

**Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting
Held on 13 February 2024 from 1.00pm to 1.45pm, at Auckland Transport,
20 Viaduct Harbour (1.04) | MS Teams**

Committee Members:	Richard Leggat (Chair), Mark Darrow, Raveen Jaduram, Henare Clark, Councillor Andrew Baker, Councillor Chris Darby, Gwyneth McLeod (KiwiRail)
Executive Leadership:	Dean Kimpton (Chief Executive) Items 1 - end
Management Attendees:	Dan Marsh (RLTP Project Manager) Items 1 - end Hamish Bunn (GM Transport System Strategy & Policy) Items 1 - end Andrew Downie (Head of Governance) Items 1 - end Kieran Burns (Committee Secretary) Items 1 - end Liza Hayes (Board Secretariat) Items 1 - end
Apologies:	Nicole Rosie

Item	Topic
Opening	
1.	Welcome/Acknowledgements The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting.
2.	Opening Karakia The Chair led the opening karakia.
3.	Apologies Nicole Rosie.
4.	Interest Register - Declarations/Conflicts No new interests or conflicts were reported.
5.	Approval of Draft Minutes – 28 November 2023

	<p>The Regional Transport Committee (committee) approved the minutes from the meeting held on 28 November 2023.</p> <p>Moved: Mark Darrow, Seconded: Raveen Jaduram. Carried.</p>
6.	<p>Action Register</p> <p>2023Nov01: Review the governance and consultation requirements for the Regional Land Transport Plan and report back to the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Downie advised this item is being dealt with at today's meeting and recommended it could be marked as complete pending the item being successfully covered at the meeting.
Items for Noting	
7.	<p>Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) process update</p> <p>Mr Downie introduced the report.</p> <p>He noted the purpose of the report was to update the committee on the RLTP process and to outline the complexities caused by a delay in the drafting of the Government Policy Statement (GPS).</p> <p>Mr Bunn noted the statutory deadline for the approval of the RLTP is 30 June 2024. He noted the delays to the GPS will mean that AT cannot complete the full consultation for the RLTP until approximately late July or early August. He noted while AT could choose to speed up the consultation process by taking a condensed governance approach, this option was not supported by the Design and Delivery Committee (DDC).</p> <p>Mr Bunn noted there are funding risks associated with the RLTP, such as whether funding from New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) will match the expected level of increased funding from Auckland Council. He noted the new Government's increased focus on national projects means there is a risk that NZTA funding will be diverted from regional projects to national projects.</p>



The Chair queried the estimated potential shortfall of funding from NZTA. Mr Bunn noted that certainty about the levels of funding received from NZTA will only come following government guidance.

Mr Darrow queried whether there is any risk of AT losing significant projects to NZTA (such as the Eastern Busway) following the expected removal of the Regional Fuel Tax. Mr Bunn noted there is some risk and that this will need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Mr Leggat queried whether management has received sufficient direction from the Auckland Transport Board (board) regarding priorities and the ranking approach utilised for preparation of the RLTP. Mr Bunn noted the board has provided adequate direction, particularly around the need to prioritise renewals and committed projects. He noted the board may need to give further guidance once the GPS is finalised.

Mr Darrow noted this is the first RLTP for many committee members and asked management to provide an overview of the RLTP process. Mr Bunn noted the purpose of RLTP is to provide a mechanism to align regional and national priorities in a single document and guide integrated land transport planning and investment within the Auckland region. He noted development of the RLTP must be done jointly with Auckland Council but that final approval of the RLTP resides with the board.

Councillor Darby noted AT can improve its ability to outline to NZTA the interplay between the funding required from NZTA for local roads and national roads. Mr Bunn agreed with this statement.

Mr Downie asked Mr Bunn if he would provide the committee with an overview of the level of engagement planned with mana whenua during the RLTP preparation process. Mr Bunn noted management has already undertaken significant amounts of consultation with mana whenua including a series of hui and noted the forthcoming engagement with Iwi Rangatira at the 26 March 2024 committee meeting. The Chair emphasised the importance of ensuring sufficient early consultation with mana whenua during the RLTP preparation process.

The committee:

- a) Noted the Regional Land Transport Plan process update.

Moved: Richard Leggat, Seconded: Mark Darrow.
Carried.

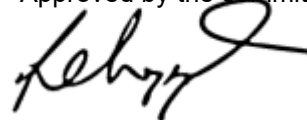
General

8. **Closing Karakia**

The Chair led the closing karakia.

Next meeting: 27 February 2024

Approved by the committee as a true reflection of the meeting proceedings.



Richard Leggat
Committee Chair

