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Confirmed Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington on Tuesday 18 June at 10:00am.

Present

Cr Barbara Donaldson (Chair)	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Cr Calvi-Freeman	Wellington City Council
Mayor Guppy	Upper Hutt City Council
Mayor Gurunathan	Kapiti Coast District Council
Mayor Napier	South Wairarapa District Council
Mayor Patterson	Masterton District Council
Mayor Tana	Porirua City Council

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved

(Mayor Napier/ Cr Calvi-Freeman)

The Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Mayor Booth, Mayor Gurunathan, Councillor Laidlaw, Emma Speight and Mayor Wallace.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2 Conflict of Interest declarations

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 **Public Participation**

Ken McAdam, Chair of the Pauatahanui Residents Association, spoke to Item 7 on the agenda - *NZTA update*.

Geordie Cassin, Chair, AA Wellington District Council and Alex Gray, Vice Chair, AA Wellington District Council, spoke to Item 7 on the agenda - *NZTA update*.

4 **Confirmation of the minutes of 9 April 2019**

Moved

(Mayor Patterson/ Mayor Napier)

That the Committee confirms the minutes of 9 April 2019, Report 19.146.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

5 **Emerging transport issues in Horowhenua District and Collaboration opportunities in the Wellington Region (oral item)**

Cynthia Ward, Principal Policy Advisor, Horowhenua District Council, updated the Committee on Integrated Transport Planning: Emergent transport issues and opportunities for collaboration with Wellington Regional Council. She updated the Committee on the Horowhenua Integrated Transport Strategy (HITS) project, discussed the importance of the Capital Connection and the reasons why the Committee needs to 'Mind the Gap' in Horowhenua, to keep Wellington moving. The Ōtaki to north of Levin project was discussed in detail and the issues created by its delay, such as safety and a lack of resilience, and the impacts for the Wellington Earthquake Response. Also the impacts that are caused to freight traffic by not having this road were discussed.

6 **Development of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021**

Helen Chapman, Senior Strategic Advisor, spoke to the report.

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Moved

(Mayor Napier/ Mayor Tana)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Agrees the high level approach and structure for the Regional Land Transport Plan set out in section 5 Proposed Approach to RLTP 2021, including the early release of the strategic framework and investment priorities to drive programme development.*

3. *Agrees the high level process for the development of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021, as set out in section 6 Proposed process and timeframes, and section 7 Engagement.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

7 **NZTA Update (oral)**

Mark Owen, Regional Performance Manager, NZTA, provided an update to the Committee, both a general overview and information more specific to the Wellington Region. NZTA has been working through prioritising funding for the programmes and projects that best align to the Government Policy Statement priorities. Due to the large increases in construction costs for new projects but also for projects that are currently underway, NZTA is experiencing the highest ever pressure on their funding allocations.

In May and June NZTA met with local government partners to discuss National Land Transport Plan funding for their region. NZTA is aiming to be more up front and transparent. Currently they are undertaking a review of the Investment Decision Making Framework; this has been prompted by the 2018 Government Policy Statement on Land Transport which has more emphasis on social, economic and environmental outcomes.

NZTA is also currently working to improve their Business Case Approach to help streamline their decision making. Due to efficiency improvements made last year about 55% of all council capital improvements, as well as core programmes such as public transport and road maintenance and operations, provided they are supported by a Regional Land Transport Plan or an Activity Management Plan, will not require further business case activity. They are retraining staff so they can work with the new process.

Road safety remains the number one priority; NZTA is trialling enhanced incident response with a new response vehicle and two trucks positioned at the Ngauranga Gorge Interchange. This will be able to deal with small breakdowns and minor crashes; this capability currently exists in Auckland.

8 **Let's Get Wellington Moving update (oral)**

Luke Troy, General Manager, Strategy, advised that reports will go to the respective councils, (Wellington City Council on 25 June 2019 and Greater Wellington Regional Council 26 June 2019) for their endorsement. The next phase of the programme will be a detailed business case and design. The delivery vehicle for Let's Get Wellington Moving will be formalised in its structure to deliver planning and business cases in an integrated way. The shape of the programme is being planned and a Programme Director is being appointed.

Speeds in the central city are being reviewed. Within the next two years decisions will be made on the Basin Reserve, walking and cycling improvements, mass transit route and move, the overall planning of the programme and the order of projects, the second Mt

Victoria tunnel and the investigation of the demand management and pricing tools completed.

The meeting closed at 11:45am.

B Donaldson
(Chair)

Date: