



MINUTES

Regional Transport Committee Meeting

Monday, 9 March 2026

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Waikato Regional Council

Regional Transport Committee Meeting

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday 9 March 2026, 9.30am
Location: Council Chambers
 Waikato Regional Council
 Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton

Members Present: Cr Liz Stolwyk – Committee Chair – Waikato Regional Council
 Cr Angela Strange – Committee Deputy-Chair – Waikato Regional Council
 Cr Ray Broad – Hauraki District Council
 Cr Duncan Campbell – Taupō District Council
 Mayor Rodney Dow – Ōtorohanga District Council
 Cr Mike Keir – Waikato District Council
 Cr Sue Moroney – Hamilton City Council
 Cr Janette Osborne – Waitomo District Council
 Mayor Peter Revell – Thames-Coromandel District Council
 Cr Clare St Pierre – Waipā District Council
 Mayor Ash Tanner – Matamata-Piako District Council
 Cr Elvisa van der Leden – South Waikato District Council (from 9.35am)
 Anthony Curl – Access and Mobility Advisor (non-voting)
 Lisa De Coek – KiwiRail (non-voting) (from 9.49am)

In Attendance: Cr Stephen Crooymans – Hauraki District Council
 Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith – Waikato Regional Council (from 11.01am)
 Cr Keith Holmes – Waikato Regional Council
 Cr Chris Hughes – Waikato Regional Council
 Cr Mesh Macdonald – Hamilton City Council (from 10.01am)
 Cr Jennifer Nickel – Waikato Regional Council
 Cr Garry Reymer – Waikato Regional Council
 Cr Sarah Thomson – Hamilton City Council (from 9.41am)

Staff Present: Chris McLay – Chief Executive (from 11.26am)
 Phil King – Director, Regional Transport Connections
 Jess Hood – Democracy Advisor

The contents of these minutes meet all legal requirements and include a full set of decisions.

An audio-visual recording of the open session of the meeting is available on Waikato Regional Council's public website.

Recording	Document ID #	YouTube Link
Open Recording #1	34871728	https://youtu.be/5iK6DUguLSI
Open Recording #2	34874704	https://youtu.be/xgtkoXUjP4

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 30 seconds.

The Democracy Advisor (Jess Hood) opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 49 seconds.

APOLOGY**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/01**

Moved: Mayor Rodney Dow

Seconded: Cr Janette Osborne

That the apologies received from Lisa De Coek for lateness and Mayor Mike Pettit for absence be accepted.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 1 minute, 12 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/02

Moved: Cr Clare St Pierre

Seconded: Cr Angela Strange

- 1. That the agenda of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting of 9 March 2026, as circulated, be confirmed as the business of the meeting.**
- 2. That the order of items follows the order set out in the minutes.**
- 3. That the meeting may sit longer than two hours continuously and continue longer than six hours including adjournments.**

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 1 minute, 27 seconds.

No interests were disclosed pertaining to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

5 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION OR RECEIPT

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 1 minute 43 seconds.

REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING - 8 DECEMBER 2025**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/03****Moved: Cr Janette Osborne****Seconded: Mayor Rodney Dow****That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held on 8 December 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.****CARRIED****6 GENERAL ITEMS****6.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 2 minutes 8 seconds.

Presented by the Director, Regional Transport Connections (Phil King) and Manager, Transport Policy and Programmes (Lorraine Cheyne).

9.35am – Cr Elvisa van der Leden entered the meeting.

9.49am – Lisa De Coek entered the meeting.

10.01am – Cr Mesh Macdonald entered the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/04**Moved: Cr Clare St Pierre****Seconded: Mayor Rodney Dow****That the *Director's Report* (Regional Transport Committee, 9 March 2026) be received.****CARRIED****6.2 INTRODUCTION TO REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN**

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 36 minutes 13 seconds.

Presented by Manager, Transport Policy and Programmes (Lorraine Cheyne).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/05**Moved: Cr Mike Keir****Seconded: Mayor Ash Tanner****That the report *Introduction to Regional Land Transport Plan* (Regional Transport Committee, 9 March 2026) be received.****CARRIED****6.3 ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 47 minutes 32 seconds.

Presented by the Manager, Transport Policy and Programmes (Lorraine Cheyne) and Road Safety Lead (Alexandra Moyer).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/06

Moved: Mayor Ash Tanner

Seconded: Cr Elvira van der Leden

That the report *Road Safety Update* (Regional Transport Committee, 9 March 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.4 TOPICS RAISED AT INDUCTION MEETING

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 1 hour, 1 minute and 22 seconds.

Presented by the Director, Regional Transport Connections (Phil King) and Manager, Transport Policy and Programmes (Lorraine Cheyne).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/07

Moved: Cr Clare St Pierre

Seconded: Cr Ray Broad

That the report *Topics raised at induction meeting* (Regional Transport Committee, 9 March 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.5 REGIONAL NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY WAKA KOTAHI UPDATE

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 1 hour, 22 minutes and 2 seconds.

Presented by the Acting Regional Manager, System Design – Waikato/Bay of Plenty (Ngairi Atmore). Refer Document #34771013 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

11.01am – Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith entered the meeting.

11.07am – Cr Sarah Thomson left the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/08

Moved: Cr Angela Strange

Seconded: Cr Clare St Pierre

That the report *Regional New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Update* (Regional Transport Committee, 9 March 2026) be received.

CARRIED

11.16am – The meeting adjourned.

11.27am – The meeting reconvened.

6.6 SPECIAL TOPIC - FREIGHT

Item commenced in open recording 2, at start.

Presented by the OTL Group representative (Mayor Rodney Dow), Les Harrison Transport Group representative (Craig Foster), Tainui Group Holdings representative (Dave Christie), KiwiRail representatives (Lisa De Coek and Alan Piper), GM Operations, Hamilton Airport Group (Ben Langley). Refer Documents # 34845864, 34849766, 34844405 and 34857059 for the PowerPoint presentations or on the public website.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/09

Moved: Cr Peter Revell

Seconded: Mayor Ash Tanner

That the report *Special Topic - Freight* (Regional Transport Committee, 9 March 2026) be received.

CARRIED

7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in open recording 2, at 1 hour, 32 minutes and 1 second.

The Democracy Advisor (Jess Hood) closed the meeting with a karakia.

1.00pm – The meeting closed.