

Confirmed Public minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting on Tuesday 24 November 2020

Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington, at 10am.

Members Present

Councillor Staples (Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mayor Baker	Porirua City Council
Mayor Barry	Hutt City Council
Mayor Beijen (from 10.15am)	South Wairarapa District Council
Deputy Mayor Emms (until 10.15am)	South Wairarapa District Council
Mayor Foster (until 10.15am, from 10.50am)	Wellington City Council
Deputy Mayor Free (from 10.25am until 10.50am)	Wellington City Council
David Gordon	KiwiRail
Mayor Guppy (until 11.04am)	Upper Hutt City Council
Mayor Lang	Carterton District Council
Mayor Patterson	Masterton District Council
Emma Speight	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
Deputy Mayor Hellen Swales (from 11.04am, Zoom)	Upper Hutt City Council

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

Moved: Mayor Baker / Mayor Lang

That the Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Mayor Gurunathan and Councillor Ponter, the apology for lateness from Mayor Beijen, and the apologies for early departure from Mayor Guppy and David Gordon.

The motion was carried.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public participation

Mike Mellor spoke to agenda item 7 – 2019/20 Annual Monitoring Report on the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting on 8 September 2020 – Report 20.325

Moved: Mayor Guppy / Mayor Foster

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting on 8 September 2020 – Report 20.325.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Establishment of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 Hearing Subcommittee – Report 20.301

Amy Helm, Senior Strategic Advisor, spoke to the report. Updated recommendations were tabled.

Moved: Mayor Patterson / Emma Speight

That the Committee:

- 1 Establishes the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 Hearing Subcommittee.
- 2 Adopts the Terms of Reference for the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 Hearing Subcommittee, as set out in Attachment 1.
- 3 Appoints as members of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 Hearing Subcommittee:
 - a Councillor Adrienne Staples (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
 - b Emma Speight (Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency)
 - c Mayor Wayne Guppy (Upper Hutt City Council) – for the Hutt Valley
 - d Mayor Alex Beijen (South Wairarapa District Council) – for the Wairarapa
 - e Deputy Mayor Sarah Free (Wellington City Council) – for Wellington City
 - f Councillor Ross Leggett (Porirua City Council) – for the West Coast
- 4 Appoints Councillor Staples as Chair.
- 5 Appoints the following officers to receive oral submissions on the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021:
 - a Grant Fletcher, Manager, Regional Transport
 - b Amy Helm, Senior Strategic Advisor
 - c Shan Lu, Senior Strategic Advisor
 - d Anke Kole, Senior Strategic Advisor
 - e Natasha Hayes, Senior Transport Planner

f Saku Kunanayagam, Project Co-ordinator.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Mayor Beijen arrived at the meeting at 10.15am, during the introduction of the above item. Deputy Mayor Emms vacated the table on the arrival of Mayor Beijen.

Noted: Mayor Foster left the meeting at 10.15am, during the introduction of the above item.

6 Proposed variation to the Wellington RLTP 2018-21 – Silverstream Pipeline Bridge Walkway and Cycleway – Report 20.407

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

Moved: Mayor Barry / Mayor Baker

That the Committee recommends to Greater Wellington Regional Council that the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan Programme 2018-21 is varied to include the Silverstream Pipeline Bridge Walkway and Cycleway.

Moved as an amendment (to replace the original motion): Mayor Patterson / Councillor Staples

That the Committee recommends to Greater Wellington Regional Council that the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan Programme 2018-21 is varied to include the Silverstream Pipeline Bridge Walkway and Cycleway business case.

The amendment was **carried** and became the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put:

That the Committee recommends to Greater Wellington Regional Council that the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan Programme 2018-21 is varied to include the Silverstream Pipeline Bridge Walkway and Cycleway business case.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Deputy Mayor Free assumed the seat vacated by Mayor Foster at 10.25am during questions on the above item.

7 2019/20 Annual Monitoring Report on the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan – Report 20.426 [For Information]

Andrew Ford, Team Leader, Data and Analysis, spoke to the report.

8 Presentation on Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2021 – Oral Report

Danielle Bassan, Principal Advisor, Investment, and Joanna Heard, Principal Advisor, Supply Chain, Ministry of Transport, tabled a presentation, and provided an oral report on the Government Policy Statement (GPS) on land transport 2021, and the future of rail.

The GPS on land transport explains the Government's direction for transport investment over the next 10 years. It influences how the national land transport fund (NLTF) and local share will be invested. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

(Waka Kotahi) gives effect to the GPS through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

Investment is guided by four strategic priorities:

- Safety – developing a transport system where no-one is killed or seriously injured
- Better travel options – providing people with better transport options to access social and economic opportunities
- Improving freight connections – improving freight connections for economic development
- Climate change – developing a low carbon transport system that supports emission reductions, while improving safety and inclusive access.

The Future of Rail review looked at the role of rail in the transport system and the changes needed to enable rail to play its part in a multi-modal transport system. The review recommended a new long-term planning and funding approach was needed for the national rail network, and to bring rail into the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

The draft NZ Rail Plan is a key component of the new planning and funding framework for rail as it sets out the Government's intentions for rail investment over the next decade. The Rail Plan will guide investment decisions taken under the GPS and by the Crown.

The Land Transport (Rail) Legislation Act 2020 amended the Land Transport Management Act 2003 to include a representative of KiwiRail on the Regional Transport Committee for the Wellington Region.

9 KiwiRail update – Oral Report

David Gordon, Chief Operating Officer – Capital Projects and Asset Development, KiwiRail, tabled a presentation and provided the Committee with an update.

Double tracking of the Trentham to Upper Hutt line is on track. The project has used 3D modelling to conduct the upgrades safely, and will submit the design for awards.

A key focus is planning for the Christmas Block of Line. The timing offers a larger opportunity than usual. Planning is more challenging as KiwiRail needs to ensure the opportunity is fully utilised in Wellington while supporting the emergency response to rolling contact fatigue issue in Auckland. The rolling contact fatigue issues in Auckland are significant, and will require resources to be diverted away from planned projects to support the response.

Noted: Mayor Foster returned to the meeting at 10.50am, during the presentation of the above item. Deputy Mayor Free vacated the table on the arrival of Mayor Foster.

10 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency update – November 2020 – Report 20.346
[For Information]

Emma Speight, Director, Regional Relationships, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, spoke to the report and tabled an updated presentation.

Noted: Mayor Guppy left the meeting at 11.04am, at the beginning of the above item. Deputy Mayor Swales assumed the seat at 11.04am.

The meeting closed at 11.43am.



Councillor A Staples
Chair

Date: 9 Feb 2021

