

## Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Transport Committee

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street,  
Nelson

On Friday 5 December 2014, commencing at 1.02pm

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Present: Councillor E Davy (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, Councillors R Copeland and B McGurk, and L Hammond (NZTA)

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Senior Asset Engineer - Transport and Roading (R Palmer), NZTA Representatives (M Owen, P Hookham, A James and R Bleakley), and Administration Adviser (G Brown)

Apologies: Her Worship the Mayor R Reese for lateness.

### 1. Apologies

Resolved

***THAT an apology be received and accepted from Her Worship the Mayor for lateness.***

Davy/McGurk

Carried

New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) representative, Lyndon Hammond introduced the new Regional Director Raewyn Bleakley.

### 2. Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

### 3. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no conflicts of interest with agenda items were declared.

### 4. Public Forum

There was no public forum.

**5. Confirmation of Minutes – 3 October 2014**

Document number A1257624, agenda pages 6-11 refer.

Resolved

***THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee, held on 3 October 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record.***

Davy/McGurk

Carried

**6. Chairperson's Report**

The Chairperson thanked Committee members and Council officers for a productive year, and highlighted the healthy working relationship with Tasman and Marlborough District Councils.

**7. Introduction of a new Regional Director**

The new Regional Director, Raewyn Bleakley, summarised her background and advised that this was her sixth Regional Transport Committee (RTC) meeting and she looked forward to working with Nelson City Council.

**8. Building Blocks Presentation**

NZTA Regional Director, Raewyn Bleakley, gave a presentation on Building Blocks (A1286617).

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor joined the meeting at 1.09pm.

**9. NZTA Regional Transport Committee Report**

Document number A1281267, agenda pages 12-15 refer

Resolved

***THAT the New Zealand Transport Agency Report (A1281267) be received.***

Copeland/McGurk

Carried

**10. Draft Nelson Regional Public Transport Plan 2015-2018**

Document number A1277415, agenda pages 16-54 refer.

Senior Asset Engineer – Transport and Roothing, Rhys Palmer, presented the report.

In response to a question, Mr Palmer said that acknowledging the Draft Nelson Regional Public Transport Plan 2015-2018 was a formality and

that if the Committee wished to amend the Plan then that would need to occur after the public consultation phase.

In response to a further question, Mr Palmer advised that the farebox recovery ratio was 62% for Nelson, which was the highest in the country.

NZTA Representative, Lyndon Hammond, advised that the average farebox recovery ratio in New Zealand was 47%. He added that the ratio could be improved by lowering costs or by getting more people using the bus service. Mr Hammond said when compiling a business case a number of aspects needed to be included in the package.

In response to a question, Mr Palmer advised that a single unit model would still be used as Nelson was not a large enough city to consider multiple bus service operating contracts.

Mr Palmer indicated that an in depth analysis was conducted on the Stoke bus loop to ensure that it services as many additional residents and businesses as practical. This was done using the GIS for comparing the number of new lots served and census travel to work data for potential major origins and destinations.

In response to a question, Mr Palmer said the extra funding requested through the business case from NZTA was modest at \$170,000. He added that this was not a significant request in relation to public transport for Nelson.

It was mentioned that carpark revenue was historically utilised for NBus. However, it was agreed that it would now be funded via general expenditure in the Long Term Plan (LTP). Mr Palmer added that the draft RLTP and Transport Asset Management Plan were consistent with this direction.

Resolved

**THAT the report Draft Nelson Regional Public Transport Plan (A1277415) and its attachments (A1277814 and A1277789) be received;**

**AND THAT the Draft Nelson Regional Public Transport Plan (A1277415) be acknowledged as the version to be consulted on in conjunction with the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-21.**

Copeland/Her Worship the Mayor

Carried

## 11. Regional Land Transport Plan Development Funding

Document number 1277753, agenda pages 55-56 refer

Resolved

***THAT the report Regional Land Transport Plan Development Funding (A1277753) be received;***

***AND THAT the costs associated with the development of the 2015-21 Regional Land Transport Plan be included in the 2012/15 Regional Land Transport Programme.***

Davy/Copeland

Carried

## 12. SH1 Quarantine Road Roundabout Upgrade – Update

Document number A1282087, agenda page 57 refers.

NZTA Representative, Mark Owen, presented the report. He advised the Committee of the error in relation to the reference SH1, it should be SH6.

In response to a question, Mr Owen confirmed that there would be land acquisitions on the south western corner of the roundabout. He advised that there was an opportunity for landscaping the centre of the roundabout and that designs had been provided to Nelson City Council.

A map of the Quarantine Road roundabout area was presented (A1285564). NZTA Representative, Andrew James, advised that it was not ideal to have cyclists crossing two lanes on Quarantine Road. However, due to the number of users and funding, this was the best solution. He added that the crossing would be monitored.

In response to a question, Mr Owen advised that this project was shown within the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) as committed funds. In addition, the Chairperson read out the Executive Summary from the RLTP which clarified the current situation in relation to the roundabout upgrade.

Resolved

***THAT Nelson Regional Transport Committee support the construction of Quarantine Road Roundabout Upgrade.***

Davy/McGurk

Carried

**13. SH6 Gentle Annie safety improvements**

Document number A1282070, agenda page 58 refers.

***THAT the Nelson Regional Transport Committee vary the current 2012-15 Regional Land Transport Programme to include the SH6 Gentle Annie safety improvements project, noting that it will utilise national funding.***

Davy/Her Worship the Mayor

Carried

**14. SH6 Whakatu Drive barriers**

Document number A1282096, agenda page 59 refers

Resolved

***THAT the Nelson Regional Transport Committee vary the current 2012-15 Regional Land Transport Programme to include the SH6 Whakatu Drive safety improvements project, noting that it will utilise national funding.***

Davy/McGurk

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 2.10pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date