



MINUTES

RTC Public Transport Subcommittee Meeting

Monday, 14 September 2026

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Waikato Regional Council
RTC Public Transport Subcommittee Meeting
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday 14 September 2026, 11.45am

Location: Council Chambers
Waikato Regional Council
Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton

Members Present: Cr Liz Stolwyk – Committee Chair – Waikato Regional Council
Cr Angela Strange – Committee Deputy-Chair – Waikato Regional Council (from 11.55am)
Cr Duncan Campbell – Taupō District Council
Cr Roger Gordon – Waipā District Council (until 2.33pm)
Mayor Rodney Dow - Ōtorohanga District Council (until 2.33pm)
Cr Mike Keir – Waikato District Council (until 12.12pm)
Cr Mesh Macdonald – Hamilton City Council
Cr Sue Moroney – Hamilton City Council (virtually via Teams)
Cr Janette Osborne – Waitomo District Council (until 2.33pm)
Cr Kerry Purdy – South Waikato District Council
Cr Martin Rodley – Thames Coromandel District Council
Mayor Ash Tanner – Matamata-Piako District Council
Andrew Corkill – Regional Director - Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (non-voting)

In Attendance: Cr James Sainsbury – Matamata-Piako District Council
Cr Dan Tasker – Waitomo District Council (until 2.33pm)

Staff Present: Phil King – Director, Regional Transport Connections
Trudi Knight – Manager, Public Transport Operations
Tofeeq Ahmed – Team Leader, Portfolio Delivery
Katherine Simpson – Team Leader, Transport Planning
Jordan Metz – Democracy Advisor

The contents of these minutes meet all legal requirements and include a full set of decisions.

An audio-visual recording of the open session of the meeting is available on Waikato Regional Council's public website.

Recording	Document ID #	YouTube Link
Meeting Recording #1	38804689	https://youtu.be/afqCULyT_g
Meeting Recording #2	38807867	https://youtu.be/gJdzgkjhKFk

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Item commenced in recording 1, at start.

The Democracy Advisor (Jordan Metz) opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 minute 7 seconds

APOLOGY**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/19**

Moved: Mayor Ash Tanner

Seconded: Cr Mike Keir

That the apologies of Jo Butcher and Cr Elvisa Van Der Leden for absence be accepted.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 minute 11 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/20

Moved: Cr Mesh Macdonald

Seconded: Cr Roger Gordon

- 1. That the agenda of the RTC Public Transport Subcommittee Meeting of 14 September 2026, as circulated, be confirmed as the business of the meeting.**
- 2. That the order of items follows the order set out in the minutes.**
- 3. That the meeting may sit longer than two hours continuously and continue longer than six hours including adjournments.**

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 minutes 15 seconds.

No interests were disclosed pertaining to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

5 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION OR RECEIPT

RTC PUBLIC TRANSPORT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING – 8 JUNE 2026

Item commenced in recording 1, at 1 minute 27 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/21

Moved: Cr Roger Gordon

Seconded: Cr Mesh Macdonald

That the minutes of the RTC Public Transport Subcommittee Meeting held on 8 June 2026 be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

EXTRAORDINARY RTC PUBLIC TRANSPORT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING – 11 AUGUST 2026

Item commenced in recording 1, at 2 minutes 6 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/22

Moved: Mayor Ash Tanner

Seconded: Cr Janette Osborne

That the minutes of the Extraordinary RTC Public Transport Subcommittee Meeting held on 11 August 2026 be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

6 GENERAL ITEMS

6.6 HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE CHANGES

Item commenced in recording 1, at 2 minutes 19 seconds.

Presented by the Team Leader, Urban Mobility, Hamilton City Council (Kirsty Horridge) and Urban Transport Manager, Hamilton City Council (Martin Parkes).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/23

Moved: Cr Mesh Macdonald

Seconded: Mayor Ash Tanner

That the report *Hamilton City Council Update on Infrastructure Changes* (RTC Public Transport Subcommittee, 14 September 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.3 RESPONSE LETTER / PAPER ON ORBITER ROUTE CHANGES

Item commenced in recording 1, at 6 minutes.

Presented by the Team Leader, Transport Planning (Katherine Simpson).

Action: That staff investigate the potential costs and operational implications of increasing the frequency of public transport services operating past the Ryman Linda Jones Retirement Village, and report back to the 14 December 2026 meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/24

Moved: Mayor Ash Tanner

Seconded: Cr Liz Stolwyk

That the report *Response letter / paper on Orbiter Route Changes* (RTC Public Transport Subcommittee, 14 September 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.8 TE HUIA UPDATE

Item commenced in recording 1, at 25 minutes.

Presented by the Team Leader, Portfolio Delivery (Tofeeq Ahmed).

Action: That staff review and reassess the fare revenue assumptions for the 2026/27 financial year and provide an updated forecast to the Subcommittee.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/25

Moved: Mayor Ash Tanner

Seconded: Cr Angela Strange

That the report *Te Huia Update* (RTC Public Transport Subcommittee, 14 September 2026) be received.

CARRIED

12.12pm – The meeting adjourned. During the adjournment Cr Mike Keir left the meeting.

1.10pm – The meeting reconvened.

6.5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Item commenced in recording 2, at start.

The following member(s) of the public spoke on the subjects identified below:

Cr Kit Jeffries, Ōtorohanga District Council)

Cr Kit Jeffries addressed the Subcommittee and spoke about the potential for regular weekly or fortnightly bus services connecting Kawhia with Te Awamutu and Ōtorohanga. Cr Jeffries noted that improved public transport connections would enhance access to essential services, employment, education, and community activities.

Lindsey Horne, The Future is Rail

Lindsay Horne provided an update on recent passenger rail developments, including the successful Auckland–Waikato–Bay of Plenty passenger rail trip operated by Glenbrook Vintage

Railway on 2 May 2026. Lindsay also outlined future passenger rail opportunities in partnership with Bay of Plenty Regional Council and noted the release of the *Guide to Reviving Passenger Rail*.

Nic Callaghan

Nic Callaghan presented his petition (Doc #38969319 and #38971544) regarding public transport concerns in Raglan, including requests for additional bus services and the introduction of new routes to better meet community needs.

Actions: That staff investigate opportunities for additional bus services between Raglan and surrounding centres and report back to the next meeting with options and associated implications.

6.7 NATIONAL TICKETING SOLUTION - MOTU MOVE

Item commenced in recording 2, at 41 minutes 37 seconds.

Presented by the Programme Director, National Ticketing Solutions – Motu Move (Roger Jones) and Waikato Programme Manager, National Ticketing Solutions – Motu Move (Kimberley Bell).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/26

Moved: Cr Angela Strange

Seconded: Cr Roger Gordon

That the report *National Ticketing Solution - Motu Move* (RTC Public Transport Subcommittee, 14 September 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item commenced in recording 2, at 1 hour 9 minutes.

Presented by the Manager, Public Transport Operations (Trudi Knight) and Team Leader, Transport Planning (Katherine Simpson).

Action: That staff provide the RTC Public Transport Subcommittee with an overview of the funding and approval process for public transport routes that had been tendered but were not yet operational, and report back to a future meeting of the Subcommittee.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/27

Moved: Mayor Ash Tanner

Seconded: Cr Duncan Campbell

That the *Director's Report* (RTC Public Transport Subcommittee, 14 September 2026) be received.

CARRIED

2.33pm – Mayor Rodney Dow, Cr Janette Osborne and Cr Roger Gordon left the meeting.

6.2 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Item commenced in recording 2, at 1 hour 35 minutes 33 seconds.

Presented by the Team Leader, Portfolio Delivery (Tofeeq Ahmed).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/28

Moved: Cr Angela Strange

Seconded: Mayor Ash Tanner

That the *Community Transport Accountability Report* (RTC Public Transport Subcommittee, 14 September 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.4 PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATIONS UPDATE

Item commenced in recording 2, at 1 hour 37 minutes 57 seconds.

Presented by the Team Leader, Contracts and Insights (Vincent Kuo) and Network Monitoring Analyst (Melissa Smith).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/29

Moved: Mayor Ash Tanner

Seconded: Cr Mesh Macdonald

That the report *Public Transport Operations Update* (RTC Public Transport Subcommittee, 14 September 2026) be received.

CARRIED

7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in recording 2, at 1 hour 44 minutes 41 seconds.

The Democracy Advisor (Jordan Metz) closed the meeting with a Karakia.

2.55pm – The meeting closed.