

MINUTES OF THE NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2009

IN THE NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY BOARD ROOM
LEVEL 4, BNZ BUILDING, 354 VICTORIA STREET, HAMILTON

Approved by the Chair	_____
Date	___/___/___

PRESENT:

Brian Roche	Garry Moore
Christine Caughey	Paul Fitzharris
Grahame Hall	Bryan Jackson
Alick Shaw	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Geoff Dangerfield	Julia Shackleton
Dave Brash	Ernst Zollner
Wayne McDonald	Kevin Doherty
Mark Yaxley	Dave Whiteridge
Kaye Clark	Clive Fuhr (Item 15c)

INVITEES:

Councillor Paula Southgate, Environment Waikato
 Clare Crickett, Environment Waikato
 Chris Langstaff, Environment Waikato
 Mayor Mark Ammon, Waitomo District Council
 Councillor Dave McPherson, Hamilton City Council
 Gerry Pomeroy, Environment Waikato, Regional Transport Committee

Rabin Rabindran, Auckland Regional Transport Authority
 Fergus Gammie, Auckland Regional Transport Authority
 Stephen Smith, Auckland Regional Transport Authority
 John Smith, Auckland Regional Council

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1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest

Christine Caughey declared an interest relating to Attachment 1 of Item 6c, Board paper 09/03/0158 – "*The Chief Executive's Report for March 2009*" regarding the item on the Auckland Manukau Eastern Transport Initiative (AMETI). As a politician, Ms Caughey was involved in the setting up of this initiative and voted in favour of the AMETI proposal.

Christine Caughey also declared an interest regarding to Item 15c, Board paper 09/03/0167 – "*Waterview Connection Project: investigation of Alternative Options*", noting as a councillor she was involved in the voting for this project.

Bryan Jackson declared an interest regarding to Item 5c, "*Minutes of the NZ Transport Agency Regulatory Board Committee meeting*" pertaining to his Chairmanship of the Vehicle Testing Group.

No other new declarations or conflicts of interest were declared.

Minutes

1c Confirmation of the 27 February 2009 Board meeting minutes

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency **confirms** the minutes from the 27 February 2009 New Zealand Transport Agency Board meeting.

Brian Roche / Grahame Hall

2c Matters arising from the 27 February 2009 Board meeting minutes

There were no matters arising from the 27 February 2009 New Zealand Transport Agency Board meeting.

3c **Update from the 13 March 2009 Special Board meeting**

The New Zealand Transport Agency Board will discuss the Special Board meeting held on 13 March 2009 when it discusses Item 6, Board paper 09/03/0158 "The Chief Executive's Report".

4c **Update from the 11 March 2009 State Highways Board Committee meeting**

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board **receives** the minutes from the State Highways Board Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 11 March 2009; and

Brian Roche / Bryan Jackson

5c **Update from the 23 March 2009 Regulatory Board Committee meeting**

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board **receives** the minutes from the Regulatory Board Committee meeting held on Monday, 23 March 2009:

Brian Roche / Christine Caughey

6c **Chief Executive's Report for March 2009**

Board paper 09/03/0158

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board:

- a **receives** the Chief Executive's Report;
- b **receives** Attachment 1 to the Chief Executive's Report, Major Business Updates and Attachment 2, the Actions arising from previous Board meetings' document;
- c **agrees** that a response to the amended Government Policy Statement 2009/2010 be prepared by the Chief Executive and submitted to the Ministry of Transport;
- d **approves** an amendment to Bylaw 2005/7 'Maximum Speeds of Vehicles on State Highways', in accordance with the *Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2003, Rule 54001*;
- e **delegates** authority to the Chief Executive to sign the amendment to Bylaw 2005/7 as shown in Attachment 7 and to arrange promulgation by way of Public Notice in the New Zealand Gazette;

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- f **notes** its appreciation and thanks to the Chief Executive and senior leadership team in their leadership and management of the NZ Transport Agency's organisational restructuring;
- g **revokes** the Deed dated 25 August 2008 appointing John Clark and Dave Whiteridge as attorneys, and authorises two Board members to execute the attached form of Power of Attorney (Attachment 8), appointing Allan Frost as attorney to enter into deeds relating to property matters involving expenditure of up to \$250,000.00 per year;
- h **agrees** to keep Board paper 09/03/0158 in Committee indefinitely to give the Board the opportunity to have a free and frank discussion.

Grahame Hall / Bryan Jackson

7c Finance Report for the 8 months ending 28 February 2009

Board paper 09/03/0166

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board:

- a **receives** the financial report for February 2009; and
- b **agrees** to take Board paper 09/03/0166 out of Committee once the Board has received the Finance Report for the 8 months ended 28 February 2009.

Brian Roche / Garry Moore

8 2008/2009 NLTP: Adjustments under Delegated Authority (February 2009 Review)

Board paper 09/03/0164

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board:

- a **notes** the adjustments to the 2008/2009 NLTP arising from the February 2009 review, as summarised in paragraphs 8 and 9 and shown in Attachment 1 to Board paper 09/03/0164, which have been approved under delegated authority;
- b **notes** that \$103.87 million remains as unallocated from within the provisions set aside in the programme for project approvals, as shown in Attachment 2 to Board paper 09/03/0164; and
- c **notes** the 2008/2009 NLTP Situation Summary as shown in Attachment 4 to Board paper 09/03/0164.

Bryan Jackson / Christine Caughey

9c **NZ Transport Agency: Review of Board Delegations to Management of Planning, Funding and Procurement Decisions**

Board paper 09/03/0161

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board:

- a **approves** the proposed Amendment to Board Delegation shown as Attachment 1 to Board paper 09/03/0161;
- b **approves** the Chief Executive Instrument of Planning, Funding and Procurement Sub-delegation shown in Attachment 2 to Board paper 09/03/0161;
- c **approves** the Group Manager, Regional Partnerships and Planning Instrument of Planning, Funding and Procurement Sub-delegation shown in Attachment 3 to Board paper 09/03/0161;
- d **revokes** the Instrument of Funding Delegation dated 9 August 2007;
- e **authorises** the Chair of the Board to sign the Amendment to Board Delegation shown as Attachment 1 to Board paper 09/03/0161;
- f **requests** the Chief Executive to sign the Instrument of Planning, Funding and Procurement Sub-delegation shown in Attachment 2 to Board paper 09/03/0161;
- g **requests** the Group Manager, Regional Partnerships and Planning to sign the Instrument of Planning, Funding and Procurement Sub-delegation shown in Attachment 3 to Board paper 09/03/0161;
- h **notes** the Chief Executive will progressively roll out these delegations when satisfied there is sufficient capability and systems in place;
- i **requests** the Chief Executive to report to the Board, through the Audit, Finance and Assurance Board Committee, at its June 2009 meeting on how the delegation system is working in practise and whether any adjustments should be considered;
- j **notes** that the Chief Executive will develop an implementation plan and this will be submitted to the Audit, Finance and Assurance Board Committee for approval;
- k **agrees** to take Board paper 09/03/0161 out of Committee when the Board has made its decision.

Bryan Jackson / Christine Caughey

10 **Significance Policy in relation to Delegations**

Board paper 09/03/0170

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board

- a. **receives** the significance policy set out in Board paper 09/03/0170;
- b. **agrees** that the Chair and Chief Executive finalise the significance policy set out in Board paper 09/03/0170, amended to take account of the Board's suggestions and comments made at today's Board meeting, and circulate the final significance policy to the Board.

Brian Roche / Bryan Jackson

11c **NZ Transport Agency: (SH50A) Hawkes Bay Expressway Southern Extension – Construction Funding**

Board paper 09/03/0163

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board:

- a. **approves** funding for the construction of the New Zealand Transport Agency's SH50A Hawkes Bay Expressway Southern Extension project, at an estimated cost of \$12.00 million from R funds;
- b. **notes** that the 95th percentile construction cost is estimated at \$14 million;
- c. **notes** the reasons for this decision are as set out in the Reasons for recommendation section; and
- d. **agrees** to take Board paper 09/03/0163 out of Committee when the Board has published the notice of decision.

Brian Roche /Christine Caughey

12c **Auckland Integrated Fares' System: Implementation Funding**

Board paper 09/03/0165 was withdrawn by the Chief Executive and will be resubmitted to a later Board meeting.

13c **Queenstown Lakes District Council: Wanaka Transportation and Parking Strategy**

Board paper 09/03/0162

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board:

- a. **supports** Queenstown Lakes District Council's Wanaka Transportation and Parking Strategy, subject to Queenstown Lakes District Council developing an indicative funding and implementation plan for the strategy showing likely cost splits, to be updated to a more robust version at the same time as the review of the strategy in three years time;
- b. **agrees** that Queenstown Lakes District Council should provide as part of an application for funding, sensitivity testing of the economics of the projects or packages of work developed from this strategy, where the preferred option incorporates a traffic calming component that may result in travel time and vehicle operating disbenefits;
- c. **notes** that support for the strategy does not commit the Board to funding any project or package in the strategy;
- d. **notes** that officials should make it clear in submissions in Long Term Council Community Plans that the NZ Transport Agency's support is conditional upon funding being included in Long Term Council Community Plans; and
- e. **agrees** to take Board paper 09/03/0162 out of Committee when the Board has published the notice of decision.

Brian Roche / Grahame Hall

14c **Environment Waikato: Bus Operations – CBD Shuttle Service – Funding Approval**

Board paper 09/03/0159

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board:

- a. **approves** funding for Environment Waikato's CBD shuttle service, at an estimated cost of \$349,000 and a funding assistance rate of 50% (NZTA share \$174,500) for 2008/2009;

- b **agrees** to fund the CBD shuttle service in future years as part of Environment Waikato's public transport programme, subject to the NZ Transport Agency's maximum share of the gross cost of the service in any year not exceeding 35.5%;
- c **approves** the farebox recovery practise/methodology as set out in the Funding issues section of this paper for use for future applications of the same nature, should they be received, until the NZ Transport Agency develops its farebox recovery policy, at which time the policy will take precedent;
- d **notes** that the Chief Executive will bring a paper back to the Board on a generic farebox recovery policy;
- e **notes** the reasons for this decision are as set out in the Reasons for recommendation section; and
- f **agrees** to take Board paper 09/03/0159 out of Committee when the Board has published the notice of decision.

Grahame Hall / Christine Caughey

15c Waterview Connection Project: Investigation of Alternative Options

Board paper 09/03/0167

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board:

- a. **confirms** that Attachment One to Board paper 09/03/0167, the draft briefing paper reviewing route and construction options, be amended to reflect the Board's comments and suggestions given at today's Board meeting;
- b. **delegates** approval to the Chief Executive and Chair to finalise Attachment One, the draft briefing paper reviewing route and construction options to Board paper 09/03/0167, and then forward it to the Minister of Transport; and
- c. **agrees** to take Board paper 09/03/0167 out of Committee when the Minister of Transport has reviewed the Ministerial Briefing Note (Attachment 1) on route and construction options, and has approved its public release.

Brian Roche / Christine Caughey

16c **Funding Options for Routes of National Significance**

Board paper 09/03/0168

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board:

- a **agrees** that once a strategic evaluation has been completed and supported for a route of national significance, it will then be funded in two parts, as follows:
 - i. the development costs necessary to have the route prepared for a construction start; and
 - ii. the construction costs, which may be staged;
- b **notes** that milestones in the lifecycle of a route of national significance will be subject to the normal approvals either internally or with the Board; and
- c **agrees** to take Board paper 09/03/0168 out of Committee when the Board has made its decision.

Grahame Hall / Bryan Jackson

17c **Consideration of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) and Safekids in the National Land Transport Programme**

Board paper 09/03/0160

Resolved:

That the New Zealand Transport Agency Board:

- a. **endorses** Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) core funding and Safekids Child Restraint Campaign for inclusion as projects to be considered for funding under Demand Management and Community Programmes Activity Class; and
- b. **agrees** to take Board paper 09/03/0160 out of Committee when a decision has been reached and the organisations have been notified of the decision.

Paul Fitzharris / Alick Shaw

External presentations

Councillor Paula Southgate, Deputy Chair of the Regional Transport Committee and Regional Passenger Transport Committee, Environment Waikato; Clare Crickett, Deputy Chief Executive, Environment Waikato; Chris Langstaff, Manager Transport Portfolio, Environment Waikato; Councillor Dave McPherson, Chair of Transport, Hamilton City Council; Mayor Mark Ammon, Waitomo District Council; and Gerry Pomeroy, Public Transport Users representative, Waikato Regional Transport Committee, joined the Board to discuss regional transport issues.

Rabin Rabindran, Deputy Chair, Fergus Gammie, Chief Executive and Stephen Smith, General manager Corporate Services from the Auckland Regional Transport Authority (ARTA) and John Smith, General Manager, Transport and Urban Development from the Auckland Regional Council, joined the Board meeting to discuss rail transport funding issues.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the New Zealand Transport Agency Board is confirmed for **Friday, 24 April 2009** in the NZ Transport Agency Board Room, Level 2, National Office, Chews Lane, Victoria Arcade, 44 Victoria Street, Wellington, commencing at 8:00am.