Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee
OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee held in Waikato Regional Council Waikato Room on 19 February 2018 at 1pm.

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The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Megan Kettle to the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee as the new representative from New Zealand Transport Agency. The Committee acknowledged James Bevan for his strategic thinking and work with the Subcommittee.

The Chair announced his early departure and would hand over the meeting to Deputy Chair Hugh Vercoe at 3.15pm.

**Apologies**

Cr D Macpherson and Cr R Rimmington for early departure.

Accepted

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

Cr D Macpherson moved/Cr H Vercoe seconded.

RPTPDS18/01 THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee of 19 February 2018, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDS18/01)

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

There were no disclosures of interest.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**
Doc # 11526191

Cr L Tooman moved/Cr D Fulton seconded.

RPTPDS18/02 THAT the Minutes of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee meeting of 8 December 2017 be received and approved as a true and correct record.

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDS18/02)
Regional Public Transport Plan Review 2018
Doc #11632390

Manager of Public Transport (A Wilson) and Senior Policy Advisor (L Balsom) presented the written report which provided the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee with detail on the review of the Waikato Regional Transport Plan 2018-28 for information, discussion and decision.

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

- Advice had been provided from the Government that the new Government Policy Statement would be available early March. The statement would signal more of the transport initiative and would affect the indicative timeframes for the Regional Public Transport Plan review. The proposed revision of dates would be available for the Subcommittee by the next meeting on 16 March 2018.
- A member noted that the programme should maintain the set schedule until it was clear what opportunities would be available and then they would be considered in due course.
- A member felt that previously, there hadn’t been much thought from the Government regarding regional transport. The Committee agreed that Waikato was a large region in terms of public transport. The member further suggested that perhaps the Subcommittee put forward what they think should happen in the regional area so that larger regional areas were also included in the transport focus and not just the larger cities.
- A member noted that Hamilton City Council and Waikato Regional Council would be working together on a Mass Transit Plan which may impact on the Regional Public Transport Plan, given there was such a large proportion of public transport in Hamilton City. The Mass Transit Plan would guide detailed work over the outer years of the Long Term Plan. The Mass Transit plan would be underway in May 2018 and it was included in the Waikato Regional Council Long Term Plan and flagged as a key piece of work to be done. It was noted that the Mass Transit Plan would look to involve not just territorial authorities but stakeholders as well.
- A member noted that their district did not get much in terms of usage of public transport compared to the likes of other places such as Matamata/Piako district. The member acknowledged that also took into account how much each district funded into the programme. A member noted that buses ran once a day in their district. Given this situation, more would choose to drive than to use public transport. Matamata/Piako district was mentioned as not having sufficient transport into Hamilton and a suggestion was made that perhaps a bus route from Matamata be implemented to help this situation.
- A member noted their disagreement with putting money into creating more bus services and suggested that the discussion should be around increasing the use of bus services already in place. It was noted that the problem lay with traffic coming into Hamilton instead of internal traffic and encouraging the use of public transport would help unclog the roads.
- The chair noted there was lack of communication with the current bus lanes because they too would be caught up in traffic. The Chair gave the example of the North Shore bus lanes and how having a dedicated bus lane proved to be
more sufficient in traffic jams and would get the public to their destination faster than they would travelling in their cars.

Cr D Macpherson moved/Cr D Fulton seconded.

**RPTPDS18/03**

**THAT the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee:**

2. Endorses the revised timeframes for the review of the Regional Public Transport Plan.

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDS18/03)

**SECTION B FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

From paragraph 25 of the report the Committee turned to discussion of the proposed Regional Public Transport Plan Hearings Committee.

- Waikato and Waipa District Council members indicated their preference to both be included on the committee. Their reasoning for inclusion was there was a lot going on in both the North and South of the region and it would be beneficial for both of them to remain included in the process.
- A member noted a concern with the extension of the membership noting in previous terms a larger regional representation had seen issues affecting Hamilton City voted down. Members were advised that the whole of the region had an interest in the Plan and that each district would have input into the plan and with submissions to the plan.
- It was agreed that adding a representative from Eastern Councils would also be beneficial.
- Members welcomed and agreed with the extension of the membership to include Waikato, Waipa and Eastern Link representatives.
- Members confirmed that the Terms of Reference could be amended to reflect the Subcommittee’s preference for membership. The process would be that the minutes of the meeting would be reported to the Strategy and Policy Committee, for consideration and adoption by Council in April. The appointment of the Hearings committee would be confirmed through the Hearings Appointment Subcommittee.
Cr D Macpherson moved/Cr D Fulton seconded.

**RPTPDS18/04 RECOMMENDED**

THAT Council amend the Terms of Reference for the Regional Public Transport Plan Hearings Committee to allow for the following membership:

- One member from the RPTP Development Committee representing Waikato Regional Council who shall be the Chair of the Hearing Committee
- One member from the RPTP Development Committee representing Hamilton City Council
- One member from the RPTP Development Committee representing Waikato District Council
- One member from the RPTP Development Committee representing Waipa District Council
- One member from the RPTP Development Committee representing the Eastern link territorial authorities
- One representative, representing the NZ Transport Agency, as a non-voting technical advisor to the Hearing Committee.

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDS18/04)

Meeting closed at 1.49pm.

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