

6. NORTHERN ROADING (ALTERNATIVES TO ROADING STUDY)

Stuart Woods spoke to his report and attached correspondence which outlined that stakeholder meetings had indicated that the Nross study which was limited to roading options needed to consider alternatives to roading, i.e. a much broader approach.

The study brief was well underway and the City Services Committee had resolved that the study should be led by the City Council but carried out in close collaboration with the Regional and other District Councils and other parties such as Transit New Zealand.

Regional Council staff outlined the partnership approach and close working relationship on a number of transport projects and plans built up with City Council staff and the disappointment that a joint study approach was not being used. This was particularly because of the Regional Council's greater responsibility for public and alternative transport options and because funding proposals for ATR can only be submitted to Transfund through the Regional Council.

The following points emerged from discussion:

- The City Council does not see the difference between a collaborative and a joint study as too great.
- That the attendance of the two Northern Area Councillors of the Regional Council signified the wider regional importance of the study. This was heightened by the urban population growth particularly in Waimakariri District.
- Cr Burke suggested that a mechanism be developed to refer matters of differing opinion to the other Council prior to any Committee or Council decisions being taken. This was to avoid positions being taken before all information was available.

Resolved

That the information be received.

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