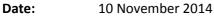
Waikato Regional Rural Transport Forum MINUTES



1:00pm - 3:00pm

Venue: Community Waikato, Victoria Street, Hamilton

Present:

Chair: Ms Jo Carling
Minutes: Mr Paul Keesing

The Chair officially opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. A round the room series of introductions was undertaken.

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Previous minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

Rural Transport Website

Ms Bridget Burdett presented an update on the potential rural health transport website. The results of the survey were presented. Overall, the results suggested that YES developing a rural transport website would be a worthwhile endeavour.

A copy of the full presentation is below.



Key points from the forum discussion were:

- Community Waikato and Waikato Regional Council have discussed the potential for 'kick-starting' the development of a rural transport website
- One advantage will be the ability for communities in rural Waikato to see what other communities have done and the approaches they have taken
- Resources like he volunteer information from previous forums could be included / linked to the site
- The following website is a nice example of what can be done in the long term:
- http://suffolkcommunitytransport.org.uk/

The Chair thanked Ms Burdett for her presentation

Accessibility Audits

Ms Gerri Pomeroy and Ms Bridget Burdett provided a background to this item and highlighted the useful of accessibility audits to assist local government in prioritising maintenance programmes. These audits have now been conducted for 15 rural towns.

Forum members where then invited to take a trip around the block with a wheelchair and blindfolds available for use to help gain a wider understanding of accessibility issues. Several stops where planned to allow time for discussion and sharing. Ms Fiona Green provided instruction on how to guide those wearing the blindfolds.

On return to the meeting room, the Chair thanked Ms Pomeroy, Ms Burdett and Ms Green for their assistance with this agenda item.

Passenger Transport Update

A presentation on this topic was provided by Ms Susi Marinkovich.



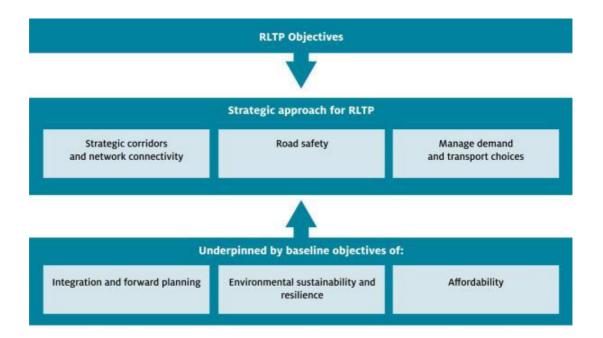
Key points from the discussion were:

- Public Transport Plan out for consultation
- No proposed public transport bus route changes in rural areas
- No proposed changes for satellite services
- Only proposed changes are for Hamilton services
- Electronic ticketing improvements being explored
- Bus passenger satisfaction surveys across the Waikato are undertaken for public bus services
- 96% were satisfied or very satisfied with their bus trip

Mr Greg Morton led a discussion around the Regional Plan for Waikato Land Transport. Key highlights were:

- Explanation of the linkages between the various Waikato Regional Council transport plans
- Copies of the 'Summary of proposal' fliers for the Draft Waikato Regional Land
 Transport Plan, and Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan can be found at
 the web links below. You can also make submissions on both draft plans via these
 links. The regional council is keen to hear from you on what you think of these plans.
 - [Draft Regional Public Transport Plan]
 - http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Council/Policy-and-plans/Transport-policy/Regional-Public-Transport-Plan/Draft-Regional-Public-Transport-Plan-2015-2025/
 - [Draft Regional Land Transport Plan]
 - http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Council/Policy-and-plans/Transport-policy/RLTP/Draft-Regional-Land-Transport-Plan-2015-2045/
- Regional land Transport Plan (the Plan) sets a 30 year view of land transport priorities and a 6 year programme of implementation activities
- The Plan focuses on three key objective focus areas: Strategic corridor development and network connectivity, Road safety, and Managing transport demand and providing transport choices. These focus areas are underpinned by three further objective areas as represented in the diagram below:

^{**} Post Meeting Update Note: Included in appendix one is information on the total mobility scheme provided by Ms Marinkovich**



- Rural transport is accounted for under the objective focus area of "Access and mobility" in the draft Plan, and is a consideration under the key focus area of 'Manage demand and transport choices'
- Large roading projects such as the Waikato Expressway account for a high proportion of proposed investment in the Plan through to 2020.
- The region intends to link with the Waikato spatial plan work currently underway to confirm land transport priorities for the region after the completion of the Waikato Expressway

The next meeting

The next meeting of the forum will be on the 9th of March 2015. It is planned that this meeting will be in Paeroa. Ms Val Sparks indicated she would be able to organise a venue for the meeting. It was suggested that people planning to attend this meeting take a full day and use the opportunity to experience many of the wonders that Paeroa has to offer.

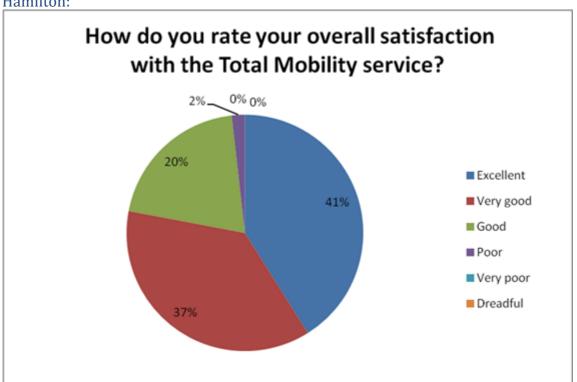
Any agenda items for the next meeting should be sent to Mr Paul Keesing.

The Chair thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 3 pm.

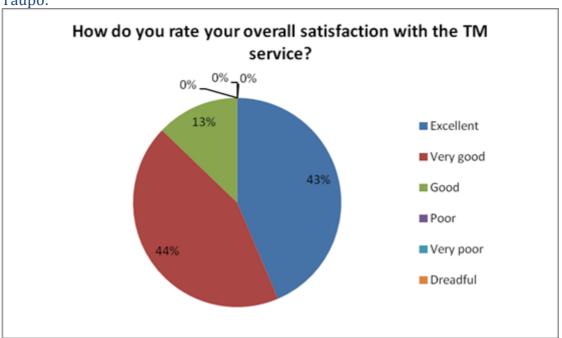
Appendix One:

Total Mobility monthly update			
		August	September
Total members	Hamilton	2,176	2,174
	Taupo	311	314
	Tokoroa	343	347
New members	Hamilton	23	22
	Taupo	6	10
	Tokoroa	1	3
Trips	Hamilton	3,114	3,654
	Taupo	593	540
	Tokoroa	579	592
Average fare	Hamilton	\$8.41	\$8.48
	Taupo	\$6.52	\$6.43
	Tokoroa	\$4.98	\$4.92
Hoist trips	Hamilton	557	609
	Taupo	117	107
	Tokoroa	14	6

Hamilton:



Taupo:



Tokoroa:

