

REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEES' WORKSHOP

NOTES OF THE HUI FOR THE CULTURAL INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES HELD AT THE WELLINGTON AIRPORT CONFERENCE CENTRE ON TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2009 @ 1.15 PM

Attendance:

1. The following people participated in the hui:
 - Roger Maxwell NZTA
 - Marinus Larooj Ministry of Transport
 - Mike Kake Northland Regional Council rep
 - Rachel Ropiha Northland Regional Council employee
 - Pauline Kingi Auckland Regional Council rep
 - Wiremu Pupuke Environment Waikato rep
 - Gannin Ormsby Environment Waikato employee
 - Maru Tapsell Environment Bay of Plenty rep
 - Peter Moeahu Taranaki Regional Council rep
 - Ronald Nepe Gisborne District Council rep
 - Mike Mohi Hawkes Bay Regional Council rep
 - Richard Hunter Marlborough District Council rep
 - Joe Mason Nelson City Council rep
 - Henare Edwards Environment Canterbury rep
 - Don Mowat Environment Southland rep.

2. The following Regional Councils/Unitary Authorities were not represented: Horizons Regional Council; Greater Wellington; Tasman District Council; West Coast Regional Council; and, Otago Regional Council.

Introduction

3. A mihi whakatau and karakia were offered by Roger Maxwell

4. It was agreed that:
 - Roger Maxwell would be the facilitator;
 - Marinus Larooj would be the recorder;
 - Pauline Kingi would be the spokesperson for the group during the feedback session.

5. Attached at Annex A is a programme that was used to guide the korero.

Issues

6. During the discussions the following matters were raised:

a. **Cultural definition**

- **Need to clarify the legislative term ‘cultural’**
- **Maori perspective** – classical way of life and value – tikanga
- Relevance to land transport – ‘papatuanuku’
- Value of kaitakitanga – spiritual and emotional connection to the land/whenua – quite different, quite distinct
- Maintenance of recognition of Ahi Kaa – continuance of cultural lifestyle
- Tangata whenua lens and potae – problem with cultural definition
- How can one person represent the interests of eight iwi in this role, with all its complexities and challenges
- **Mainstream perspective:** Problem of how ‘cultural’ is interpreted by tauwiwi?

b. **Our role**

- **Who do we represent?** RTC or Maori or Maori and other cultures.
- Selection based on skill sets and manawhenua
- Advisory role and giving guidance on processes eg Rangiri (Waikato) Urupa/Waahi Tapu
- Represents RLC Committee with focus on ‘cultural interests/issues’ and monitors Regional Council performance.

c. **Legislative obligations**

Section 4 of the LTMA states –

- Crown responsibility – to Treaty of Waitangi
- To maintain and improve opportunities for Maori to contribute to Land Transport decision-making processes
- Query: The different definitions across Local Government Act (LGA) and the Land Transport Management Act (LTMA).

d. **Our influence on the GPS/Regional Land Transport Strategy/ Regional Land Transport Programme/LTCCP**

- When and how can we influence the government policy statement?
- Avenue to influence the regional transport strategy and programme at the local level.
- At the prioritisation level need a more consultative and decision making capability.
- Role of iwi-Maori leadership in infrastructural investment at post-settlement phase – means that iwi-Maori will be represented on SOE's structure in a decision-making capacity.
- Direct influence into the GPS.
- Do opportunities exist to encourage the Regional Land Transport planning and projects and putea.

e. **Prioritisation of Projects**

- Are there any Maori projects that have been funded through MOT/Transit?
- 'Smart growth' example – still a limitation on Maori development
- Maori economic development does not have any control over regional development
- Need National Maori document.

f. **Post-settlement packages**

- Changing consensus on status of local iwi interests, eg Pahauwera Treaty Settlement.
- Need to build better relationships to achieve best results + achieve partnership in action.

g. **Consultation/Partnerships**

- Investment in relationship-building and management strategy
- Where is consultation – needs to be meaningful process; comprehensive; putea for things to be implemented; and, co-management to a co-evolving process, eg Waikato River Settlement.

h. **LTCCP**

- Whangarei – Nga hapu/marae configuration – to draft the hapu’s LTCCP response – across the region
- Regulatory – should there be speed limits around Marae, Kura, Kohanga
- Where does an Iwi Management Plan sit in relation to LTCCP and RLTs? Relationship should be advocated directly by Iwi-Maori
- Could putea be allocated for iwi management plans to korero with regional transport planning processes, eg Northland Consortium – putea for broadband
- Maori roads – how to influence the regional priorities at the local level, to achieve ‘top’ priority for Maori interests in roading.

Continued contact

7. Those in attendance were appreciative of the opportunity to make contact with each other ‘kanohi-kitea-kanohi’; to participate in this hui; and wanted to continue this association through networking by e-mail. They would also welcome the opportunity to meet again like this on a regular basis, maybe quarterly but definitely twice a year. Roger Maxwell agreed to compile the e-mail addresses for all the cultural reps and share that with those in attendance.

Closure

8. Henare Edwards offered the mihi and karakia whakamutunga.
9. The hui finished @ 3 pm.