

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET NELSON ON MONDAY 15 JUNE 2009 COMMENCING AT 11.01AM

PRESENT: Councillor M Holmes (Chairperson), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, M Cotton (Deputy Chairperson), D Henigan, A McAlpine, P Rainey, R Reese, D Shaw and G Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: K Marshall (Chief Executive), A Louverdis (Senior Executive Technical Services), M Schruer (Senior Executive Infrastructure) and R Palmer (Administration Adviser)

APOLOGIES: Apologies from His Worship the Mayor (K Marshall) and Councillor A Miccio were received and accepted.

1.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

20 April 2009

Resolved

***THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee, held on Thursday 30 April 2009, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

Barker/Boswijk

Carried

Attendance: Councillor Rainey left the meeting.

2.0 STATUS REPORT – JUNE 2009

Document No 630999, agenda pages 7-8 refer.

Resolved

***THAT** the Infrastructure Committee Status Report for June 2009 be received.*

Boswijk/Thomas

Carried

3.0 MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Document No 647115, dated 15 June 2009, agenda pages 9-13 refer.

Michael Schruer (Senior Executive Infrastructure) presented the report.

Mr Schruer drew the Committee's attention to the Marsden/Ridgeway intersection item, explaining that an in-house review of the proposal had raised a number of concerns particularly regarding potential dangers for pedestrians and cyclists. Hence the recommendation that further investigation and design work be carried out in respect of appropriate options and the community along the Ridgeway be consulted.

Attendance: Councillor Rainey re-entered the meeting.

The meeting discussed the previous consultation which had been carried out in respect of the Ridgeway connection, and the previous understanding that a roundabout would be constructed at this junction as a traffic calming measure when that connection had been completed.

Mr Schruer advised that a roundabout had never been a legal requirement of the connection however he was well aware of the previous consultation hence his intention to repeat the exercise prior to making a final recommendation as to the intersection design.

Resolved

THAT the report on Major Infrastructure projects to June 2009 be received;

AND THAT further investigation and design work be carried out on intersection upgrade options for the Marsden Valley/Ridgeway intersection, in consultation with the local community, to determine an appropriate intersection design and trigger levels for the timing of the upgrade.

Henigan/Holmes

Carried

4.0 STATE HIGHWAY 6 ATAWHAI DRIVE SPEED LIMIT

Document No 784166, agenda pages 14-52 refer.

Attendance: Andrew Quinn and Fabian Marsh (LTNZ) were welcomed to the meeting.

Andrew James (Transport Manager) presented the report.

Fabian Marsh explained the study which had been carried out and the consultation which had been undertaken in respect of the recent speed warrant assessment for SH6 Atawhai Drive Nelson.

Mr Marsh explained that in order to encourage the bulk of motorists to drive to a reduced speed limit the speed environment of the highway, which was presently that of a 100km/h road needed to be changed to fit a lower speed, and there were a number of ways in which this could be achieved. Mr Marsh stressed that in his opinion signs alone would not be effective and indications were that the police did not have the resources to mount an intensive enforcement campaign to enforce any “artificial” speed limit.

Mr Marsh advised that while two small sections met the criteria for an 80km/h limit the majority of the stretch of highway concerned did not, and it was not desirable to institute speed restrictions in relation to the complying sections in isolation.

In answer to a query as to an appropriate timeframe in respect of the investigation and implementation of methods to reduce the speed environment the meeting was advised that this was related to the priorities in the Regional Land Transport Programme and therefore something for the Regional Transport Committee to consider in due course.

Recommendation to the Council

THAT the New Zealand Transport Agency be advised that the Nelson City Council continues to support the speed limit reduction to 80km/h along SH6 between Allisdair Street and the bridge over the Maitai river;

AND THAT the New Zealand Transport Agency investigate methods to reduce the speed environment between Allisdair Street and the bridge over the Maitai river with a view to enabling a lower speed limit to be imposed;

AND THAT this investigation be included in the Regional Land Transport Programme for prioritisation.

Barker/Cotton

Carried

Note: Councillor Henigan abstained from voting.

5.0 REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Document No 782495, dated 19 May 2009, agenda pages 53-90 refer.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the amended Regional Land Transport Strategy which accompanied the agenda as a separate document.

Andrew James (Transport Manager) presented the report.

Mr James outlined the changes which had been made to the Strategy explaining that the major change related to passenger transport as requested by the Council.

He also drew the Committee's attention to the recently released Government Policy Statement (GPS) and the Government's priority which was for land transport investment to support national economic growth and productivity.

It was noted that the existence of the new GPS would mean that when the Regional Land Transport Strategy was reviewed it would likely have a different focus.

Concern was expressed that the amended Strategy still did not provide any clear direction in relation to a third traffic route into the City although it was acknowledged that this door was not closed.

Recommendation to the Council

THAT the amended Regional Land Transport Strategy circulated with report number 782495 be adopted;

AND THAT when the Climate Change Action Plan is reviewed the Council consider what specific actions it will take, the emission reductions these actions will achieve, and revisit the targets to ensure they more closely match what is proposed.

Holmes/McAlpine

Carried

Note: Councillor Henigan abstained from voting.

Councillors I Barker and M Cotton recorded their vote against the resolution.

Councillor Reese recorded the thanks of the Council to its representatives on the Regional Transport Committee, and to staff for the work which they had done in developing the Strategy.

6.0 ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

Document No 729851, dated 18 May 2009, agenda pages 104-112 refer.

Alec Louverdis (Senior Executive Technical Services) presented the report.

Mr Louverdis advised that the Tasman District Council concerns had been addressed in his report.

Mr Louverdis stressed that in his opinion the Total Mobility Scheme was a totally separate issue from that of mobility in the wider sense, being merely a mechanical administrative process which had no need of a separate committee.

However he stressed that he agreed that issues relating to accessibility and disability and mobility in the wider sense were important hence his recommendation that the opportunity be given to all interested groups to meet and workshop their concerns unhampered by any side issues.

A motion was proposed;

Moved Councillor Henigan, seconded Councillor Shaw

THAT with respect to accessibility a dedicated one day workshop be scheduled with Nelson City Council, disability groups and interested parties to work through Nelson City accessibility issues with the aim of developing a plan of actions to be undertaken by the parties involved.

The motion was put and **lost**.

Resolved

THAT with respect to the current Total Mobility Committee:

- *That the Total Mobility Committee be discontinued and staff be tasked to manage the Total Mobility Scheme in line with New Zealand Transport Agency guidelines.*
- *That staff meet once a year with the Tasman District Council staff, the operators and agencies that have direct involvement in the Total Mobility Scheme.*
- *That financial statements be issued to Tasman District Council, as a joint participatory to the Scheme, every 3 months.*
- *That quarterly user reports be provided to Tasman District Council detailing use of the Scheme both regionally and within Tasman District.*
- *That an annual report be provided to the Tasman District Council, operators and agencies that have direct involvement in the Total Mobility Scheme detailing aspects such as use of the Scheme, funding, and restrictions or rationing imposed in the reporting period and any other matters of consideration.*
- *That an appropriate process for reporting to the Council in respect of the operation of the Scheme, be established.*

AND THAT the Nelson City Council's already established Customer Services Section be used in the first instance as the mechanism for reporting all day-to-day issues relating to all Council's infrastructure (such as footpaths, overhanging vegetation, potholes and obstructions);

AND THAT with respect to accessibility, that as a starting point a dedicated one-day workshop be scheduled with Nelson City Council, disability groups and interested parties to work through Nelson City accessibility issues with the aim of developing a plan of actions to be undertaken by the parties involved.

Reese/Holmes

Carried

Attendance: Councillors M Cotton, A Boswijk, P Rainey and D Shaw left the meeting.

7.0 VODAPHONE – NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT WAKAPUAKA

Document No 786214, dated 2 June 2009, agenda pages 91-103 refer.

Attendance: Ian Morrison (Business Assets Advisor) presented the report.

Mr Morrison advised the background to the application explaining that Vodaphone's existing facility at Port Nelson did not give appropriate coverage to users on State Highway 6 and in the surrounding areas and for this reason was looking to an alternative site nearer this area.

Attendance: Councillors A Boswijk and D Shaw re-entered the meeting.

Concern was expressed regarding the proliferation of cell phone towers and it was raised that it would seem more appropriate to defer consideration of this item and in the meantime discuss with Telecom and Vodaphone the possibility of them together establishing a joint facility.

It was acknowledged that this option would perhaps be one way in which the Council could assist the residents of Atawhai who had concerns regarding the proposed Telecom facility at that location.

The meeting also discussed whether it would be appropriate to revoke the previous resolution of the Council as it seemed that this was no longer relevant.

Attendance: Councillor Rainey and the Chief Executive entered the meeting.

It was agreed that the matter should be left to lie on the table and in the interim the Chief Executive should approach Telecom and Vodaphone to ascertain whether or not there could be cooperation between the two Companies in relation to a single cell phone site to serve the area of concern.

It was agreed that once these discussions had been completed the matter could be reconsidered by the Committee.

8.0 PARKING AND VEHICLE CONTROL BYLAW 2004, NO. 207 AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE

Report No 779864, dated 11 May 2009, agenda pages 113-118 refer.

Mr Louverdis pointed out that future amendments to the bylaw would require a resolution of Council and on this basis it was his suggestion that future reports be submitted directly to Council meetings.

The meeting discussed the bus stop proposed at the Tasman Street intersection and agreed that further consultation with the residents should be undertaken before a final decision was made.

Recommendation to the Council

THAT the following alterations be made to the Schedules of Bylaw No 207, Parking and Vehicle Control - 2004 all as per the Attachments to Report 779864;

- i) Schedule 4 – Special Parking Areas – Loading Zone*
- ii) Schedule 9 – No Stopping*
- iii) Schedule 14 - Give Way sign*

AND THAT future reports on amendments to this bylaw be placed on the agenda for the ordinary Council meeting.

Collingwood/Holmes

Carried

9.0 CONTRACTS ACCEPTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Document No 783559, dated 22 May 2009, agenda pages 119-120 refer.

Resolved

THAT the report outlining Contracts Accepted Under Delegated Authority in the period 27 February 2009 to 19 May 2009 be received;

AND THAT this report on contracts cease as from this meeting and the delegations register be amended to reflect this.

Holmes/Shaw

Carried

10.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

10.1 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting in accordance with section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the grounds that the public conduct of this part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.

- i. Status Report (Public Excluded)*
- ii. Passenger Transport Funding Options*

Reason:

To enable the Council to carry out negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.

Holmes/Rainey

Carried

10.2 Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Holmes/Collingwood

Carried

The meeting closed at 2.30pm.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

_____ CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE