

Regional Transport Committee

Terms of Reference

Membership

The committee comprises two (2) councillors (as Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson) plus ten (10) appointed members representing the following interests:

1. Far North District Council
2. Whangarei District Council
3. Kaipara District Council
4. New Zealand Transport Agency
5. Cultural Interests
6. Environmental Sustainability
7. Economic Development
8. Access and Mobility
9. Safety and Security
10. Public Health

Terms of Membership

Should any member appointed to represent an outside organisation or group be absent without prior leave from two consecutive meetings of the committee, that person's appointment is automatically terminated.

Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the committee, the Democracy and Legal Services SPM shall report this to the next meeting of the council for determination as to whether or not the nominating organisation or group is to be invited to nominate a replacement.

Members of the committee representing outside organisations or groups, are expected to regularly report back to their nominating organisation on matters discussed at committee meetings.

Voting Rights

Members of the committee who do not represent an approved organisation as defined under the Land Transport Management Act 2003, have full speaking rights but may not vote on the preparation or approval of the Regional Land Transport Programme.

At any meeting of the committee, the Chair, or any other person presiding at the meeting, has a deliberate vote, and in the case of an equality of votes, does not have a casting vote (and therefore the act or question is defeated and the status quo is preserved). This is a requirement of the Land Transport Management Act and therefore takes precedence over council's standing orders.

Functions

1. To prepare for approval by the Regional Council:
 - a) a Regional Land Transport Strategy for the Northland region, or any variations to the strategy or any reports on the strategy prepared under the Act;
 - b) a Regional Land Transport Programme for the Northland region, or any variations to the programme prepared under the Act;
 - c) a regional fuel tax scheme for the Northland region if the Regional Transport Committee decides to recommend a scheme;
 - d) a Regional Public Transport Plan, or any variations to the plan prepared under the Public Transport Management Act; and
 - e) to provide the Regional Council with any advice and assistance the Regional Council may request in relation to its transport responsibilities.
2. To adopt a policy that determines significance in respect of variations made to the Regional Land Transport Programme and the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
3. To regularly monitor and review progress towards the adoption and implementation of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.
4. To regularly monitor the implementation of the Regional Land Transport Programme.
5. To monitor and review any regional fuel tax scheme approved for the region.
6. To approve procedures and requirements for implementing the council's public passenger transport service registration functions under the Transport Services Licensing Act.
7. To advise the council on any significant legislative changes, programmes, plans or reports relating to the region's land transport system.
8. To liaise with Ministry of Transport, New Zealand Transport Agency, the Commissioner of Police, District Councils, and other interests on land transport matters, and advise the council on appropriate new initiatives.
9. To regularly monitor and review progress towards the performance targets and outcomes relative to land transport contained in the current Long Term Plan and Annual Plan.

Delegated Authority – Power to Act

1. Does not have the powers of council to act in the following instances as specified by Clause 32 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002:
 - a) make a rate;
 - b) make a bylaw;
 - c) borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than that in accordance with the current Long Term Plan or Annual Plan;
 - d) adopt a Long Term Plan, or Annual Plan, or Annual Report;
 - e) appoint a Chief Executive; or
 - f) adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under this Act in association with a Long Term Plan or developed for the purpose of the Local Governance Statement.
2. Does have the ability to appoint subcommittees to deal with any matters of responsibility within the committee's Terms of Reference and areas of responsibility, and to make recommendations to the committee on such matters. (Any subcommittee shall not have power to act other than by a resolution of the committee with specific limitations where there is urgency or special circumstance.)
3. Does have the ability to make decisions in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

Power to Act (for the information of council)

1. To prepare an annual report on the Regional Land Transport Strategy and Regional Land Transport Programme.
2. To co-ordinate regional road safety activities.
3. To monitor transport activities of the Regional Council, Territorial Authorities and New Zealand Transport Agency in order to report on progress of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Power to recommend to council

1. To prepare and recommend the Regional Land Transport Strategy, Regional Land Transport Programme and Regional Public Transport Plan. To consider and recommend transportation planning studies and associated outcomes.
2. To provide recommendations to relevant Government agencies on transport priorities and the allocation of national regional transport funds.