
MINUTES
of the
**JOINT NELSON TASMAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT
COMMITTEE MEETING**
Komiti Te Kawenga Rohe o Nelson Tasman
held
12:30pm - Joint Speed Management Plan Deliberations,
Tuesday, 9 July 2024
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

The [video link](#) of this meeting is available on the Council's YouTube channel.

Present: **Tasman District Council:** Deputy Mayor S Bryant (Chair) and Councillor B Dowler and alternates Councillors C Butler and J Ellis

Nelson City Council: Mayor N Smith (Deputy Chair), Deputy Mayor R O'Neill-Stevens (via Zoom) and alternate Councillor J Hodgson

New Zealand Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) Representative:
Mr M Owen

In Attendance: **Tasman District Council:** Group Manager – Service and Strategy (J Ridd), Strategic Planning Manager (D Fletcher), Transportation Manager (J McPherson), Senior Infrastructure Planning Advisor – Transportation (B Rice), Transportation Planning Advisor (J Murray), Executive Assistant and Advisor to the Mayor (R Scherer) and Team Leader – Democracy Services (E Stephenson)

Nelson City Council: Transport Manager (M Parfitt), Team Leader – Transport Activity Management (L Hammond) and Transport Activity Manager (R Palmer)

Absent: **Nelson City Council:** alternate member Councillor M Courtney

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Chair, Deputy Mayor Stuart Bryant, opened the meeting and invited Strategic Planning Manager, Dwayne Fletcher, to offer the opening karakia.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

**Moved Councillor Dowler/Mayor Smith
NTRTC24-07-1**

That the late item, 7.1, Nelson Tasman Speed Management Plan Deliberations, be considered at today's meeting. In accordance with section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and Standing Order 9.12, the reason the item was not on the agenda is because the report was not ready in time and the reason that the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting is because the decision is time-bound.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Councillor Dowler/Mayor Smith
NTRTC24-07-2**

That the minutes of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Monday, 29 April 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

**Moved Councillor Dowler/Mayor Smith
NTRTC24-07-3**

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 30 April 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

**Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Mayor Smith
NTRTC24-07-4**

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Monday, 13 May 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

**Moved Mayor Smith/Councillor Dowler
NTRTC24-07-5**

That the confidential minutes of the Extraordinary Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Monday, 13 May 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Item 7.1 – Nelson Tasman Speed Management Plan Deliberations was accorded precedence.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Nelson Tasman Speed Management Plan Deliberations

Senior Infrastructure Planning Advisor – Transportation, Bill Rice, Transportation Planning Advisor, Jane Murray and Rhys Palmer presented the report, which was taken as read.

It was noted that the majority of the new speed limits would come into effect in mid-July 2025, except for Tasman District urban schools that would commence in 2026.

It was agreed that staff would provide e-maps to help demonstrate the speed limits changes when the recommendations were presented to the Joint Committee of Nelson City and Tasman District Councils on 23 July 2024.

Councillor Dowler noted that there were errors with the speed limit proposals for some streets in Motueka.

Action: Jane Murray to check the speed limit proposals for some streets in Motueka and report back to Councillor Dowler.

The motion was taken in parts.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Mayor Smith
NTRTC24-07-6**

That the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

- 1. receives the Nelson Tasman Speed Management Plan 2024 Deliberations report RNTTRTC24-07-2; and**
- 2. notes that a majority of submitters supported or strongly supported options A and 1 in the consultation material, indicating our communities want less ambitious speed limit changes; and**

3. notes the changing government direction for setting new speed limits which should also be considered alongside consultation feedback, and also supports undertaking fewer and less ambitious speed limit reductions; and
4. notes the risks around changes to the Draft Speed Rule, once finalised, and in particular the risk that all or some elements of the proposed speed limit changes may require re-consultation; and
5. agrees not to pursue urban option C and rural option 3, as proposed in the draft Nelson Tasman Speed Management Plan 2024, instead making speed limit changes around schools and other targeted changes as outlined in clause 6 of the resolutions; and

CARRIED

**Moved Councillor Dowler/Deputy Mayor Bryant
NTRTC24-07-7**

6. agrees to recommend speed limit changes for the following road classes:
 - (a) variable speed limits outside schools, as per table 1 of Attachment 2 to the agenda report with the exception of Cambridge Street (Richmond), Ellis Street (Brightwater), and Edward Street (Wakefield - between SH6 and Pitfure Street), which would all have permanent 30 km/h; and
 - (b) tortuous unsealed roads (to 60 km/h), as per table 2 of Attachment 2 to the agenda report; and
 - (c) rural residential/peri-urban roads (50 to 60 km/h) as per table 3 of Attachment 2 to the agenda report; and
 - (d) urban roads with no footpaths (to 30 km/h) as per table 4 of Attachment 2 to the agenda report; and
 - (e) specified high risk roads (to 80 km/h) as per table 5 of Attachment 2 to the agenda report; and
 - (f) on road sections of the Great Taste Trail - 60 km/h and 80 km/h depending on road), as per table 6 of Attachment 2 to the agenda report; and
 - (g) specific road list, as per table 7 of Attachment 2 to the agenda report and for 17 other roads that have the incorrect speed limit contained within the national speed register, as per table 2 of Attachment 2 to the agenda report; and
 - (h) Council operated carparks within Tasman (to 10 km/h); and
7. delegates authority to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee to approve changes to the Amended Nelson Tasman Speed Management Plan 2024 and Schedule of Speed Limit Changes as per clauses 5 and 6 of the resolutions, and for any minor editorial amendments, prior to being submitted to the Joint Committee of Nelson City and Tasman District Councils.

CARRIED

**Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Councillor Dowler
NTRTC24-07-8**

Recommendation to the Joint Committee of Nelson City and Tasman District Councils

That the Joint Committee of Nelson City and Tasman District Councils

- 1. approves the Amended Joint Nelson Tasman Speed Management Plan 2024 (Attachment 1 to the agenda report); and**
- 2. approves the Schedule of Speed Limit changes (Attachment 2 to the agenda report); and**
- 3. authorises the Chief Executive of each Council to approve, within their District:**
 - (a) minor corrections to the Schedule of Speed Limit Changes extents; or**
 - (b) changes to the implementation date in the Schedule of Speed Limit Changes as needed to account for New Zealand Transport Agency funding decisions or contractor roll out considerations; or**
 - (c) the removal of components of the Nelson Tasman Speed Management Plan 2024 that are inconsistent with the final Speed Rule and not able to be implemented following the introduction of the final Speed Rule; and**
 - (d) notifies the relevant elected members and the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee of any changes made under this delegation.**

CARRIED

7.2 Approval of Submission on the Draft Setting of Speed Limits Rule

Transportation Planning Advisor, Jane Murray, Senior Infrastructure Planning Advisor – Transportation, Bill Rice and Transport Activity Manager Rhys Palmer presented the report, which was taken as read.

After some discussion, the Committee agreed to amend the resolution to ensure that the submission it included commentary around:

- advocating for local decision-making
- a pragmatic de minimis for any cost benefit analysis
- a limit on how frequently Ministerial speed objectives can be changed
- that the overriding objective is to achieve a more stable and consistent regime for local authorities to administer speed limits.

Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Mayor Smith

NTRTC24-07-9

That the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

- 1. receives the Approval of Submission on the Draft Setting of Speed Limits Rule report RNTRTC24-07-1; and**
- 2. approves the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee submission to the Ministry of Transport on the draft Setting of Speed Limits Rule (Attachment 1 to the agenda report); and**
- 3. authorises the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee to make changes of a minor nature to the submission to the**

Ministry of Transport on the draft Setting of Speed Limits Rule, including the following changes:

- **advocating for local decision-making**
- **a pragmatic de minimis for cost benefit analysis**
- **the expansion of point 10**
- **if ministerial speed objectives are included, that there be a limit on how frequently they can be changed**
- **commentary that speed limits have become too polarised and contentious, that Council officials are struggling to administer the continuously changing rules from the previous and current governments, and urge that the overriding objective is to achieve a more stable and consistent regime for local authorities to administer speed limits.**

CARRIED

8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

Mr Fletcher offered the closing karakia and the meeting concluded at 2.23 pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 9 August 2024.

**Moved Mayor Smith/Deputy Mayor O'Neill-Stevens
NTRTC24-08-10**

That the minutes of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 9 July 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED