Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee
OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee held in Committee Room One, Hamilton City Council on 16 March 2018 at 1.02pm.

Present:
Members
Waikato Regional Council  Cr R Rimmington (Chair)
                          Cr H Vercoe (Deputy Chair)
Hamilton City Council    Cr D Macpherson
                          Cr L Tooman
(Regional Transport
Committee Members)       Cr G Webber – Waipa District Council
NZ Transport Agency      Cr D Fulton – Waikato District Council
                          C O’Keefe (alt)

In Attendance:
Waikato Regional Council Staff
                          M Garrett (Chief Financial Officer)
                          A Wilson (Manager Public Transport)
                          L Balsom (Policy Advisor Transport and Infrastructure)
                          A Carnell (Public Transport Finance)
                          T Bio (Democracy Advisor)
Hamilton City Council staff
                          K Johns (Senior Policy Advisor)
The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Cole O’Keefe as the alternate for NZ Transport Agency.

**Apologies**

Cr T Adams – Hauraki District Council  
M Kettle – New Zealand Transport Agency

Accepted

**Confirmation of Agenda**  
(Agenda Item 2)

Cr R Rimmington moved/Cr D Macpherson seconded.

RPTPDS18/05  
**THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee of 16 March 2018, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.**

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDS18/05)

**Disclosures of Interest**  
(Agenda Item 3)

There were no disclosures of interest.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
Agenda item 4 Doc 11832367

Cr D Macpherson moved/Cr H Vercoe seconded.

RPTPDS18/06  
**THAT the Minutes of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee meeting of 19 February 2018, be received and approved as a true and correct record.**

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDS18/06)

**Regional Public Transport Plan Review 2018**  
Agenda item  Doc # 11885355

Senior Policy Advisors (L Balsom) presented a report to the Committee which provided a review of the Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018 – 28 timetable for information, discussion and decision.

During questions, answers and related discussion the Subcommittee the following points were noted:

- The Committee noted that Waikato Regional Council would be presenting the draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018 to member councils. It was
agreed that any concerns and issues raised from these presentations would be reported back to the subcommittee for consideration prior to adopting a draft for public consultation.

- A member expressed their concern about issues relating to the update of the Government Policy Statement (GPS). In their opinion, the Committee must be wary that it adequately considers public transport needs outside Auckland and Wellington. Members agreed and acknowledged that rural areas would need to ensure that they are treated fairly in terms of the benefit-cost ratio considerations.

- It was understood that the GPS would be out late March so the Committee would review the GPS in the next Regional Public Transport Plan Development meeting with the aim of implementing a strategy to address this concern.

- It was noted that the GPS role is to set direction the government for policy. The consensus was that it would be good to get feedback from the NZ Transport Agency in relation to the benefit-cost ratio and policies following the release of the GPS.

- Cr Webber advised the Committee that he would be unable to participate in the Hearings Committee process. Cr Webber further advised that Waipa District Council would nominate an alternate.

Cr R Rimmington moved/Cr D Macpherson seconded.

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**RPTPDS18/07**  
**THAT** the report Regional Public Transport Plan Review 2018 (Doc#11885355 dated 27 February 2018) be received.

**Agrees** membership of the Hearings Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference (Attachment 4) to hear and decide on submissions lodged on the Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018 – 2028 as per the Hearings Procedures (Attachment 5).

**Confirms** that the membership of the Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018 – 2028 Hearings Committee comprises:

i) Cr Russ Rimmington (Chairperson)
ii) Cr Dave Macpherson
iii) Cr Dynes Fulton
iv) Cr (to be advised by Waipa District Council)
v) Cr Toby Adams
vi) Megan Kettle, as a non-voting technical advisor to the Hearings Committee.

**Recommends** the nominations to the Waikato Regional Council Hearings Appointment Subcommittee for appointment.

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDS18/07)

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Meeting closed 1.21pm

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