
MINUTES
of the
**JOINT NELSON TASMAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT
COMMITTEE MEETING**
Komiti Te Kawenga Rohe o Nelson Tasman
held
**9:32am - RLTP and RPTP Hearing, Wednesday, 20 March
2024**
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

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 – zoom) and Deputy Mayor R O’Neill-Stevens

NZTA Waka Kotahi Representative: Ms E Speight

In Attendance: **Tasman District Council:** Councillor (G Daikee), Group Manager – Services and Strategy (J Ridd), Democracy Services Advisor (K McLean) and Executive Assistant – Council Operations (G Drummond)

Nelson City Council: Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Transport Manager (M Parfitt), and Transport Activity Management (R Palmer)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

The Chair invited Group Manager – Services and Strategy, John Ridd to open the meeting with karakia.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Moved Councillor Dowler/Deputy Mayor O'Neill-Stevens
NTRTC24-03-1**

**That apologies from Councillors M Courtney and J Hodgson be accepted.
CARRIED**

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

**Moved Deputy Mayor O'Neill-Stevens/Councillor Dowler
NTRTC24-03-2**

That the confidential late item, 8.1, Public Transport Update - changes to service, 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 of staff resourcing constraints and the reason that the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting is because delaying the decision on the matters in the report means the proposed changes would not be able to take effect and, as a result, Nelson City Council would incur costs for approximately a month.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Councillor Dowler/Deputy Mayor O'Neill-Stevens
NTRTC24-03-3**

That the minutes of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 20 February 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2034 and Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2024-2034

An updated hearings schedule was tabled and is available on Council's website in the Minutes Attachment Document.

Submitter (32081): Allan Kneale and Gary Stocker – New Zealand (NZ) Automobile Association

Topic: Mr Kneale and Mr Stocker tabled speaking notes, that will be available on Council's website, in the Minute Attachments Document. They spoke to their submission regarding membership, priorities, resilient roads and road closures, weather events and their vision.

Questions and Responses: there were no questions.

Submitter (32051): Gillian Wratt – Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails

Topic: Ms Wratt spoke to the submission regarding the Great Taste Trail, the Coppermine Trail, their broader vision and opportunities for cycling and connectivity across the region.

Ms Wratt presented a PowerPoint presentation, that is available on the Council's website, in the Minutes Attachment Document.

Questions and Responses: there were no questions.

Submitter (32058): Dr Bruno Lemke and Alaine Meredith - Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust

Topic: Dr Lemke and Ms Meredith spoke to the submission regarding climate emissions, working together in the public transport space, initiatives and economic transport options.

Questions and Responses: there were no questions.

Submitter (32071): Mrs Sandra Hagler – did not attend.

Submitter (32052): Mr David Sisson – Waimea Inlet Forum Working Group

Topic: Mr Sisson spoke to the submission regarding the national importance for endangered and threatened plants, values, road contaminants, maintenance and operations, stormwater run offs, increased pollution contaminants and sea level rise and storms. Mr Sisson summarised the line item was funding and building resilience with the forces of nature, requesting that Council does not work against them.

Questions and Responses: Questions were asked regarding historical road run off contaminants - it was confirmed that there was no recent data on this.

Submitter (32082): Nicola Gausel and Dr Rachel Eyre – Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand

Topic: Nicola Gausel - Policy Advisor and Dr Eyre spoke to the submission regarding community well-being, protecting health and responsibilities under the Health Act, healthy environments, transportation and the important role this played in health and well-being, public transport advertising and greenhouse gases.

Questions and Responses: discussion was held around the Hope Bypass, Ms Gausel explained that they were working with NZTA Waka Kotahi on a social impact assessment and that they were wanting to have a strong health lens on this project to identify how it would impact the community.

Submitter (32059): Emily McDonald – Federated Farmers

Topic: Ms McDonald spoke to the submission, noting disappointment regarding the strong urban focus and missed rural sector, which they relied on heavily to get goods in and out through the roading network.

Questions and Responses: discussion and questions were held around routine maintenance, confirming that potholes were a continual issue and regular maintenance was fairly lean.

Submitter (32087): Jo Leyland

Topic: Ms Leyland tabled speaking notes that are available on Council's website, in the Minute Attachments Document.

Questions and Responses: discussion was held around the Tapawera bus service, Ms Leyland confirmed that to start with, it would run directly to Richmond.

Submitter (32085): Bevan Woodward – Bicycle Nelson Bays

Topic: Mr Woodward spoke to the submission noting key points around congestion, reduced free parking, priority lanes for buses, park and ride initiative and congestion charging.

Questions and Responses: discussion was held around:

- rapid transit - Mr Woodward confirmed that this was in relation to having a bus lane that would provide rapid transit and in the long term, light rail.
- The location of T-3 lanes – Mr Woodward confirmed this would use existing carparking between 7am-9pm and flush medians.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.02am and reconvened at 11.15am.

Submitter (32088): Jacinda Stevenson (Chair) and John Gilbertson (Deputy Chair) – Tahuna Business & Citizens Assn Inc

Topic: Ms Stevenson and Mr Gilbertson spoke to the submission noting improvement around accessibility and safety, Nelson Port growth, NZTA involvement, the Nelson waterfront, signage, improved safety and merge areas on road cycling paths at pinch points and the Hope Bypass being made a priority.

Ms Stevenson and Mr Gilbertson presented a PowerPoint presentation, that is available on the Council's website, in the Minutes Attachment Document.

Questions and Responses: discussion was held around Rocks Road being a long term sustainable option and whether a proposed pedestrian island by NZTA Waka Kotahi had community support, Ms Stevenson answered that in the plan she felt the inland route was prudent and a climate option that should be kept, and they were supportive/open to any refuge crossing points. She noted her only concerns would be currently having crossing points at lights and not closer to schools, she felt that these were urgently needed.

Submitter (32090): Peter Olorenshaw – Nelsust

Topic: Mr Olorenshaw spoke to the submission regarding the points noted in the submission around the Minister, the draft GPS, Nelson City Council's Climate Emergency Declaration, Shared Path Project, vision of an 'esplanade boardwalk' and 'integrated Richmond arterials project' and an urban speed limit of 30km.

Mr Olorenshaw presented a PowerPoint presentation, that is available on the Council's website, in the Minutes Attachment Document.

Questions and Responses: there were no questions.

Moved Councillor Dowler/Deputy Mayor O'Neill-Stevens

NTRTC24-03-4

That the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

- 1. receives the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2034 and Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2024-2034 Report; and**
- 2. receives the 76 submissions on the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2034 and Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2024-2034 contained in Attachment 1 to the agenda report; and**
- 3. notes that staff will prepare and circulate advice on the issues in a deliberations report to the deliberations meeting on 17 April 2024.**

CARRIED

Attachment 1 Tabled Hearing Schedule

Attachment 2 Tabled Speaking Notes - 32081 - Garry and Allan - New Zealand (NZ) Automobile Association

Attachment 3 PowerPoint Presentation -32051 - Gillian Wratt - Nelson Tasman Cycle Trust

Attachment 4 Tabled Speaking Notes - 32087 - Jo Leyland

Attachment 5 PowerPoint Presentation - 32088 - Jacinda and John - Tahuna Business & Citizens Assn Inc

Attachment 6 PowerPoint Presentation - 32090 - Peter Olorenshaw - Nelsust

7.2 Submission on the Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) 2024

Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis, and Transport Activity Manager, Rhys Palmer presented the report, noting that a key section of the delegations was inadvertently missed in the 'important considerations for decision making' table in the report and confirmed that the delegation sat with the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee.

Discussion was held around supporting Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ's) submission and caution was advised around amending the draft, due to the increased investment on rail.

NZTA Waka Kotahi Representative, Emma Speight, noted that NZTA Waka Kotahi would provide its own feedback and that she would abstain from voting.

Mr Palmer tabled minor changes to the draft submission, that are available on the Council's website, in the Minutes Attachment Document.

Agreed additional wording to be included in the draft submission:

- Third bullet point – moved to be first, as it had high significance to the Nelson Tasman community and added stronger and more enthusiastic language to reiterate significance.
- An additional bullet point - 'we are broadly supportive of the LGNZ submission, albeit, our region gets negligible benefit from rail and we believe that this needs to be taken into

account in prioritising other transport investments in our region.’

**Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Deputy Mayor O'Neill-Stevens
NTRTC24-03-5**

That the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

- 1. receives the report Submission on the Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) 2024; and**
- 2. approves the amended tabled draft submission from the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee to the Ministry of Transport, subject to amendments agreed at the meeting being included (noted in the minutes); and**
- 3. delegates authority to sign and approve minor changes to the submission on the Draft Government Policy Statement on Transport 2024 to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee.**

CARRIED

Attachment 1 Tabled Amended Nelson Tasman Joint RTC Draft GPS 2024 Submission

8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

8.1 Procedural motion to exclude the public

**Moved Deputy Mayor O'Neill-Stevens/Councillor Dowler
NTRTC24-03-6**

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

8.1 Public Transport Update - changes to service

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

CARRIED

RESTATEMENTS

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

8.1 Public Transport Update - changes to service

NTRTC24-03-7

That the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

4. agrees that the report and decision remain confidential.

The meeting concluded at 12:25pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 17 April 2024.

NTRTC24-04-8

That the minutes of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 20 March 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED