
MINUTES
of the
**JOINT NELSON TASMAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Komiti Te Kawenga Rohe o Nelson Tasman

held

1:00pm, Friday, 6 December 2024

at

Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

The [video recording](#) of this meeting is available on the Council's YouTube channel.

Present: **Tasman District Council:** Deputy Mayor S Bryant (Chair) and Councillors B Dowler, C Butler, and J Ellis.

Nelson City Council: Deputy Mayor R O'Neill-Stevens, Councillors M Courtney, and J Hodgson.

NZTA Waka Kotahi Representative: E Speight.

In Attendance: Councillor Glen Daikee, Group Manager - Service and Strategy (J Ridd), Group Manager – Community Infrastructure (R Kirby), Group Manager Infrastructure - Alec Louverdis, Strategic Planning Manager (D Fletcher), Transportation Manager (J McPherson), Nelson City Council Transport Analyst (C Pawson), and Governance Advisor (G Dawson). Transport Activity Management Team Leader (L Hammond), Transport Asset Analyst (C Pawson).

1 OPENING, WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Moved Deputy Mayor O'Neill-Stevens/Councillor Courtney
NTRTC24-12-1**

**That the apology from Mayor Nick Smith be accepted.
CARRIED**

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Councillor Dowler/Councillor Courtney
NTRTC24-12-2**

That the minutes of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Friday, 9 August 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Ministry of Education - School Transport

Ministry of Education representatives, James Meffan and Niall Duncan, spoke about school transport.

Questions and discussions included:

- School transport was funded from Ministry of Education budgets and considered separate from public transport options, with eligible students fully funded.
- Regular reviews took place as part of business as usual activities. There was no requirement to publicly consult. Once a decision was made to remove a service, MOE usually worked to align dates with PT provision changes.
- Policy evolves as conditions change – changes were triggered by population growth, rezoning decisions, and the creation of new schools.
- The Ministry does all it can to develop routes which ensure the safety of users. There was also responsibility on parents/caregivers to ensure this, where the Ministry cannot.
- They have just completed review of school bus services in Tasman and concluded current provision on council provided PT services was marginal in Wakefield and Brightwater and

have retained status quo for now.

7.2 NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Update

New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) Director Regional Relationships, Greater Wellington and Top of the South, Emma Speight, spoke to her presentation, which is available on the Council's website in the Minutes Attachment document.

Questions and discussions included:

- School speed limits and variable speed limits – there was a range of regulation and policy which determined the approach and process. The 30 km speed limit immediately outside schools did not require further consultation.
- Road types and speed limit setting – this varied according to the designation of the road and would influence the relevant regulatory processes.
- Safety camera location setting and use – Police had transferred responsibility for safety cameras to the NZTA. Installation and location criteria will apply to ensure that maximum safety results can be achieved.
- Governance arrangements for the agency – the role and function of the NZTA Board was explained in relation to speed setting processes and regulation.
- Maintenance of roundabouts and other roading infrastructure – need to prioritise pavements treatment under the GPS. Current budgets are very strained for maintaining gardens and they are currently assessing options on how best to address gardens they cannot afford to maintain.

7.3 Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2024 Monitoring Report

Transportation Planning Advisor, Jane Murray, and Nelson City Council Transport Analyst, Chris Pawson presented the report, which was taken as read.

Questions and discussion included:

- eBus services – there had been an increase in patronage which was encouraging.
- Air testing results in Nelson and Tasman – the approach differed according to the purpose and function of the testing.
- Bus bike racks – a national level working group had been created to look at technical aspects to investigate possible solutions and funding any related changes.

Moved Deputy Mayor O'Neill-Stevens/Councillor Dowler
NTRTC24-12-3

That the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

- 1. receives the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2024 Monitoring Report RNTRTC24-12-3.**

CARRIED

7.4 Speed Limits Update

Senior Infrastructure Planning Advisor – Transportation, Bill Rice, and MS Murray, presented the report, which was taken as read.

Questions and discussion included:

- Funding was available from Central Government for further speed review processes.
- Speed limit planning and regulation – approaches would vary according to road type and final policy set by Central Government.
- The need to have a balanced and consistent approach meeting the speed limit review requirements for the Nelson/Tasman areas.
- The speed limit changes sought by Tasman only include changes that align with the new speed limit rule.

Moved Councillor Courtney/Councillor Dowler NTRTC24-12-4

That the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

- 1. receives the Speed Limits Update report RNTRTC24-12-4;**
- 2. approves the letter to the Minister of Transport (Attachment 1 to the agenda report) to ask for approval to implement speed limit changes previously consulted on and express concerns regarding the process and impact that it will have on the Nelson and Tasman regions; and**
- 3. authorises the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee to sign the letter and to approve minor edits to the letter to the Minister of Transport.**

CARRIED

NZTA representative Emma Speight abstained.

7.5 Public Transport Review Update

Team Leader Transport Activity - Lyndon Hammond, spoke to the report and presentation, which is available on the Council's website in the Minutes Attachment document.

Questions and discussion included:

- The NZTA had thanked council staff for working well together over the past year.
- Bus stop upgrades were allocated based on demand data and user feedback, with investigations and observations ongoing as the review progresses. The matter will be reported back to the first meeting of 2025.
- eBus services were performing well.
- Future ticketing system options – progress was being made on different options, with an update scheduled for the first meeting in February 2025.
- Monitoring and project management - there was a clear understanding of network usage and council staff would continue to monitor what was occurring to gain more clarification on costs.
- Contract arrangements are structured to ensure an efficient and effective transport network.

- Baseline measures were being established to provide for appropriate performance measures.

**Moved Deputy Mayor O'Neill-Stevens/Councillor Dowler
NTRTC24-12-5**

That the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

- 1. receives the Public Transport Review Update report RNTRTC24-12-5.**

CARRIED

8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

The meeting closed with a karakia.

The meeting concluded at 3.20 pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on Enter date .