
MINUTES
of the
**JOINT NELSON TASMAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Komiti Te Kawenga Rohe o Nelson Tasman
held

9:32am, Wednesday, 17 April 2024

at

Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: **Tasman District Council:** Deputy Mayor S Bryant (Chair) and Councillor B Dowler and alternates Councillors C Butler and J Ellis

Nelson City Council: Mayor N Smith (Deputy Chair) and Deputy Mayor R O'Neill-Stevens (Zoom) and alternate Councillor M Courtney

NZTA Waka Kotahi Representative: Ms E Speight

In Attendance: **Tasman:** Councillor (G Daikee), Group Manager – Services and Strategy (J Ridd), Group Manager - Community Infrastructure (R Kirby), Strategic Planning Manager (D Fletcher) (Zoom), Transportation Manager (J McPherson), Team Leader – Democracy Services (E Stephenson) and Democracy Services Advisor (K McLean)

Nelson: Deputy Chief Executive/Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Transport Manager (M Parfitt) and Transport Activity Manager (R Palmer)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Councillor Butler opened the meeting with karakia.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Councillor Dowler/Councillor Courtney

NTRTC24-04-1

That the apologies from Mayor N Smith for lateness and Councillor J Hodgson for absence be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Councillor Dowler/Ms Speight

NTRTC24-04-2

That the minutes of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 20 March 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Dowler/Ms Speight

NTRTC24-04-3

That the confidential minutes of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 20 March 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Public Transport Expenditure

Transport Managers, Margaret Parfitt and Jamie McPherson presented the report. Ms Parfitt noted that no officer wants to bring an overspend report to Council for retrospective approval, but highlighted the new successful Ebus service, noting that patronage growth had exceeded expectations, officer learnings in the public transport space, subsidy rate difference, Council contributions, itemised overspend (including where it had occurred) and predicted shortfall.

Mayor N Smith joined the meeting at 9:47am.

Ms Parfitt and Mr McPherson answered questions regarding concerns with overrun costs, budget projections and potential areas of savings. NZTA/Waka Kotahi's share was confirmed as 51%, but it was noted that this still had to be approved. In order to reflect this discussion and concerns, it was agreed that clause 4 be added to the recommendation to request a workshop and further report.

Action: Ms Parfitt to circulate the current projection overrun for 2024-2025 and additional budget requested through the LTP.

Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Mayor Smith

NTRTC24-04-4

That the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

- 1. receives the Public Transport Expenditure report; and**
- 2. supports the increased Public Transport revised forecast for 2023/24 for the reasons as detailed in Report (R28356); and**
- 3. approves for submission to the Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council, for their local shares respectively, for the increased expenditure following forecasts for 2023/24 on the public transport roll-out; and**
- 4. requests a workshop on 3 May 2024 and a future report from officers regarding public transport budget projections and potential areas for savings for the next three years in anticipation of each Council's Long Term Plan deliberations.**

Recommendation to Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council

That the Nelson City Council

- 1. approves retrospectively additional unbudgeted funding of \$582,000 (being local share) to cover the public transport financial shortfall for the 2023/24 financial year following revised forecast and final costs to give effect to the successful roll-out to the new ebus public transport service.**

That the Tasman District Council

- 1. approves retrospectively additional unbudgeted funding of \$180,000 (being local share) to cover the public transport financial shortfall for the 2023/24 financial year following revised forecast and final costs to give effect to the successful roll-out to the new ebus public transport service.**

CARRIED

8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

The meeting concluded at 11:03am

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 29 April 2024.

NTRTC24-04-5

That the minutes of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 17 April 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED