, local authorities are seeking to deliver on four objectives
- Which depend on three sets of interdependent processes
- Engage with NZTA to reposition and mobilise the near term projects
- Resolve acute transport challenges in the context of a long-term plan
- Develop a revised long-term, integrated, urban form and transport plan
- UFTI setup involves integrating WBOP, NZTA, ministerial and public processes
- Next steps include engaging with NZTA & developing detailed project plan.

#### Key Points – Members

- Recognised the legal responsibility in accordance with the Land Transport Management Act, as well as the commitment to open communication with the community
- Noted that UFTI would be a standing item on future agendas
- Sought assurance that there was an overall strategy in place to respond to the challenges of regional growth, with recognition of the particular issue of freight movements.

## **Resolved**

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, Urban Form and Transport Initiative Update.**

**Crosby/Curach/  
CARRIED**

## **7.5 Bay of Plenty Transport-Related Provincial Growth Fund Proposals**

Bron Healey – Senior Transport Planner presented this item.

#### Key Points

- Any applications to the Provincial Growth Fund which included transport components were required to be referenced in the Regional Land Transport Plan.

#### Key Points – Members

- Presentations regarding Rotorua's Lakefront and Whakarewarewa developments had been provided at yesterday's Rotorua Lakes Council meeting
- A copy of the David Cunliffe – Eastern Bay of Plenty growth report to be provided to the Committee by Kawerau District Council (Cr Julian).

## Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Plenty Transport-Related Provincial Growth Fund Proposals.

Nees/Julian  
CARRIED

## 7.6 Regional Land Transport Plan Review

*Refer PowerPoint – Objective A3055896*

### Key Points of Presentation

- Considerations
- Timeline
  - RLTP 2018 implementation
  - RLTP 2021 development
- Implementation
- Review.

### Staff in Response to Questions

- A review of the Plan as a result of any changes to the Government Policy Statement would depend on their scope and extent.

### Key Points – Members

- The RLTP had been developed with high levels of community engagement and input
- The Plan was a fluid document, subject to regular amendments
- A formal review of the Plan would commence in 2019.

## Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Land Transport Plan Review.

Nees/Iles  
CARRIED

12.26 pm Cr Iles withdrew from the meeting.

## 7.7 Other Matters of Interest

John Hutchings – Henley Hutchings presented this item and provided an outline of the separate agenda attachment: Transport and Infrastructure-National Context.

### Key Points

- Regional Fuel Tax
- GPS 2
- National Land Transport Programme
- Other Government Initiatives related to Infrastructure.

## **Resolved**

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, Other Matters of Interest.**

**Crosby/Julian  
CARRIED**

**The meeting closed at 12.34**

Confirmed DATE

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Cr Stuart Crosby  
Chairperson Regional Transport Committee