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

Date: 18 May 2018
Time: 1pm
Meeting Room: Council Chambers
Venue: Waikato Regional Council, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East

VRJ Payne
Chief Executive Officer

Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee
Agenda

Chairman
Cr R Rimmington
Deputy Chair
Cr H Vercoe

Members
Waikato Regional Council
Cr R Rimmington
Cr H Vercoe
Hamilton City Council
Cr D Macpherson
Cr L Tooman
Cr G Taylor (alt)
(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
C O’Keefe (alt)

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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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
                                       Cr D Fulton – Waikato District Council

NZ Transport Agency  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.

**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)

Meeting closed 1.21pm
Report to Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee

Date: 8 May 2018

Author: Lisette Balsom and Vincent Kuo, Senior Policy Advisors

Authoriser: Mike Garrett, Chief Financial Officer

Subject: Regional Public Transport Plan Review 2018

Section: A (For information)

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. Based on the strategic case put together from workshops in 2017-2018, 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 a draft RPTP discussion document for workshopping with stakeholders in the region.

4. This report provides detail on the following areas of work:
   - The RPTP draft discussion document
   - The timeline and next steps for the RPTP review

Staff Recommendation:

That the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee:


2. Endorses the RPTP draft discussion document for circulation and discussion with stakeholders in the region.
Background

5. 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.

6. 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 public consultation has occurred from 9 March to 9 April 2018.

RPTP draft discussion document

7. Following the RPTP Development Subcommittee’s consideration of the Strategic Case earlier in 2018, staff have prepared a discussion document which contains key relevant contents of the RPTP and shows how the RPTP will address the elements of the Strategic Case.

8. Waikato Regional Council is seeking feedback from key transport stakeholders and other partners on the discussion document. Over June 2018, Waikato Regional Council staff will undertake a roadshow to a number of territorial authorities and public transport operators in the region. The feedback will be used to assist in preparing the draft RPTP.

9. The purpose of the discussion document is to facilitate feedback from key stakeholders on matters that should be considered by Waikato Regional Council when preparing the RPTP. The discussion document is closely informed by the RPTP Strategic Case, and is the first part of the RPTP preparation process - the next phase will involve preparing a draft Plan, which will be issued for full public consultation in August 2018.

10. The RPTP draft discussion document will be circulated in advance of the meeting for Subcommittee consideration and endorsement.

11. Key points on the RPTP discussion document include:
   - The document anchors the outcomes of the RPTP Strategic Case, including the problems and benefits identified in relation to public transport in the region, and the strategic responses that will guide the development of the RPTP.
   - The document incorporates the proposed future direction for public transport in the region, outlining details on the direction set and how we will move the Waikato region towards that direction.
   - Section 5 covers the proposed integrated public transport network framework, and introduces:
     - A new network philosophy and key objectives
     - An integrated approach for the network design (layered service approach) with detail on service level guidelines and infrastructure requirements
     - Proposed future network concepts and the underpinning policies and actions.
   - Section 6 covers relevant operational policies that are proposed to be included in the RPTP:
     - Targeted services (including Total Mobility)
     - Fares, ticketing and farebox recovery
     - Information and promotion
     - Tendering and contracting
     - Monitoring and review

12. At the 18 May meeting, staff will introduce the key items in the discussion document for the Subcommittee’s discussion.

13. The discussion document also includes specific consultation questions which request feedback on:
• the Strategic Responses discussed, and in particular how these will contribute towards the long term vision
• how the needs of the transport disadvantaged are being considered in the RPTP
• the proposed layered service approach and the layers within the approach
• the infrastructure requirements for each service layer.

RPTP review timeframe

14. The next stages of the RPTP project are set out in the table below. Next Subcommittee meetings are 18 May 2018 (to review and discuss the RPTP discussion document prior to stakeholder engagement) and 30 July 2018 (to endorse the draft RPTP for recommendation to Strategy and Policy Committee for public consultation). Consultation on an updated RPTP will be from 15 August to 15 September 2018. RPTP Hearings and deliberations are scheduled for October 2018. 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)

15. The Government has recently released a draft of the new 2018 Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) for engagement with stakeholders.

16. The new GPS gives strong emphasis to road safety and access together with environmental outcomes and value for money. In respect to access (including public transport) the draft GPS confirms the following investment priorities:

• The GPS proposes investment to achieve a land transport system that:
  o *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
  o *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.

17. The Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) team have reviewed the draft RLTP taking into account the draft GPS. The RLTP team have concluded in their report to the 23 April Regional Transport Committee that
the RLTP stands in good stead with respect to the GPS, although some changes are required in part to
the RLTP which will be considered by the RLTP Hearings Committee at Deliberations on 25 May. The
direction from the RLTP and the advice on the new GPS have been incorporated into the RPTP draft
discussion document.

18. The Ministry of Transport have been consulting on the draft 2018 GPS Engagement document and have
run an information session in the Waikato on 17 April. The RPTP project team have reviewed the draft
GPS alongside the RLTP project team, and have provided content for the Regional Transport Committee
submission to the draft GPS. The RTC submission was lodged by the closing date of 2 May 2018.

19. The Draft GPS, under Section 2.6 notes that rail has an important role to play in reducing the reliance on
single occupancy vehicles. The draft GPS has included a new activity Class called Transitional Rail where
provision is made for rail funding. Wording in this section notes that GPS 2018 supports investment in
‘existing and new inter-regional commuter rail services including the implementation of trial interregional
rail commuter services to support housing and employment opportunities.’

20. In Table 3 of the Draft GPS Transitional Rail is defined as ‘Investment to support urban and interregional
rail services that assist passengers to access major employment and housing areas’. Under the definition
of the Public Transport activity class there is no reference to inter-regional public transport services.
Initial advice from officials is that the Transitional Rail activity class is earmarked for ‘below track’
infrastructure rather than a service operation.

21. The New Zealand Transport Agency recently released its draft Investment Assessment Framework for the
2018-21 National Land Transport Programme. Within this document, under the heading “Public
Transport, rapid transit and rail improvements indicates that “public transport improvements are a
component of the public transport activity class and includes new infrastructure and significant increases
in services not covered by the public transport continuous programmes”. The criteria also covers new
infrastructure for the new rapid transit and rail improvements activity classes.

22. On 27 April the NZ Transport Agency released its Draft Transport Agency Investment Proposal 2018-27
(TAIP). On page 21 of the TAIP it states that “The Transport Agency will consider proposals for inter-
regional commuter services (such as between Auckland and Hamilton, or Wellington and Palmerston
North) through the Public Transport activity class, subject to the usual requirements for business cases
that demonstrate strategic alignment and value for money. Funding ratios for these activities will be
considered alongside a wider review of options to support council to co-invest in priority public transport
projects and other local and regional activities.”

23. The NZ Transport Agency will provide an update and overview on these matters to the 18 May RPTP
Development Subcommittee.

Assessment of Significance

24. 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.

25. 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

26. 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

27. 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

28. The review of the Regional Public Transport Plan is at an important stage for discussion, direction and endorsement by the RPTP Development Subcommittee before the Plan is fully drafted. The project timeframe aligns 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.