

MINUTES OF THE NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY BOARD TELECONFERENCE

HELD ON FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2009

Approved by the Chair	_____
Date	____/____/____

PRESENT:

Brian Roche

Christine Caughey

Grahame Hall

Alick Shaw

Garry Moore

Paul Fitzharris

Bryan Jackson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Geoff Dangerfield

Cate Quinn

Ernst Zollner

Sarah Mayne

1. Apologies

No apologies were received

2. Declarations of Interest

No new declarations or conflicts of interest were declared.

Minutes

1c Accelerated State Highway Projects

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board:

- a. **notes** that the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), in its Briefing to the Incoming Minister, proactively provided the Minister with suggestions for projects to accelerate as part of a possible fiscal stimulus package, which included Victoria Park tunnel;
- b. **notes** that Cabinet has agreed to provide \$142.4 million in additional funding (from 2008/2009 to 2010/2011) to the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) to accelerate the following six state highway activities to provide a short term regional economic stimulus:
 - i. Small and medium sized state highway projects and pavement renewals;
 - ii. SH25 Kopu Bridge Replacement;
 - iii. SH2 Rimutaka Corner Easing (Muldoon's);
 - iv. SH2 Matahorua Gorge Realignment;
 - v. SH50 Hawke's Bay Expressway Southern Extension; and
 - vi. SH73 Christchurch Southern Motorway Extension;
- c. **notes** that funding to accelerate these projects is being provided as a new appropriation in Vote Transport for "Accelerated State Highway Construction";
- d. **notes** that, if approved, the above projects will be listed in the RLTPs and the NLTP as *committed works*;

Small and medium sized projects and pavement renewals

- e. **approves** \$100 million in additional funding for the NZTA's small and medium sized state highway projects and pavement renewals programme from 2008/2009 to 2010/2011;

Muldoon's Corner

- f. **approves** funding for the construction of the NZTA's State Highway 2 Rimutaka Corner Easing (Muldoon's) project, at a total estimated cost of \$16.50 million from R funds;
- g. **notes** that the 95th percentile construction cost is estimated at \$20 million and the 5th percentile at \$14 million;
- h. **notes** the reasons for this decision are as set out in the Reasons for recommendation section in Attachment A;

Matahorua Gorge

- i. **approves** funding for the final design and construction of the NZTA's SH2 Matahorua Gorge Realignment project, at an estimated cost of \$31.71million from R funds;
- j. **notes** that the 95th percentile construction cost is estimated at \$35 million and the 5th percentile at \$28 million;
- k. **notes** the reasons for this decision are as set out in the Reasons for recommendation section in Attachment B;

Kopu Bridge

- l. **agrees** to vary the NZTA's Land Transport Programme by advancing construction of the Kopu Bridge Replacement project and approves its addition to the 2008/2009 NLTP;
- m. **approves** funding for the construction of the NZTA's Kopu Bridge Replacement (SH25) project, at an estimated cost of \$57.70 million from N funds;
- n. **notes** that the 95th percentile has been estimated at \$65 million and the 5th percentile at \$52 million;
- o. **endorses** the associated projects in the Kopu Bridge replacement package, comprising the NZTA's SH26 Kirikiri Stream Bridge replacement project and Thames-Coromandel District Council's Kopu Access Road, at an approximate additional cost of \$10 million;
- p. **notes** the reasons for this decision are as set out in the Reasons for recommendation section of Attachment C;

Christchurch Southern Motorway Extension

- q. **notes** that the funding for construction of the SH73 Christchurch Southern Motorway Extension was approved at the November 2008 Board meeting (Board paper 08/11/0083 refers);

Hawke's Bay Expressway Southern Extension

- r. **notes** that the funding for the design of SH50A Hawke's Bay Expressway Southern Extension was approved at the Land Transport NZ September 2007 Board meeting (Board paper 07/09/2072) and that an application for funding its construction is expected to be considered at the Board's March 2009 meeting; and
- s. **agrees** to take Board paper 09/02/0157 out of Committee when the Board has published its decision.

Brian Roche / Garry Moore