

**Report and Minutes of a Meeting of the
REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
held in the Kenepuru Room, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on FRIDAY 20 JUNE 2014 commencing at 12.00 midday**

Present

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

In Attendance

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

Apology

Cirs Leggett/Evans:

That the apology for non-attendance from Clr B G Dawson be received and sustained.

Carried

X.13/14.469 Confirmation of Minutes D050-001-R01

Cirs Sloan/Leggett:

That the minutes of the Marlborough Regional Transport Committee held on 14 March 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

X.13/14.470 NZTA Update R800-006-02

Jenny Chetwynd 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) in the Marlborough Region. Presentations on "One Network Road Classification (Building Blocks)" and "FAR Review Update" were made by the NZTA representatives. It was emphasised by the Committee that the Grove Road Bridge was an important issue – this will be a key part of the RLTP.

The report covered in detail updates on: The Future of Freight; TED Awards Recognises "Mistakes"; Expert Panel on Cycle Safety Established (*this will be brought back to the RTC*); One Network Road Classification (ONRC); FAR Review Update; New, Lower Road Safety Targets; Safer Speeds; NLTP Mid-Term Reports; Safety; National Land Transport Programme (*It was discussed that the front-end story of the RLTP should be the same across the Top of the South. It was further noted that Frank Porter has met with his counterparts in Nelson and Tasman and that a draft of the RLTP is proposed to be completed by 1 September and that a meeting of this Committee will be required before then*); State Highway Programme; and Changes to Funding Assistance Rates.

It was noted that the next meeting (13 September 2013) will have a safety theme running through reports. A question was raised regarding passing lanes of SH 1 and 6. Frank Porter is to report on this at the next meeting.

Cirs Leggett/Evans:

That the information be received.

Carried

**X.13/14.471 SH63 HPMV Inclusion to the Marlborough
Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP)
R800-007-02**

Frank Porter spoke to the Marlborough Roads report noting that the purpose of the report was to approval of the inclusion of SH63 as a part of a High Productivity Motor Vehicle (HPMV) route from Nelson – Blenheim via SH63 and specifically to enable the upgrade of Eve’s Creek Bridge to full HPMV capability.

In summary it was noted that the three year Marlborough RLTP was released in August 2012. The proposed variation is below any significance thresholds meaning the committee may vary the RLTP enabling a funding application to be made. This does not assure that funding will be approved. The likely construction cost for Eves Creek will be in the order of \$250,000 but will not be known until design work is undertaken.

Cirs Sloan/Evans:

That Eves Creek Bridge strengthening as part of the High Productivity Motor Vehicle (HPMV) route from Nelson – Blenheim via SH63 be included in the Marlborough Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP).

Carried

It was noted that Jenny Chetwynd has been promoted within NZTA and that this was her last Marlborough RTC meeting. Congratulations were extended to Jenny.

The meeting closed at 1.55 pm.

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