

**Report and Minutes of a Meeting of the
REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2014 commencing at 9.30 am**

Present

Councillors T M Sloan (Chairperson), G I T Evans and J C Leggett, and Mr P Hookham (New Zealand Transport Agency representative).

In Attendance

Mr M S Wheeler (Manager, Assets & Services Department), Mr J F Porter (Marlborough Roads), Mr S J Murrin (Marlborough Roads), Inspector S J Feltham and Senior Sergeant P I Payne (New Zealand Police), Mr H M Meyers (New Zealand Automobile Association), Mr G A Taylor (Road Transport Association), Mr H M MacFarlane (Marlborough Chamber of Commerce) and Mr M J Porter (Democratic Services Manager).

Apologies

Cirs Sloan/Leggett:

That the apologies for non-attendance from Clr B G Dawson, and Ms R Bleakley and Mr L Hammond (New Zealand Transport Agency) be received and sustained.

Carried

X.14/15.107 Introduction of Additional Items -

Cirs Evans/Leggett:

That the following additional item be considered for reason of the urgent nature of the business and insufficient time being available to include the item on the original Agenda.

In Open Meeting:

- **Hodder Bridge 2012-2015 Inclusion to the Marlborough Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP)**

Carried

**X.14/15.108 Hodder Bridge 2012-2015 Inclusion to the
Marlborough Regional Land Transport
Programme (RLTP) R800-007-02**

Frank Porter advised that the purpose of the report was to seek the committee's approval of inclusion of Hodder Bridge as a Structural Component Replacement in the 2012-2015 Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP).

It was reported that in December 2013, Council was forced to place a weight restriction on the Hodder Bridge to reduce vehicle loads to 70% Class I. This has been reported to the Assets and Services Committee. Council has various options to enable Class I vehicles to cross the Hodder River. These range from the ford (currently proving to be unreliable access and causing considerable frustrations to farmers carting stock) to a complete replacement of the Hodder Bridge. Costs for these options range from \$80,000 to \$2.4M.

The best considerable option is to restore the classification of the Hodder Bridge to 100%, the cost of which is \$1.2M. This involves strengthening the longitudinal stiffening beams. The B/C ratio is 3.1 for this option. Inclusion of this project by way of amendment to the current NLTP does not guarantee that the NZ Transport Agency will make 46% of the funding available under the Funding Assistance

Programme. If either the NZ Transport Agency or Council funding is not able to be gained, then Marlborough Roads will include the Hodder Bridge renewal in the 2015-2018 Regional Land Transport Plan.

Cirs Leggett/Evans:

That Hodder Bridge Renewal strengthening be included in the 2012-2015 Marlborough Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP).

Carried

X.14/15.109 Confirmation of Minutes D050-001-R01

Cirs Sloan/Evans:

That the minutes of the Marlborough Regional Transport Committee held on 20 June 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

X.14/15.110 NZTA Update R800-006-02

Peter Hookham spoke to the update report as included in the Agenda covering in broad terms Agency's News; Central Region Events; and National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

The report covered in detail updates on: Draft Government Policy Statement released by Ministry (*this will stay draft until November*); Investment Signals / Investment Assessment Framework (*this will be released next week*); FAR review further update (*Mark Wheeler advised that he is discussing this further with NZTA*); Safety: Working Together to Prevent Truck Rollover; Online innovations to improve 50MAX uptake; Safety: Crash Analysis Briefing Notes – Regional Supplement (*the separately attached report was noted*); Government \$212m package announced (*NZTA advised that a letter has been received from the Prime Minister's Office giving effect to this announcement*); Government \$100m Urban Cycling package announced (*more information to come on this later in the year*); Marlborough Regional Programme; and Marlborough Road Safety.

It was also noted that Raewyn Bleakley has been appointed to the position of Regional Director Central and will take up duties as from 6 October.

Cirs Sloan/Evans:

That the information be received.

Carried

X.14/15.111 The Draft State Highway Asset Management Plan R800-007-02

Frank Porter presented with the aid of a powerpoint presentation details of the draft State Highway Asset Management Plan (presentation filed in Trim – Record No. 14218363).

X.14/15.112 Draft Regional Land Transport Plan Development R800-007-02

The Chair spoke to the report as attached to the agenda (and also the separate attachment "Connecting the Top of the South – Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2021 (dRLTP)). The Chair advised that he had recently attended a Top of the South Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting with officials and that the draft Plan as attached was the result of numerous meetings of TAG. TAG has prepared a common dRLTP for use by each of the three Top of the South Unitary Authorities. The basis of a common dRLTP is intended as a compelling Top of the South "story" to justify activities we are promoting and should add weight to individual activities sought across the Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough Districts.

It was noted that a workshop will be held prior to the next meeting of the RTC in December.

**Cllrs Leggett/Evans:
That the information be received.**

Carried

The meeting closed at 10.45 am.

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