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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SUBMISSIONS HEARING MEETING**  
held  
**1.30 pm, Friday, 9 April 2021**  
at  
**Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond**

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**Present:** Deputy Mayor S Bryant (Chairperson), Councillors A Turley (Deputy Chair), C Butler, B Dowler, S Higgs (Waka Kotahi – NZTA), J Murray (Nelson Marlborough Health), G Andrews (NZ Police)

**In Attendance:** D Bryant (Activity Planning Advisor – Transportation), C Scott (Transportation Planning Officer), D Fletcher (Activity Planning Manager), J McPherson (Transportation Manager), L Turpie (Executive Assistant)

**1 OPENING, WELCOME**

Cr Bryant opened the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Recommendation**

**That apologies be accepted.**

**3 REPORTS**

**3.1 Draft Regional Land Transport Plan**

The Chair asked for any questions or if any clarification was required for today's meeting. He advised that each submitter has 10 minutes to speak and answer questions.

**Ms Jenny Lines**

Ms Lines spoke to her submission and stated:

- That she represented the Wakefield Road crossing group.
  - Currently there are three small refuge style crossings for a road that has 7150 vehicles a day on it.
  - The refuges are no longer adequate for the traffic volumes, have poor visibility and lack signage telling drivers of an upcoming crossing.
  - There has been a significant increase of heavy vehicles using the road.
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- Very active crossings for children due to the proximity of the school.
- Understand the importance of the road however there is no infrastructure in place to retain the safety of all parties that use the road.
- Propose that an pedestrian underpass be installed (proposed location included).
- That they had surveyed truck drivers who are concerned about the crossings and the unpredictability of children when crossing the road.

Simon Goodwin spoke in support of Ms Lines submission. Noting:

- Have seen moves towards greater traffic safety in decreasing speed limits, road layout changes and attitude changes to driving.
- Wakefield is continuing to grow and student numbers at the school are increasing. What has previously worked will no longer work with the growing population.
- Request that the Council work with Waka Kotahi (NZTA) to improve the crossing situation.
- Waka Kotahi (NZTA) suggestion of a Kea crossing for the community to supervise was not seen as a viable solution by the community group.

Waka Kotahi (NZTA) representative Steve Higgs noted:

- Acknowledged the work the Wakefield Community Group put into their submission.
- That there is a Waka Kotahi (NZTA) report due out shortly addressing this problem.

### **Ms Jane Murray**

Ms Murray spoke to her submission and stated:

- She was here on behalf of the public health service of the Nelson Marlborough Health.
- That they support the vision and strategic objectives of the Regional Land Transport Plan.
- They recommend that all levels of government needs to take measures in reducing emissions and the reduction of initiatives to reduce traffic by private car is strongly supported.
- Nelson Marlborough Health strongly support Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council investing in public transport.
- Suggested a bus route to the airport and for frequently to Nelson Hospital.
- Questioned why Waka Kotahi (NZTA) were not increasing funding into walking and cycling improvements in the area.
- That climate action needs to be happen now and not in 10 years time.
- Should be promoting safer, healthier streets for all.

### **Mr David Kemp**

Mr Kemp spoke to his submission and stated:

- His thanks to the Council for putting in a new layby area on the corner of Old Coach Road and the Moutere Highway.
- His concerns about the dangerous Dominion Road, Ruby Bay Bypass and Māpua Drive dangerous intersection.
- On the importance of having more awareness of the environment we have here, the need to make our own identity.
- The importance of having seating available to encourage our older residents to go for walks.
- Promoting healthier and happier community environment, helping with social isolation and encouraging physical activity.
- Saxton Field requires seating, toilets and signage to both.
- Promote the work of local artists on our infrastructure.

### **Dr Joanna Santa Barbara**

Dr Santa Barbara spoke to her submission and stated:

- The she is a Motueka resident and her motivation to speak at this forum is the issue of climate change and how the current transportation situation adds to this problem.
- There requires a mode shift in transport and is happy to see the Council is moving towards this.
- As a retired physician she has seen the benefits of improved physical, mental and social health and community interactions that being more active brings.
- She is a strong supporter of public transport.
- The task ahead for the Council is to get people out of their cars, this will require a big push in public education and a change in behaviour which is possible if you consider how the stance on smoking and drinking has changed within a lifetime.'
- A push towards more public transport needs to be incentivised, make it cheaper and faster, more pleasant and healthier, encourage ride sharing and park and ride, and allow more working from home. Disincentives such as few parking spaces and higher parking charges.
- That electric vehicles are an important part of the picture however will not do what is needed. Electric car production puts carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and does not solve the problem of congestion, safety, community severance and will not reduce the cost of road maintenance.
- Does not support building of new roads, this only brings more vehicles, more pollution, more road costs and more community severance.

#### **Next steps**

Activity Planning Manager, Mr Dwayne Fletcher spoke on the next steps for the Regional Land Transport Plan. There will be a deliberations meeting on 20 April where a report capturing the main themes of all submitters will be presented with a recommendation to Full Council.

Further detail requested to be included by the members are:

- Current underpass usage.
- Suggested timings and routes for the proposed bus routes.
- Saxton Field and the Hope bypass.

#### **Moved Cr Dowler/Cr Turley SH21-04-1**

#### **That the Regional Transport Committee**

- 1 receives the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan RSH21-04-1; and**
- 2 notes that staff will prepare and circulate advice on the issues in a deliberation report prior to the deliberations meeting on 20 April 2021**

**CARRIED**

## **5 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

The meeting concluded at 2.35pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair: