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

**Komiti Te Kawenga Rohe o Nelson Tasman**

held

**1.03pm, Wednesday, 7 May 2025**

at

**Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond**

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

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

**Nelson City Council:** Mayor N Smith (Deputy Chair) and alternates Councillors M Courtney and J Hodgson

**NZTA Waka Kotahi Representative:** Ms E Speight

**In Attendance:** **Nelson City Council**

Deputy Chief Executive/Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis),  
Transport Planner (J Hills) and Team Leader - Transport Activity Management  
(L Hammond)

**Tasman District Council**

Councillor G Daikee, Group Manager - Community Infrastructure (R Kirby),  
Strategic Planning Manager (D Fletcher), Transportation Manager (J  
McPherson) and Senior Governance Advisor (K McLean)

## **1 KARAKIA, OPENING, WELCOME**

## **2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Moved Councillor Dowler/Councillor Courtney**  
**NTRTC25-05-1**

**That the apology from Deputy Mayor R O'Neill-Stevens be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

## **3 PUBLIC FORUM**

### **3.1 NZ Automobile Association - Kyle Lightfoot and Richard Popenhagen**

NZ Automobile Association representatives, Allan Kneale and Richard Popenhagen, spoke regarding support for the Hope Bypass and noted their timing concerns for the project works to be completed. They offered interim projects that would become part of the wider project, outlined in their PowerPoint presentation, which is available on the Council's website, in the Minute Attachments document.

Questions included the timing of the Hope Bypass and interim projects, Mr Popenhagen confirmed that these would need to be considered as part of the whole Hope Bypass project.

Attachment 1 NZ Automobile Association Presentation - potential improvements

## **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **5 LATE ITEMS**

Nil

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Mayor Smith/Councillor Dowler**  
**NTRTC25-05-2**

**That the minutes of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Monday, 10 March 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## **7 REPORTS**

### **7.1 NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Update**

NZTA Waka Kotahi Representative, Emma Speight, provided a PowerPoint presentation which is available on the Council's website in the agenda and answered questions on the presentation.

**Action:** Emma Speight to report back regarding the NZTA Waka Kotahi Board

decision and process regarding the Hope Bypass and agreed to an additional Joint Regional Transport Committee meeting, if required.

## **7.2 Public Transport Review Update**

Transport Planner, James Hills, Transport Activity Management Team Leader, Lyndon Hammond and Strategic Planning Manager, Dwayne Fletcher, presented the report.

Discussion included:

- Bus routes
- The Junction options
- Bike rack reinstallation
- Consideration of affordability and impact on the community regarding bus fare increases
- Patronage.

**Action:** Officers to compile analysis on demographic usage regarding Bee Card users as part of the Public Transport Review .

**Moved Mayor Smith/Councillor Dowler**  
**NTRTC25-05-3**

**That the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee**

- 1. receives the Public Transport Review Update report; and**
- 2. approves a 2.69% public transport contract indices increase to eBus Bee Card fares, effective from 1 July 2025.**

**CARRIED**

## **8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

Nil

The meeting concluded at 2.00pm.

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