Notice of Meeting:
I hereby give notice that an ordinary Meeting of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee will be held on:

Date: 16 March 2018
Time: 1pm
Meeting Room: Committee Room One, Municipal Building
Venue: Hamilton City Council, Council Building, Garden Place, Hamilton 3204

VRI Payne
Chief Executive Officer

Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee
Agenda

Chairman
Cr Russ Rimmington
Deputy Chair
Cr Hugh Vercoe

Members
Waikato Regional Council
Cr Russ Rimmington
Cr Hugh Vercoe
Hamilton City Council
Cr Dave Macpherson
Cr Leo Tooman
Cr Geoff Taylor (alt)
(Regional Transport Committee Members)
Cr Grahame Webber – Waipa District Council
Cr Toby Adams – Hauraki District Council
Cr Dynes Fulton – Waikato District Council
NZ Transport Agency
Megan Kettle

Quorum
Three (3)

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OBJECTIVE:

Prepare and recommend to the Waikato Regional Council for public consultation a draft 2018-2028 Regional Public Transport Plan that has been prepared in accordance with and complies with the requirements of the LTMA 2003 and any other relevant national guidelines.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY:

1. Develop the draft 2018-2028 Regional Public Transport Plan and recommend it to Council (via the Strategy and Policy Committee) for public consultation.

2. Ensure all policy developed in the Regional Public Transport Plan is consistent with the Regional Land Transport Plan.

POWER TO ACT:

To prepare the draft 2018-2028 Regional Public Transport Plan.

POWER TO RECOMMEND:

To recommend the draft 2018-2028 Regional Public Transport Plan to Council via the Strategy and Policy Committee for public consultation.
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*Written report to provide the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee with detail on the review of the Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018 – 28 for information, discussion and decision.*
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.

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
  Cr T Adams – Hauraki District Council
  Cr D Fulton – Waikato District Council
NZ Transport Agency
  M Kettle

In Attendance:

Waikato Regional Council
  M Garrett – Chief Financial Officer
  A Wilson – Manager, Public Transport
  L Balsom – Senior Policy Advisor
  B McMaster – Acting Manager, Integration and Infrastructure
  T Bio – Democracy Advisor
NZ Transport Agency
  Cole O’Keefe – Principal Planning Advisor
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.
Purpose

1. This report provides the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) Development Subcommittee with detail on the review of the Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-28 for information, discussion and decision.

Executive Summary

2. The 2017-18 review of the RPTP has been following a business case process, with the purpose of reviewing the current plan and bringing it up to date with changes in the transport policy context, in particular the review of the Regional Land Transport Plan, and progress with other key strategic work such as the Access Hamilton Strategy review.

3. Due to a number of key reasons, it has been proposed that the RPTP review timeframe be extended so the plan can better align with the latest policy direction from national, regional and local transport policy documents. Staff also propose to pre-consult with councils in our region on the network concept put forward prior to finalising the draft RPTP.

4. In the meantime, based on the strategic case put together from two workshops in 2017, the Regional Land Transport Plan, and Access Hamilton work as a key transport planning document for Hamilton, as well as district network reviews, staff have developed network concepts that align with the RPTP strategic case prepared by the RPTP Development Subcommittee. Staff are now elaborating on these concepts to put together the draft RPTP for the Subcommittee’s review at the next meeting on 20 April 2018.

5. This report provides detail on the following areas of work:
   - The proposed revised timeline and next steps for the RPTP review
   - Update on the Government Policy Statement on Transport
   - Decision on RPTP Hearings Committee membership.

Staff Recommendation:

That the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee:

2. 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).

3. 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 Grahame Webber
   v) Cr Toby Adams
   vi) Megan Kettle, as a non-voting technical advisor to the Hearings Committee.

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

Background

6. Since the adoption of the current RPTP in 2015, many significant changes in the planning and operating environment for transport are requiring the RPTP to be updated to ensure the plan aligns with the latest regional and national policy directives.

7. In addition, the Regional Council is required under the LTMA to review its RPTP after the public transport components of the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) are varied (s126 (1)). The operative 2015-45 RLTP is currently being reviewed, and is out for public consultation from 9 March to 9 April 2018.

8. Key stakeholders participated in the 19 February 2018 RPTP workshop to discuss the proposed public transport network concept, and supporting objectives and policy. Given stakeholders’ involvement in the RPTP strategic case and the desire to work more collaboratively to achieve wider public transport objectives, staff consider stakeholders’ ongoing involvement into the RPTP review to be of substantial value.

Proposed revised RPTP review timeframe

9. It is proposed that the RPTP Development Subcommittee endorses a revised timeframe for the RPTP review, as discussed at its last meeting in February 2018.

10. It is proposed that the timeframe for the RPTP review is extended from the previous timing to accommodate changes to national policy via the Government Policy Statement on Transport, and other strategic planning work, in particular for Hamilton city and surrounds. Target timeframes for consultation on an updated RPTP would now be from 15 August to 15 September 2018. RPTP Hearings and deliberations would be in October 2018.

11. Waikato Regional Council staff have been working with staff from Hamilton City Council, Waikato District Council and Waipa District Council to ensure there is a good alignment between the RPTP review process and their Councils’ long term plan processes. Attachment 1 displays the interrelationship between the plans.

12. The next stages of the RPTP project are set out in the table below. Next proposed Subcommittee meetings are 20 April 2018 (to review the draft RPTP before staff undertake workshops on the draft RPTP with impacted councils around the region) and August 2018 (to endorse the draft RPTP for recommendation to Strategy and Policy Committee for public consultation). It is intended that the final Plan is adopted in December 2018.
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**Update on the 2018 Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS)**


14. A letter was received from Hon Phil Twyford, the Minister of Transport, on 20 November 2017, outlining his priorities for the transport system and next steps. This letter is attached as Attachment 2 (Doc#11906135). This letter outlines the Government’s seven priority areas including:

   - *Giving public transport greater priority in cites and expanding the public transport system to support new housing and interregional commuting*
   - *Increasing the use of rail to enable efficient passenger and freight use*

15. A further letter was received from the Minister on 15 February 2018 providing an update on the new GPS. This letter is attached as Attachment 3 (Doc#11878547), and is intended to provide further guidance on the RLTP development in the absence of the new GPS.

16. In the recent letter the Minister confirms the structure of the GPS and confirmed that it will have strategic priorities, six objectives, themes, results, reporting, funding levels and activity class information.

17. The Minister is signalling that new GPS will give strong emphasis to road safety and access together with environmental outcomes and value for money. In respect to access (including public transport) the letter of 15 February confirms the following investment priorities for access:

   - *The GPS proposes investment to achieve a land transport system that:*
     - *improves access to move toward more liveable cities and thriving regions* – the GPS focuses on how transport can enhance the wellbeing of people and the environment and **significantly shift to providing more investment in public transport, walking and cycling**
     - *ensures the land transport system enables better environmental outcomes* – we are committed to reducing carbon emissions from transport by substantially increasing the use of lower emission modes, such as walking and cycling, providing frequent and affordable public transport and supporting rail and sea freight.
18. The draft Engagement document for the new GPS is expected to be available in late March 2018. The Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) team have been developing the new RLTP taking into account the signals being provided by the Minister. This applies to access and mobility and will include reference to inter-regional public transport and the interim passenger rail proposal. The direction from the RLTP and the advice from the new GPS will be incorporated into the RPTP once received.

19. The new policy direction of the new GPS will be able to be considered by the RPTP Development team and incorporated into the draft RPTP before it comes before the subcommittee for adoption for public consultation. In the meantime staff will keep the RPTP Development Subcommittee briefed on how the GPS will be incorporated into the RPTP during meetings leading up to RPTP adoption.

20. The Ministry of Transport will be consulting on the 2018 GPS Engagement document and are expected to run information sessions round the regions in April. The RPTP Development Subcommittee will be informed of the dates for these sessions, especially for Waikato.

RPTP Hearings Committee membership

21. It is proposed that the RPTP Development Subcommittee appoint members to the RPTP Hearings Committee at this meeting on 16 March.

22. It is proposed that the membership of the Hearings Committee is drawn from the RPTP Development Committee to ensure the continuity of the project.

23. The scope of activity for the Hearings Committee is:
   a) to consider all submissions received in respect of the Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-2028, including verbal presentations from submitters wishing to be heard, and
   b) to report to the Waikato Regional Council on the decisions for submissions, including any amendments/changes to the Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-28
   c) to recommend the final Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-2028 to the Waikato Regional Council for adoption.

Background

24. The Waikato Regional Council will receive and adopt the Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-2028 (RPTP) for public consultation at its meeting on 7 August 2018.

25. In accordance with the Local Government Act special consultative procedure the Draft RPTP will be publicly notified on 15 August 2018 for submissions. Submissions will close on 15 September 2018, 5:00pm. Submissions will be reported to the Regional Public Transport Plan Hearings Committee (RPTP Hearings Committee).

26. After closure of submissions all submissions received will be entered into Waikato Regional Council’s submission database. This database enables staff to assess the individual submission points by submitter and topic and will assist staff in reporting back to the RPTP Hearings Committee.

Key dates for the Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-2028 statutory process

27. There are a number of key dates for the Draft RPTP statutory process:

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15 August to 15 September | Submission period (1 Calendar month)
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1 October 2018, with 2 October as reserve | **Hearings.** The RPTP Hearings Committee will hear from all submitters who have indicated they wish to present their submission in person.
23 October 2018, with 24 October as reserve | **Deliberations.** The RPTP Hearings Committee will consider all the written submissions received, the verbal material presented in the Hearings as well as a Staff Report with recommendations. The Hearings Committee will make decisions on all submissions and instruct staff to prepare a Final RPTP which incorporates all decisions.
4 December 2018 | **Strategy and Policy Committee** to consider and endorse the RPTP Hearings Committee’s Decision report and endorse the Final Waikato RPTP for Council.
13 December 2018 | Council to consider and adopt the RPTP Hearings Committee’s Decision report and approve the Final Waikato RPTP.
14 December 2018 | Final RPTP becomes operative.

28. The number of days required for hearings submissions is difficult to estimate. Two days (1 and 2 October 2018) have been allocated. Two days (23-24 October 2018) have been allocated for subsequent deliberations by the RPTP Hearings Committee.

**Hearings Committee Nomination**

29. The Terms of Reference for the RPTP Hearings Committee as agreed at the February 2018 RPTP Development Subcommittee meeting is attached as Attachment 4. It is proposed that the membership of the Hearings Committee is drawn from the RPTP Development Committee to ensure the continuity of the project, following feedback from the last RPTP Subcommittee meeting. The proposed membership for the RPTP Hearings Committee is as follows:

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30. The membership structure and nominations confirmed by the RPTP Development Subcommittee will be recommended, together with the Hearings Committee Terms of Reference at Attachment 4, to the Waikato Regional Council Hearings Appointment Subcommittee at their meeting on 11 April 2018 for confirmation.

**Assessment of Significance**

31. Having regard to the decision making provisions in the LGA 2002 and Councils Significance Policy, a decision in accordance with the recommendations is not considered to have a high degree of significance.

32. Staff are of the opinion that the content and recommendations in this report are consistent with the decision making requirements contained in Part Six of the Local Government Act 2002 and that the decision making requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 have been met.
Legislative context
33. The Regional Council is required under the LTMA to review its RPTP after the public transport components of the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) are varied (s126 (1)).

Policy Considerations
34. To the best of the writer’s knowledge, this decision is not significantly inconsistent with nor is anticipated to have consequences that will be significantly inconsistent with any policy adopted by this local authority or any plan required by the Local Government Act 2002 or any other enactment.

Conclusion
35. The review of the Regional PT Plan is at an important stage for discussion, direction and endorsement by the RPTP Development Subcommittee before the substantive sections of the Plan are drafted. A revised project timeframe will assist to align the project to be informed by developments with changing national policy direction, as well as local projects such as Access Hamilton and the development of a Mass Transit Plan for Hamilton City. The review process is well aligned with long term planning.

Attachment 1: Alignment of RPTP Review process and Waikato Regional, Hamilton City, Waikato District and Waipa District Councils’ long term plan processes (Doc# 11773701)
Attachment 2: Letter from the Minister of Transport, 20 November 2017 (Doc#11906135)
Attachment 3: Letter from the Minister of Transport, 15 February 2018 (Doc#11878547)
Attachment 4: Draft Terms of Reference for the Regional Public Transport Plan Hearings Committee
Attachment 5: Statutory planning process- Heading Committees.
Attachment 1: Alignment of RPTP Review process and Waikato Regional, Hamilton City, Waikato District and Waipa District Councils’ long term plan processes

Development of RPTP policy and PT service provision – Jan-Mar 2018, informed by:
- Draft RLTP
- RPTP Strategic Case
- WRC and TAs draft LTPs
- PT network review and AKL-Ham Transport Connections business cases

PT programme of activities confirmed in draft LTPs to inform RPTP Development

Further RPTP refinement to incorporate council LTP decisions via the RPTP submission process
Hon Phil Twyford

20 Nov 2017

Tēnā koutou,

Thank you for your engagement with the Ministry of Transport over the past 18 months to help inform the development of the Government Policy Statement on land transport 2018 (GPS).

I understand that you are currently developing your Regional Land Transport Plans (RLTP), and the direction of the GPS is key to this process. It is a high priority of mine to ensure the GPS is reviewed quickly and reflects this Government’s policies so that you have the certainty you need to finalise your RLTPs.

The priorities of this Government, which I have asked Ministry officials to revise the GPS to take account of, include:

- giving public transport greater priority in cities and expanding the public transport system to support new housing and interregional commuting
- increasing the use of rail to enable efficient passenger and freight use
- supporting regional development
- increasing support for active modes – walking and cycling
- delivering health, safety and environmental improvements
- reducing the environmental impact of transport
- mode neutrality in freight transport planning.

Many of these priorities can be reflected within the current GPS framework, and I have asked the Ministry of Transport to work to achieve this as soon as possible.

I am expecting a revised GPS by the end of 2017, and this will be made available as an engagement draft for you all to consider in early 2018.

There are some priorities that may require more fundamental changes to the scope of the GPS, and also result in changes to local, regional and national planning processes. For example, exploring how rail investment is incorporated within the GPS and the National Land Transport Fund will be the focus of ongoing work.

The process for any fundamental changes to the scope of the GPS is still to be determined, but won’t form part of GPS 2018 that will be released next year.
I am conscious of the need to issue a GPS as soon as practicable, given its importance in influencing transport investment. To help you advance your RLTP development in advance of the GPS 2018 being released, I suggest you consider the areas of Government focus listed above to guide your thinking.

The importance of central and local government collaborating with regards to investment in our transport system cannot be understated and I look forward to working with you as we implement an integrated, multi-modal transport system.

Yours sincerely

Hon Phil Twyford
Minister of Transport
15 FEB 2018

Tena koutou,

As you know, the Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS) is central to investment decisions across the land transport system. It provides guidance on how over $3.5 billion of New Zealanders’ money is spent through the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) each year. It also provides signals for spending of a further $1 billion each year on land transport through local government investment. Through the GPS, the Government ensures that the revenue raised delivers the best possible land transport system (infrastructure and services) to support the needs of New Zealanders and the country’s economic growth and productivity.

In November 2017, when I wrote to you, I noted that work was underway to develop a new GPS 2018 and I indicated the new priority areas. We have been very conscious that the GPS is central to your planning, and the impact that investment direction in the GPS may have on your work.

I have asked officials to prepare a draft GPS for my consideration in late February 2018. This will enable engagement to begin in March 2018, for around a month.

This Government’s vision for transformation is considerable. Reflecting the scale of that transformation in this GPS was not going to be realistic within the time available. Fully reflecting our vision will be a longer term process that officials need to scope, and this will likely involve engagement with the sector later in the year.

In the meantime, and focusing on GPS 2018, I wanted to share some of the detail of what is likely to be in the engagement draft of this GPS, with the intention that this information will support your planning.

Firstly, we are retaining the current GPS framework – so the structure of the document will look familiar to you. It will continue to have strategic priorities, six objectives, themes, results, reporting, funding levels and activity class information.

Investment priorities will, however, change. From a strategic priority perspective, the GPS proposes investment to achieve a land transport system that:

- **is a safe system, free of death and serious injury** – New Zealand roads, speeds, vehicles and user behaviours are a long way from what is required to achieve our aim of a land transport system that is free of death and serious injury. There needs to be increased efforts across the system to significantly reduce death and serious injury on our roads

- **improves access to move towards more liveable cities and thriving regions** – the GPS focuses on how transport can enhance the well being of people and the environment and significantly shift to providing more investment in public transport, walking and cycling

- **ensures the land transport system enables better environmental outcomes** – we are committed to reducing carbon emissions from transport by substantially increasing the use of lower emission modes, such as walking and cycling.
providing frequent and affordable public transport, and supporting rail and sea freight. Lower emission transport options, like electric vehicles and bio-fuels, encourage efficient network and speed management is also key to this priority area

- **delivers the best possible value for money** - value for money in transport will deliver the right infrastructure and services to the right level at the best cost. This consideration needs to take into account the full range of benefits and costs over the whole of the life of the investments.

The draft GPS will also include themes. The themes include broad issues that support the effective delivery of the strategic priorities and objectives. The themes influence how the results should be delivered to ensure the best transport solutions for New Zealand are achieved. The following themes are likely to be included in the GPS engagement document:

- a mode neutral approach to transport planning and investment decisions
- incorporating technology and innovation into the design and delivery of land transport investment
- integrating land use and transport planning and delivery.

Currently, the funding information, including activity class funding ranges, are under development. I expect the ten activity classes in the current GPS are likely to remain the same. However, I am considering how signals for investment in mass transit can be provided, and a new activity class may be required. Activity class funding ranges are being reprioritised to reflect this Government’s priorities for transport and will be included in the draft GPS for engagement.

Following engagement, feedback will be considered and revisions made. In line with the Land Transport Management Act 2003, I intend to consult with the New Zealand Transport Agency Board, before releasing the final GPS before 30 June 2018.

I look forward to hearing your feedback following the release of the draft GPS. I hope these signals help you better understand the direction of GPS 2018 and help inform your planning.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Hon Phil Twyford
Minister of Transport
Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-2028
Hearings Committee

REPORTING TO:  Waikato Regional Council

CONSTITUTION:
One member from the RPTP Development Committee representing Waikato Regional Council and who shall be the Chair of the Hearings 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 Hearings Committee.

MEETING FREQUENCY:
As required following the ‘proposal’ of the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan (and after the public notification and submission period requirements have been met).

OBJECTIVE:
To consider the submissions received to the Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-2028

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY:

a) to consider all submissions received in respect of the Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-2028, including verbal presentations from submitters wishing to be heard, and

b) to report to the Waikato Regional Council on the decisions for submissions, including any amendments/changes to the Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-28

c) to recommend the final Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-2028 to the Waikato Regional Council for adoption.

POWER TO ACT:


2. To deliberate on the submissions received for the purpose of making recommendations (with reasons) to the Waikato Regional Council for adoption of the Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-2028 including any amendments/changes.
Attachment 5:

STATUTORY PLANNING PROCESS
HEARINGS COMMITTEES

HEARING PROCEDURES

1. Every person who has made a submission and stated that they wish to be heard, may speak either personally or be represented by legal counsel or any other authorised representative.

2. If any person wishes to give their written or spoken evidence in Maori, Waikato Regional Council needs to be informed of this at least five (5) working days before the hearing so that a qualified interpreter can be provided. Alternatively, an interpretation may be provided by the person giving the evidence at the hearing.

3. No cross examination is permitted.

4. Only the Chairperson or members of the Hearings Committee may ask questions of any person appearing/making a statement during the course of the hearing.

5. The Chairperson of the Hearings Committee may recall any person who has made a statement where considered appropriate to further clarify or elaborate on any matter raised in evidence.

6. The Chairperson of the Hearings Committee may, if it is considered that there is likely to be excessive repetition, limit the circumstances in which parties that have the same interest or stance on an issue may speak or give evidence in support.

7. The hearings will be held in public except where the Hearings Committee determines that the public should be excluded pursuant to one or more of the grounds specified in the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.