

Confirmed Public minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting on Tuesday 8 June 2021

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 10am.

Members Present

Councillor Staples (Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Councillor Ponter (Deputy Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Mayor Baker (Teams, until 10.39am)	Porirua City Council
Mayor Beijen	South Wairarapa District Council
Councillor Cootes (Teams)	Kāpiti Coast District Council
Councillor Dyer	Hutt City Council
Mayor Foster (from 10.03am)	Wellington City Council
David Gordon	KiwiRail
Mayor Lang (Teams)	Carterton District Council
Councillor Leggett (Teams, from 10.39am)	Porirua City Council
Mayor Patterson (Teams)	Masterton District Council
Emma Speight	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
Deputy Mayor Swales	Upper Hutt City Council

Mayors Baker, Lang and Patterson, and Councillors Cootes and Leggett, participated at this meeting remotely, and counted for the purposes of quorum, in accordance with Clause 25B of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Mayor Beijen / Emma Speight

That the Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Mayors Barry and Guppy and early departure from Mayor Baker.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

Emma Speight, declared a conflict of interest with regard to item 8 (Submission to Waka Kotahi on Speed Limit Rule – Report 21.183) and advised she would abstain from voting.

3 Public participation

Felicity Wong, Wellington's Character, spoke on Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's One Network Framework Classification and the general role of the Committee regarding section 16 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003

Mayor Foster arrived at the meeting at 10.03am, during public participation.

4 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting on 9 February 2021 - Report 21.50

Moved: Cr Ponter / Emma Speight

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting on 9 February 2021 - Report 21.50.

The motion was **carried**.

5 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 Hearing Subcommittee meeting on 13 April 2021 – Report 21.147

Moved: Deputy Mayor Swales / Mayor Beijen

That the Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 Hearing Subcommittee meeting on 13 April 2021 – Report 21.147, as corrected.

The motion was **carried**.

6 Report of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 Hearing Subcommittee – Report 21.175

Amy Helm, Senior Strategic Advisor, spoke to the report.

Moved: Emma Speight / Deputy Mayor Swales

That the Committee:

- 1 Approves the recommended amendments to the draft Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 agreed by the Subcommittee as outlined in Attachment 1.
- 2 Requests officers to report back to the 7 September 2021 Regional Transport Committee meeting with options for monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2021.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Approval of the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 – Report 21.203

Amy Helm, Senior Strategic Advisor, spoke to the report. An updated attachment and recommendations were tabled.

Moved: Cr Ponter / Mayor Beijen

That the Committee:

- 1 Notes changes advised by Approved Organisations post-hearing as set out in paragraphs 7 to 10.
- 2 Approves the inclusion of the new activities: SH1 Resilience – Ngauranga to Airport activity submitted by Waka Kotahi, and Wellington City Activity Management Plan activity submitted by Wellington City Council.
- 3 Approves the inclusion of the increased walking and cycling programme submitted by Wellington City Council as decided at their meeting of 27 May 2021 and set out in Wellington City Council Updated Walking and Cycling Programme Attachment 1.
- 4 Agrees to Wellington City Cycleway being placed at 38 in the priority order of significant activities and Accelerated Cycleway Programme being placed at 39 in the priority order of significant activities.
- 5 Approves the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 (Attachment 2), including post-hearing changes and amendments recommended by the Regional Land Transport Plan Hearing Subcommittee, subject to the incorporation of the updated walking and cycling programme (Attachment 1) and consequential changes.
- 6 Recommends to Greater Wellington Regional Council that it adopts the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2021.
- 7 Delegates to the Chair of the Regional Transport Committee and Chief Executive of Greater Wellington the ability to make minor editorial changes to the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 prior to its consideration by Greater Wellington Regional Council to correct errors and improve public understanding.
- 8 Approves the updates to the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 to reflect the recent government announcement on NZ Upgrade programme, as required.

The motion was **carried**.

8 Submission to Waka Kotahi on Speed Limit Rule – Report 21.183

Grant Fletcher, Regional Transport Manager, spoke to the report.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Swales/ Cr Dyer

That the Committee:

- 1 Agrees to the content of the Committee's submission on the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits (Attachment 1).

- 2 Delegates to the Committee Chair authority to make any minor amendments to the Committee's submission prior to its lodgement.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Emma Speight, having earlier declared a conflict of interest, did not take part in the debate and abstained from voting on the motion.

Mayor Baker left the meeting at 10.39am. Councillor Leggett assumed the seat on Mayor Baker's departure.

9 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Update – June 2021 – Report 21.237 [For Information]

Emma Speight spoke to the presentation.

Moved: Mayor Patterson / Cr Cootes

That the Committee requests that the Committee Chair write to the Minister of Transport to raise concerns on the level of funding for local territorial authority roads.

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: Emma Speight requested that her abstention on the above motion be recorded.

10 KiwiRail update June 2021 – Oral report

David Gordon spoke to a presentation which included updating the Committee on progress of overhead line replacements for the Kāpiti Line (completed) and the Hutt Valley Line from Petone to Upper Hutt and to Melling (both near completion). Piling on the Johnsonville line has been completed and a ten day shutdown has been scheduled for the October school holidays to undertake wiring.

The work to complete the installation of 9.5km of new overhead lines at Wellington Station junction was completed during the shutdown over the 2020/2021 Christmas holiday period.

Track work is being progressively renewed in Wellington Station with three of the nine tracks completed. The major part of sleeper replacements is being undertaken on the Wairarapa Line with one third completed to date. Forty kilometres of drainage and vegetation clearing on the tracks has been completed.

The laying of the new double track from Trentham to Upper Hutt is completed with the underpass at Trentham due to be completed by mid-June 2021.

An Indicative Business Case for resignalling and automatic train protection will be submitted to Waka Kotahi in July 2021 for consideration for approval for funding.

The Wellington Railway Station Safety Improvements includes track rearrangements and a reduction in numbers of empty (trains) relay movement during peak hours to enable growth in user numbers on commuter trains and provide more efficient services which are currently slowed down by regulator-imposed speed restrictions. The completion of this

work will see the exit of the 1930's current systems and provide future-proofing benefits for all users.

The Capital Connection upgrade of carriages will be undertaken at Woburn and will be in service by the end of 2022 or early 2023. The upgrade will be to the same specifications and quality as the new Te Huia trains from Hamilton to Auckland.

The 3-year Rail Network Investment Programme (RNIP) for the rail network is in the final stages of the development and approval process. KiwiRail has worked with the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and the Greater Wellington Rail Team related to input into the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP). Work is continuing with Greater Wellington in terms of setting the framework for managing the Wellington network over the next three years with Ministry of Transport and Waka Kotahi involvement related to the operational policy that supports new planning and the funding system.

11 Let's Get Wellington Moving update – Oral report

David Dunlop, Acting Project Director, spoke to the presentation and outlined the new programme leadership roles. Since the last Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) update councils in the Wellington Region have been visited and briefed on a number of impacts on the programme.

There are four areas of focus – Governance, Programme (Initial focus and Future Delivery Structure), People and Culture, and Systems and Processes. A workshop reviewed existing objectives and amended 'Liveability' to reflect urban amenity and urban development, incorporate carbon emissions and propose objective weightings. Documentation is being prepared for consideration of the amended objectives by Greater Wellington, Wellington City Council and Waka Kotahi.

Mr Dunlop outlined the three-year delivery programme, which will provide opportunities for early signals on mode-shift and carbon reduction, kick-start the central city regeneration and improve safety for all users. The risks identified will range from managing diverse views (e.g. parking removal, impact on private vehicles), to timely approvals from all partners and sector capacity.

The wider programme incorporates, Mass Rapid Transit, Strategic Highway improvements, City Streets and Travel Demand Management with the next steps being funding and affordability discussions, shortlisting technically preferred options, and programme report and public engagement later in 2021. Central city pedestrian improvements and the Cobham crossing/State Highway 1 speeds are both scheduled to commence later in 2021.

The public meeting closed at 11.49am.

Councillor A Staples

Chair



Date:

26 May 2022