

MINUTES

TITLE: Tasman Regional Transport Committee
DATE: Friday 10 June 2011
TIME: 10.00 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

PRESENT: Unitary Authority representatives: Crs T E Norriss (Chair),
N Riley, Z S Mirfin, J Edgar
NZ Transport Agency Representatives: (J Chetwynd,
R James, P Hookham)
Environment and Sustainability Appointee (J Leyland)
Economic Development Appointee (B Findlater)
Access and Mobility Appointee (P Heywood)
Tiakina te Taiao (K Stafford)
Ministry of Transport (E Shaw)

IN ATTENDANCE: Engineering Manager (P W Thomson), Transportation
Manager (G Clark), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Cr Riley/Mirfin
TRTC11-06-01

**THAT apologies from Cr B Dowler and P Burton for absence be received.
CARRIED**

1 IN MEMORIAM

The meeting stood in silence in memory of Simon McIntyre who passed away recently.

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Tasman Regional Transport Committee – 11 March 2011

Moved B Findlater/Cr Mirfin
TRTC11-06-02

**THAT the minutes of the Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on
11 March 2011, containing resolutions TRTC11-03-01 to TRTC11-03-03 be
confirmed.
CARRIED**

Mr Heywood congratulated G Clark and his team for the excellent submission on the
Draft State Highway Classification.

2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – (RRTC11-06-01)

Cr Norriss spoke to his report which was contained in the agenda. He reported on the meeting held with Nelson City Council concerning the \$22 million "R" funding for the Top of the South.

Ms Chetwynd said there are projects in Nelson that the \$22 million "R" funding will be spent on.

Mr Clark said there was a strong view from Tasman District Council and Marlborough District Council that the Whangamoas are a high priority. In terms of the arterial traffic study it is at stage 4, which is the final report.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Mirfin
TRTC11-06-03**

**THAT the Chairman's Report (RTC11-06-01) be received by the Tasman Regional Transport Committee.
CARRIED**

3 NZTA UPDATE (RRTC11-06-03)

Ms Jenny Chetwynd, NZTA Regional Director Central was in attendance to present her report which provided an update on NZTA's role in the delivery of the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the National Land Transport Programme in the Tasman Region, and on key initiatives that may impact the strategic development of the regional transport network.

A submission has been put in for High-Risk Rural Roads Code which it was noted isn't appropriate for Tasman District roads.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Mirfin
TRTC11-06-03**

**THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the NZ Transport Agency Update Report (RRTC11-06-03).
CARRIED**

4 MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT UPDATE REPORT (RRTC11-06-02)

Elizabeth Shaw, Ministry of Transport spoke to the report which provided members with an update on recent Ministry of Transport work and policy initiatives including the Government Policy Statement and the *Safer Journeys Action Plan 2011 – 2012*.

Mr Heywood spoke about funding needed by local bodies for increased education for young drivers and also senior citizens.

Moved Cr Riley/J Leyland
TRTC11-06-04

THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Ministry of Transport Update (RRTC11-06-02).
CARRIED

5 2012 GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT (RRTC11-06-04)

Transportation Manager, G Clark, spoke to his report contained in the agenda. The report provided information on the draft Government Policy Statement and the implications of the allocation of funding associated with its expected release in July 2012.

Mr Clark commented that Tasman District Council will find it difficult to meet requirements for funding.

Cr Norriss said public transport funding will be awkward for Tasman District Council when aligned to the objectives of the GPS. It's an issue in rural areas and there is a push from the City for public transport.

Mr Heywood said the Automobile Association is supportive and has submitted on maintenance of roads. If public transport cannot be substantiated it should at least be recognised.

Ms Chetwynd said government wants to get the best result for its money. She acknowledged it is harder for areas that don't have huge projects to get money.

J Leyland supported the submission by Local Government New Zealand on the GPS.

Moved Crs Riley/Mirfin
TRTC11-06-05

THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the 2012 Government Policy Statement report RRTC11-06-04.
CARRIED

6 2012 – 2015 TASMAN REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

Mr P Hookham gave a powerpoint presentation on the 2012 – 2015 Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme.

The report in the agenda provided information on the preparation and timelines associated with the Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme.

Mr Findlater stated that the economic growth happens in the regions, but all the works appear to be happening in the larger areas, eg Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch.

The percentage of income that Council puts into roading should be evaluated, and Tasman's contribution was up around the \$30+, while other areas were extremely low.

Mr Thomson asked whether the local government sector will be involved in the review. He said there are a huge number of local government stakeholders with a lot of knowledge and experience on offer in terms of developing new policy and he would like to see them included.

Moved Cr Mirfin/J Leyland
TRTC11-06-05

THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the 2012 – 2015 Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme report RRTC11-06-05.
CARRIED

7 PASSENGER TRANSPORT PLAN (RRTC11-06-06)

Mr Clark presented the report which provided information on the process Tasman District Council intends to follow with regard to preparing a Passenger Transport Plan to meet its legal requirements to have this completed by 1 January 2012.

Cr Norriss asked why Council is being forced to go through the process, in the next three years, when there is no prospect of getting money for it.

Mr Findlater said public transport has to be considered, but it needs to be in conjunction with Nelson City Council.

Cr Edgar advised that Council is working with Nelson City Council at both a political and staff level on public transport.

Moved Cr Edgar/J Chetwynd
TRTC11-06-06

THAT the Tasman Regional Transport Committee receives the Passenger Transport Plan report RRTC11-06-06.
CARRIED

Ms Baker said they are hoping the Minister will have something to say shortly on the review of the Regional Land Transport Act. She hoped she would have more information at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 12.20 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: