



MINUTES

RTC Public Transport Subcommittee Meeting

Monday, 8 June 2026

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Waikato Regional Council
RTC Public Transport Subcommittee Meeting
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday 8 June 2026, 1.16pm
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
 Cr Ray Broad – Hauraki District Council
 Cr Duncan Campbell – Taupō District Council
 Cr Roger Gordon – Waipā District Council
 Cr Mike Keir – Waikato District Council
 Cr Mesh Macdonald – Hamilton City Council
 Cr Sue Moroney – Hamilton City Council
 Cr Janette Osborne – Waitomo District Council
 Mayor Ash Tanner – Matamata-Piako District Council
 Cr Elvise van der Leden – South Waikato District Council

In Attendance: Cr Sarah Thomson – Hamilton City Council (virtually via Teams)

Staff Present: Chris McLay – Chief Executive
 Phil King – Director, Regional Transport Connections
 Trudi Knight – Manager, Public Transport Operations
 Lorraine Cheyne – Manager, Transport Strategy and Delivery
 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	36318109	https://youtu.be/OfDzHE0XIRM

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Item commenced in recording, at start.

The Director, Regional Transport Connections (Phil King) opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Item commenced in recording, at 47 seconds.

2.1 PUBLIC FORUM

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

1. Margaret Whitmore:

Margaret Whitmore presented a petition (Document # 36317947) and spoke on proposed changes to the Orbiter bus route. She outlined how the revised routing would improve accessibility and connectivity for several surrounding communities. In particular, she highlighted the anticipated benefits for residents of the Linda Jones Retirement Village.

2. Heidi Hughes (Wednesday Challenge):

Heidi Hughes provided an overview of the initiative, explaining its purpose and key activities. The Wednesday Challenge was described as a community-focused programme aimed at encouraging participation, connection, and wellbeing among its members.

3 APOLOGIES

Item commenced in recording, at 20 minutes 17 seconds.

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Item commenced in recording, at 20 minutes 25 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/09

Moved: Cr Roger Gordon

Seconded: Mayor Ash Tanner

1. That the agenda of the RTC Public Transport Subcommittee Meeting of 8 June 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

5 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Item commenced in recording, at 20 minutes 40 seconds.

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

6 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION OR RECEIPT

Item commenced in recording, at 20 minutes 44 seconds.

RTC PUBLIC TRANSPORT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING – 9 MARCH 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/10

Moved: Cr Elvise van der Leden

Seconded: Cr Sue Moroney

That the minutes of the RTC Public Transport Subcommittee Meeting held on 9 March 2026 be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

7 GENERAL ITEMS

7.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item commenced in recording, at 21 minutes 3 seconds.

Presented by the Manager, Transport Strategy and Delivery (Lorraine Cheyne).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/11

Moved: Cr Janette Osborne

Seconded: Cr Mesh Macdonald

That the *Director's Report* (RTC Public Transport Subcommittee, 8 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

7.2 WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL RESPONSE TO STRENGTHENING TOTAL MOBILITY

Item commenced in recording, at 42 minutes 36 seconds.

Presented by the Accessible Transport Lead (Maurice Flynn) and the Team Leader, Portfolio Delivery (Tofeeq Ahmed).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/12

Moved: Cr Mike Keir

Seconded: Cr Ray Broad

That the report *Waikato Regional Council response to strengthening Total Mobility* (RTC Public Transport Subcommittee, 8 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

7.3 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT FUNDING POLICY

Item commenced in recording, at 55 minutes 46 seconds.

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/13

Moved: Cr Janette Osborne

Seconded: Cr Angela Strange

That the report *Community Transport Funding Policy* (RTC Public Transport Subcommittee, 8 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

7.4 CONNECT2TAUPŌ UPDATE

Item commenced in recording, at 1 hour 12 minutes 6 seconds.

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/14

Moved: Cr Elvina van der Leden

Seconded: Cr Duncan Campbell

- 1. That the report *Connect2Taupō Update* (RTC Public Transport Subcommittee, 8 June 2026) be received.**
- 2. That the RTC Public Transport Subcommittee endorses the *Connect2Taupō* service changes (RTC Public Transport Committee Agenda, 8 June 2026 at page 84), for implementation from September 2026.**

CARRIED

7.5 PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATIONS UPDATE

Item commenced in recording, at 1 hour 21 minutes 24 seconds.

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RTCPTS26/15

Moved: Cr Sue Moroney

Seconded: Cr Elvina van der Leden

That the report *Public Transport Operations Update* (RTC Public Transport Subcommittee, 8 June 2026) be received.

CARRIED

8 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in recording, at 1 hour 55 minutes 1 second.

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

3.11pm – The meeting closed.