

Confirmed Public minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting on 8 September 2020

All members participating by Zoom at 10.10am.

Members Present

Councillor Staples (Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Councillor Ponter (Deputy Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mayor Baker (until 10.40am)	Porirua City Council
Mayor Barry	Hutt City Council
Mayor Beijen	South Wairarapa District Council
Mayor Foster	Wellington City Council
David Gordon	KiwiRail
Mayor Guppy	Upper Hutt City Council
Mayor Gurunathan	Kāpiti Coast District Council
Mayor Lang	Carterton District Council
Mayor Patterson	Masterton District Council
Emma Speight	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

Members participating at this meeting by Zoom counted for the purpose of quorum, in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002.

Public Business

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting on 3 August 2020 – Report 20.248

Moved: Mayor Guppy / Mayor Beijen

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting on 3 August 2020 – Report 20.248.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Draft Investment Prioritisation method for consultation– Oral Report

Carolyn O’Fallon, Practice Manager, Investment Assurance, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, spoke to the Committee on changes to transport planning and investment priorities.

The Government made changes to the Government Policy Statement (GPS), which now emphasises social, economic and environmental outcomes, and directs Waka Kotahi in how it makes transport decisions. This represents a shift in focus, and Waka Kotahi must identify gaps in monetised benefits, and recognised that it will need to analyse cost benefits and impacts.

The GPS 2021 has four strategic priorities:

- a Safety
- b Better travel options
- c Freight connections
- d Climate change

The Investment Prioritisation Method has three factors:

- a GPS alignment
- b Scheduling
- c Efficiency

6 Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2021: Policies – Report 20.307

Amy Helm, Senior Strategic Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Mayor Patterson / Cr Ponter

That the Committee:

- 1 Agrees the policies as set out in Attachment 1.
- 2 Agrees amending the draft Safety 10 Year Transport Investment Priority to “Safety: Improve safety, particularly at high risk intersections and on high risk rural and urban roads”.

- 3 Notes the deadline for submission of the Wellington RLTP 2021 to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has been extended from 30 April 2021 to 30 June 2021.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Proposed variation to the Wellington RLTP 2018-21: Colombo Road Bridge Replacement, Masterton – Report 20.285

Shan Lu, Senior Strategic Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Mayor Beijen / Cr Ponter

That the Committee recommends to Greater Wellington Regional Council that the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan Programme 2018-21 be varied to include the Colombo Road Bridge Replacement, Masterton.

The motion was **carried**.

8 Progress report on the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan Programme 2018-21 (January to June 2020) – Report 20.268 [For information]

Jill Corrin, Senior Data Analyst, spoke to the report.

9 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency update – September 2020 – Report 20.314 [For information]

Emma Speight, Director, Regional Relationships, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, spoke to the report.

10 KiwiRail update – September 2020 – Oral Report

David Gordon, Chief Operating Officer – Capital Projects and Asset Development, KiwiRail, updated the Committee on KiwiRail projects in the Wellington Region. Mr Gordon advised that:

- a KiwiRail is re-railing and relaying sleepers for the North Island main trunk line tracks over the 2020 Christmas-New Year period.
- b KiwiRail is experiencing cost pressures, and needs to balance this pressure with meeting demand for regional rail growth and resilience upgrades.
- c The rail network is putting pressure on the power substations. KiwiRail is investigating the right way for it to contribute to upgrades to the substations.
- d Trentham to Upper Hutt double tracking is on schedule to open for Waitangi Day 2021. The upgrades for the Wairarapa tunnels are scheduled for the 2021 Christmas-New Year period.

The meeting closed at 11.11am.

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Councillor A Staples

Chair

Date: 24 Nov 2020 .