



MINUTES

Regional Transport Committee Meeting

Monday, 14 September 2026

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Waikato Regional Council
Regional Transport Committee Meeting
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday 14 September 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 (until 10.49am)
Mayor Rodney Dow – Ōtorohanga District Council
Cr Janette Osborne – Waitomo District Council
Mayor Mike Pettit – Waipā District Council
Andrew Corkill – Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency
Cr Sue Moroney – Hamilton City Council (virtually via Teams from 9.36am)
Mayor Ash Tanner – Matamata-Piako District Council
Cr Duncan Campbell – Taupō District Council
Mayor Peter Revell – Thames Coromandel District Council
Cr Mike Keir – Waikato District Council
Anthony Curl – CCS Disability Action Waikato (non-voting)
Steve Zahorodny – KiwiRail (non-voting)

In Attendance: Cr Anna Casey-Cox – Hamilton City Council
Cr Keith Holmes – Waikato Regional Council
Cr Clare St Pierre – Waipā District Council

Staff Present: 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.

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1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Item commenced in recording 1, at start.

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

2 APOLOGIES

Item commenced in recording 1, at 24 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/21

Moved: Mayor Rodney Dow

Seconded: Mayor Peter Revell

That the apologies of Cr Elvisa van der Leden and Lisa DeCoek for absence, and Cr Angela Strange for early departure be accepted.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Item commenced in recording 1, at 55 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/22

Moved: Cr Janette Osborne

Seconded: Cr Duncan Campbell

- 1. That the agenda of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting of 14 September 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 recording 1, at 1 minute 10 seconds.

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

5 PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 minute 17 seconds.

5.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present for public participation.

6 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION OR RECEIPT

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 1 minute 21 seconds.

REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING – 8 JUNE 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/23

Moved: Andrew Corkill

Seconded: Cr Janette Osborne

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee Meeting held on 8 June 2026 be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

7 GENERAL ITEMS

7.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item commenced in recording 1, at 2 minutes 29 seconds.

Presented by the Manager, Public Transport (Trudi Knight) and Team Leader, Transport Planning (Katherine Simpson).

Action - The Committee requested that staff include in the letter to the Minister a request for a more detailed investigation into transport project costs as part of the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission's review of transport costs, scheduled to commence in 2027.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/24

Moved: Cr Peter Revell

Seconded: Cr Angela Strange

1. That the report *Director's Report* (Regional Transport Committee, 14 September 2026) be received.
2. The Regional Transport Committee submits to the Local Government (Rates Capping) Amendment Bill seeking that roading and transport costs be excluded from rates caps.
3. That the Regional Transport Committee writes to the Waikato Mayoral Forum seeking support of this.

In putting the motion, a division was called and results were recorded as:

In Favour: Cr Janette Osborne, Mayor Mike Pettit, Cr Liz Stolwyk, Cr Angela Strange, Cr Sue Moroney, Mayor Ash Tanner and Mayor Peter Revell

Against: Mayor Rodney Dow, Cr Duncan Campbell and Cr Mike Keir

Abstained: Andrew Corkill

CARRIED 7/3**7.2 REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN UPDATE**

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 hour, 5 minutes 5 seconds.

Presented by the Team Leader, Transport Planning (Katherine Simpson) and Senior Transport Planner (Maf Cipriano).

10.49am – Cr Angela Strange left the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/25

Moved: Mayor Mike Pettit

Seconded: Mayor Rodney Dow

That the report *Regional Land Transport Plan Update* (Regional Transport Committee, 14 September 2026) be received.

CARRIED**7.3 REGIONAL NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY WAKA KOTAHI UPDATE**

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 hour, 23 minutes 58 seconds.

Presented by the Director, Regional Relationships – Waikato/BoP, NZTA Waka Kotahi (Andrew Corkill).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/26

Moved: Mayor Ash Tanner

Seconded: Mayor Peter Revell

That the report *Regional New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Update* (Regional Transport Committee, 14 September 2026) be received.

CARRIED**7.4 UPDATE FROM KIWIRAIL**

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 hour, 53 minutes 52 seconds.

Presented by the Programme Manager, KiwiRail (Steve Zahorodny).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTC26/27

Moved: Mayor Mike Pettit

Seconded: Mayor Ash Tanner

That the report *Update from KiwiRail* (Regional Transport Committee, 14 September 2026) be received.

CARRIED

8 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 hour, 59 minutes 20 seconds.

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

11.30am – The meeting closed.

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