

Taupō TDM Meeting 2

Meeting Notes - 6 December 2019, 11:09am

Attendance: Baldy, Warren, Stephen, Aiden, Grant, Jono, Carey, Wayne, Jane, Andrew, Lisa

Apologies: Connie, Erana, George Asher
Baldy and Aiden for lateness

Welcome

Warren welcomed everyone and acknowledged the Te Kāhui Maunga meeting as reasons for some last minute apologies.

Jono briefed the meeting on the recent letter from DoC regarding a requirement to improve demand management, visitors accessing the ski areas during peak demand times. The meeting agreed that our work on transport demand management is a critical element among a suite of interventions for managing peak demand.

Jono is seeking advice on how to respond to the letter from Damien at DoC and will brief the meeting once this is completed.

Terms of Reference

Discussion about formalising this group under a terms of reference or MoU. ToR to identify parties assigned to work streams and their respective roles and accountabilities. The ToR will also need to consider funding partners for professional advice, and include implementation of TDM for both mountain transport networks.

Action

Warren to draft ToR and distribute for comment. ToR ratified at next meeting.

Communication

There is a strong preference for communications leadership to be a joint function of the advisory group but assigned to DoC to lead. Communications planning to include RMCA TAC TAG among others.

Discussion around political risk and alignment with government policy and investment signals, and communicating strong alignment. Also reputational risk around world heritage inscription and the potential to impact this status through non-performance of essential infrastructure.

Action

Warren to seek Doc's agreement to lead communication from the advisory group with protocols developed to ensure high level communication alignment and to minimise political risk.

Alpine Bus Standards

Jono advised the standards were used this winter and that through SANZ Mt Ruapehu has contributed to the September review meeting hosted by NZBCA.

General discussion about how to transition toward implementing a voluntary code of practice without disrupting the smaller owner operator community.

Warren advised that the transport App for Uber style transport services includes a level of service agreement with suppliers that will seek to transition towards integrating the code requirements in the local fleet over time.

Actions

Warren to get a copy of the Alpine Bus CoP and distribute to the group.

Jono to feedback on NZBCA review meeting

Information Systems

This discussion focused on communication systems and hardware that can be integrated with intelligent transport messaging such as VMS and national transport digital messaging. This work is linked to the communications planning proposed to be led by DoC for whole of park management purposes.

Actions

Jono and Carey to look at engagement of professional service to design and implement methods of network control and communication.

Public Transport Pilot project (funding)

Warren updated the meeting on progress and funding shortfall. The Low Cost Low Risk work category within NZTA is oversubscribed and cannot be relied upon to fund next winter's PT services. Jono asked for financial certainty in the short term to enable RAL to plan with confidence.

Action

Warren agreed to pursue alternative funding options through MBIE TiF or IVL and confirm early funding availability for winter 2020.

Public Transport APP

Carey updated the meeting on the development of the app and the state of readiness. It was agreed to pick this up in the new year to launch the app in June 2020. It was well received as a tool to minimise disruption to smaller transport operators

Action

GHD to plan for implementation of APP services for winter 2020 assisted by Warren.

Closing comments

Wayne spoke about the importance of alignment of this work with senior NZTA directors. Wayne will keep Emma Speight informed of our progress.

Warren spoke about a set of risks to be managed such as political, reputational and the risk to world heritage standards. All agree to focus on risk within the ToR

Aiden is keen to ensure matters are aligned to Te Kāhui Maunga arrangement, however he is supportive of the work we are undertaking.

Meeting closed 12.00pm.

Actions	Who	Status
Draft ToR and distribute for comment. ToR ratified at next meeting.	Warren	
Seek Doc's agreement to lead communication from the advisory group with protocols developed to ensure high level communication alignment and to minimise political risk.	Warren	
Acquire copy of the Alpine Bus CoP and distribute to the group.	Warren	
Feedback on NZBCA review meeting	Jono	
Look at engagement of professional service to design and implement methods of network control and communication.	Jono and Carey	
Pursue alternative funding options through MBIE TiF or IVL and confirm early funding availability for winter 2020.	Warren	
Plan for implementation of APP services for winter 2020 assisted by Warren.	GHD	