

Regional Transport Committee

Hearings were held in April, attended by myself, and the committee meeting was held on 8 June 2021. A full minuted document is available offline, as it ran to 117 pages and was too big to email.

Basically, the Regional Land Transport Plan was approved with amendments from the submissions.

A major issue was its compatibility with carbon reduction goals from Government and Climate Commission, and whether the plan would achieve these. This remains an issue.

The plan is also dependent on NZTA funding, Govt funding, and individual council funding partnerships.

Agenda was:

Regional Transport Committee

Tuesday 8 June 2021, 10.00am

Public Business

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1. Apologies
2. Conflict of interest declarations
3. Public participation
4. Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting on 9 February 2021
5. Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 Hearing Subcommittee meeting on 13 April 2021
6. Report of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 Hearing Subcommittee
7. Approval of the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2021
8. Submission to Waka Kotahi on Speed Limit Rule 21.183 195
9. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency update – June 2021
10. KiwiRail update June 2021 Oral report
11. Let's Get Wellington Moving update Oral report

Rimutaka Road Committee

This meets 6-monthly. Minutes from November are below.

Last meeting was 5th July, minutes to be forwarded as not arrived yet, but the agenda was:

- Explain role of RLT – Emma
- How we operate, GPS focus, etc
- Previous minutes/actions – Chair/Mark
- Road to Zero – philosophy explored - Emma
- M2C & Speed Review discussion/update – Nick/Ulvi
- Current Activities
- Town development(s)
- Highway matters eg ONF, CBD development, ped crossings, etc
- Wellington Transport Alliance – overview of outcomes & programme
- Other topics of interest?

Remutaka Transport Group & Waka Kotahi Regional Relationship Team meeting at UHCC

27 November 2020

Chair: Mayor SWDC – Alex Beijen

Mark Owen

Reason for convening a joint meeting - to focus on working together and building strong, collaborative relationships, for the benefit of:

- multi-modal travel, one transport system
- including road safety
- health, safety and resilience
- connectivity – Remutaka Hill, rail and road
- Council Activity Management Plans, how Waka Kotahi (NZTA) can help? (noting that original requests were significantly higher than previous years)

Wairarapa Issues – questions from Mayor Lyn Patterson

- Consultation on M2C - where is that at?
- Speed limits in the Wairarapa - where are we at with those, for all roads (including Local Rd's)?

Traffic Graphs (hard copies supplied by Waka Kotahi)

- Traffic flows: graphs show Annual Average Daily Traffic volumes (with some exceptions eg Waingawa Bridge site)

- Able to see Traffic Growth for regular traffic and Heavy Commercial Vehicles (HCV's)

Crash Statistics (hard copy of the 2019 Death & Serious Injury for all roads in Wellington Region)

- Request for a more detailed breakdown for local roads and by crash severity

Masterton to Carterton (M2C) engagement update:

- Engaged on three themes
- pedestrian crossings improvements on highways across Wairarapa
- Speed limit review Masterton to south of Featherston
- Masterton to Carterton safety improvements (2x roundabouts & median/side barriers)
- Engagement/feedback open until 4 Dec

Feedback to date: (snapshot)

- Roundabouts – good to go
- Support for lower speed limit M2C
- Clareville support for 80 km's or below
- Featherston, strong support for lower speeds
- Cycling – no plan for cycling discussed, cyclists feel their contribution to the process has not been taken into account
- Next steps is to consult on the speed limits proposed changes, M2C design and pedestrian crossing options, in early/mid 2021
- Council's want to work together on speed limit review across the entire Wairarapa road network and seek advice from WK on timing?

Outline of NZTA Activities

- Transport Services Operating Module, structural review

4 key points of contact for each region:

- Director Regional Relationships – Emma Speight
- System design Regional Manager
- Infrastructure Delivery Regional Manager
- Maintenance & Operations Regional Manager
- Effective from 2021

Waka Kotahi Investment Proposal (WKIP) has been sent to Councils for consultation – activities that WK propose for funding : both capital funding and maintenance

- Safety Activities now captured in one Activity Class

NZ Road Policing update – Matthew Fitzgerald

- COVID-19 impacting breath testing capability by Police due to rigorous cleaning regime. Any devices used need a minute after being wiped down before re-use.
- Highway patrol vehicles along the network – not branded
- Wgtn district traffic volumes around Christmas/New Year holiday period - how will COVID-19 impact transport to outlying areas, Wairarapa etc?
- Look to move police frn Mana/Kapiti area to Wairarapa over that period
- Peak times looking to be higher than normal traffic volumes

Carterton – Mayor Greg Lang

- Increase in volume of traffic through Carterton township, especially stop/start of heavy (noisy) vehicles
- At what point would volumes qualify for funding?
- WK indicated need a short, medium and long-term plan for transport system

Access onto Highway – Greytown

- Mayor Alex Beijen raised concerns about access onto SH 2 at the Humphries St intersection (main access to Woodside train station due to increasing traffic volumes)

SH 53 Waihenga Bridge

- RTG raised concerns about replacement of this bridge, both from walking/cycling perspective (ie 5 towns trail) and also difficulty with two opposing wide vehicles?

Cycleways

- Mayor Alex Beijen noted that maintenance/operating costs are around \$300K a year for SWDC and will go up with additional cycle-paths being built.
- WK indicated this funding should be included within AMP (maintenance) request

SH 2/Marchant Rd intersection

- Discussed concerns expressed about school bus access at this intersection
- Any further development will require significant upgrade on this intersection

Traffic Mgmt costs for Events where highway is closed

- Ensure any Santa parades etc off the state highway, to alleviate costs

Update on Remutaka Night closures for maintenance

- 2 out of 4 completed, weather has impacted work being done
- 2 more weeks of nights, early to mid-January, then March, 2 x 1-night closures

Wgtn Regional Leadership Committee

This is a new committee, with an initial meeting held to establish, and a first real meeting held 1 July. Agenda available in hard copy or online. Minutes to be tabled when received.

The first meeting was discuss how it was going to be effective, and started the discussion on transport and housing for the region.

Agenda was:

1. Apologies
2. Conflict of interest declarations
3. Public participation
4. Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee on 28 May 2021
5. Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee
6. Process for the appointment of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee deputy chairperson
7. 2021 and 2022 Wellington Regional Leadership Committee meeting schedule
8. Proposed amendments to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Agreement and Terms of Reference
9. Finalisation of the Wellington Regional Growth
10. Wellington Regional Growth Framework – three year work programme
11. Regional Economic Development Plan
12. Update on the establishment of the Secretariat, and potential agenda items for future meetings

Membership is:

Hon. Tracey Martin Chairperson

Mayor Anita Baker Porirua City Council

Mayor Campbell Barry Hutt City Council

Mayor Alex Beijen South Wairarapa District Council

Mayor Andy Foster Wellington City Council
Mayor Wayne Guppy Upper Hutt City Council
Mayor K Gurunathan Kāpiti Coast District Council
Mayor Greg Lang Carterton District Council
Mayor Lyn Patterson Masterton District Council
Council Chair Daran Ponter Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mayor Bernie Wanden Horowhenua District Council
Ministers of the Crown
Hon. Dr Megan Woods Minister of Housing
Hon. Michael Wood Minister of Transport
Iwi organisations
Daran Apanui Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust
Helmut Modlik Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc.
Huia Puketapu Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust
Di Rump Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Inc.
Cherie Seamark Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust

Wairarapa Committee

No meetings this year

Wairarapa Moana Governance Group

Previous minutes available online.

Discussion on restoration works, funding, issues and progress.

Membership:

Cr Adrienne Staples (Chair) Greater Wellington Regional Council
Cr David Lee Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mayor Beijen South Wairarapa District Council
Horipo Rimene (interim) Rangitāne o Wairarapa
Vacant Rangitāne o Wairarapa
Jack Mace Department of Conservation
Nelson Rangi Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa
Rawiri Smith Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa
Vacant Hapū representative
Wayne O'Donnell Ex Officio
Phil Teal Fish and Game (Observer status)

Agenda 27/07/21:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting of Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project Governance Group and Management Team held 23 April 2020 Pages 3 – 10
3. Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project MfE PWER Fund Annual Report 2020-21 Pages 11– 13
4. Request for proposal for the development of plans to support Project delivery to 2025 Verbal Update
5. MfE Deed Variation and finalising of Year 2 Annual Work Plan Verbal Update
6. General business
7. Ducks Unlimited – Wairio Wetlands Restoration Project Presentation
8. Pae tū Mōkai o Tauria – Restoration Projects update Presentation

All agendas and minutes of the meetings itemised above are available on request.

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