

CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE 37th MEETING OF THE
CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE HEAD OF THE AVON MEETING ROOM,
COMMODORE HOTEL, 449 MEMORIAL AVENUE
ON FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 2:30PM**

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PRESENT

Commissioners Rex Williams (Chairperson), Tom Lambie, Mayor David Ayers, Mayor Angus McKay, Dr Anna Stevenson, Cr Sarah Walters, Cr Kerry Stevens, Cr Vince Daly, Cr Derrick Millton, Mr Philip Wareing and Mr Jim Harland

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Winton Dalley and Hamish Dobbie (Hurunui District Council); Cr Darryl Nelson (Ashburton District Council); Mayor Kelvin Coe, Murray Washington and Andrew Mazey (Selwyn District Council); Gerry Essenberg (Kaikoura District Council); Jeanine Benson (KiwiRail); Murray Sinclair (Christchurch City Council); Stuart Woods, Colin Knaggs and James Newton (NZTA).

Environment Canterbury

Jill Atkinson (Director Strategy and Programmes), Steve Gibling (Programme Manager Strategic Policy and Transport), Rob Woods (Consultant), Lorraine Johns (Principal Strategy Advisor), Len Fleete (Strategy Advisor Land Transport) and Therese Davel (Senior Administration Officer)

WELCOME

Commissioner Rex Williams welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year.

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Cr Phil Clearwater (Christchurch City Council), Cr James Leslie (Mackenzie District Council), Mayor Craig Rowley (Waimate District Council), Prof Simon Kingham (Environmental Sustainability Advisor) and Inspector Al Stewart (Safety Advisor, NZ Police).

Commissioner Rex Williams / Cr Kerry Stevens

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING – 4 December 2015

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2015, be confirmed as a true and accurate record and be adopted.

Mayor Angus McKay / Mr Philip Wareing

CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING

Cr Sarah Walters referred to the comment on page 9 of the minutes (Item 11) that staff would bring a report to the meeting on the reasons for bus patronage decline.

Steve Gibling indicated Environment Canterbury is reviewing the trends and can bring a report to the next meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE DECISION

None.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6. UPDATE ON STRATEGIC REFRESH OF THE REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN (RLTP)

Rob Woods presented the item and gave a brief background to recap progress up to date. He noted the process was halfway through, and would be expected to run until the middle / end of April.

Mr Jim Harland arrived at 2.42pm.

Rob noted that the three workshops had just over 70 attendees provide feedback on the key issues relating to regional transport planning.

Rob identified a number of key themes that came from those workshops, including:

- Regional leadership is necessary to create meaningful ways for modes to work together;
- There is a need to understand rail potential to determine its future role;
- Public transport planning and delivery needs the potential to be scaled across the region, to meet different needs (urban and rural) and to support a changing population;
- Joined up land use and transport planning is working well in some councils and not as well in others – greater consistency is required;
- RTC needs to advocate to central government on a broader range of transport matters that affect our region; and
- Stakeholders expect future RLTPs to address key infrastructure issues, including bridge strengthening, two-laning key bridges, four-laning key routes and visitor focused facilities.

Rob also noted that stakeholders felt additional information was required for:

- Economic data;
- Objectives, benefits and implication of HPMV;
- Age of infrastructure,
- Visitor travel choices and the role of public transport and taxis; and
- Adding driver behaviour and responsibility to the discussion on safety.

Andrew Mazey arrived 2.50pm.

Rob informed the Committee that stakeholder written comments are being collated between 2 March and 8 April, after which the sub-committee will agree on the final text. The final text will be brought before the RTC for its recommendation with an expected date for approval by Environment Canterbury in late May.

Cr Kerry Stevens commented that it was not the role of the RTC to determine the future role of rail. He agreed it should be integrated better and that where there were opportunities to integrate the various modes it should be enhanced. The Chairperson pointed out that the issue was to understand the potential of rail, rather than determine its role. As to the potential for rail to transport people, it was acknowledged it was not discussed often. The Chairperson referred to a study on behalf of the UDSIC regarding this issue. The Chair requested that the report should be circulated by staff to the members of RTC.

In regards to the comment relating to the issues with land-use planning and transport, Mayor David Ayers commented that there was a huge population shift in the past few years due to land use changes, which anywhere else internationally would not have been common. Steve Gibling remarked this challenge for the region was not just related to the impacts of land-use change following the Christchurch Earthquakes but was also a rural and regional issue with other types of land-use change impacting on the way the current network is operating.

The Chairperson summarised the key theme being that overwhelmingly people expect the RTC to have a broader role. He challenged the Committee to push its boundaries as far as it could, specifically to provide leadership and advocate to central government.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Notes that two of three stages of stakeholder engagement are complete;

2. Notes the main themes in feedback received through recent workshops; and
3. Notes the final steps towards completion of the project.

Cr Kerry Stevens / Cr Sarah Walters
CARRIED

7. PRESENTATION FROM NZTA: REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

James Newton presented the item and provided a brief background to his role and responsibilities as Regional Safety Advisor. He noted the Safe System has 4 principles which are endorsed by the United Nations and OECD in terms of where transport is going globally. The four principles are:

1. People make mistakes;
2. People are vulnerable;
3. Responsibility needs to be shared; and
4. All parts of the system need to be strengthened.

These principles form the foundation for the safe system framework key elements

1. Safe vehicles
2. Safe users
3. Safe Roads and Roadsides
4. Safe Speeds

James noted that one particular strong point for Canterbury Road Safety was the willingness of agencies to collaborate and work collectively to deliver outcomes. The Regional Road Safety Working Group (RRSWG) (a collaboration of Road Controlling Authorities, Police, ACC, NZTA and the Regional Council) is currently working on improving its role as the central hub for road safety in the region; focussing on intersection crash reduction; engaging with the Ministry of Education in terms of safer journeys to and from schools and continued monitoring and evaluation of the regional road safety progress.

Some of the key challenges at the moment include ensuring the road safety conversation becomes a shared responsibility; aligning work practices with the four Safety System principles, key elements and challenging the status quo.

Cr Sarah Walters commented that the step change needed could come about through changes to the Health and Safety legislation. She mentioned specifically staff on the road e.g. sales staff, people delivering meals on wheels etc.

Cr Kerry Stevens asked James what he would change and where, in term of how the working group and RTC operate. The Chairperson asked James to consider a response and bring a report to the next meeting.

There was a brief discussion about what employers can do to ensure their staff are as safe as possible, e.g. GPS, fire extinguishers, following up on staff who speed. Mayor David Ayers agreed, noting that people should make a report to employers when they see employees driving recklessly. Mr Philip Wareing agreed that in the heavy trucking business this already happens with positive results.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the presentation from the NZ Transport Agency.

Mayor Angus McKay / Mr Philip Wareing
CARRIED

8. PRESENTATION FROM DR ANNA STEVENSON: ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISOR TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Dr Anna Stevenson presented the item, to provide an overview to the Committee on the role of public health in transport. Dr Stevenson referred to the Health and Wellbeing Impact Assessment of the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy 2011 – 2041 including the Literature Review and stories which were circulated.

Her presentation canvassed a variety of public health principles, e.g. risk assessment, research, health promotion, monitoring and disease prevention. Dr Stevenson discussed how transport can play a role in determining the health and well-being of neighbourhoods. Just one example is that the risk of many health conditions is proven to be reduced when people are more active.

Dr Stevenson noted that equal opportunity and equitable opportunity are different- in transport policy we should be aiming to provide people with what they need to be able to move safely and affordably. For example, provision of roads provides for car owners – it does not necessarily meet the needs of disabled, elderly, pedestrians and cyclists.

A lot of research has been done about the benefits of being active. Dr Stevenson mentioned studies done in London, New York, Singapore and elsewhere and also referred to the Canterbury Health in All Policies Partnership. With the RLTS supporting a strategic direction enhancing active and public transport, as well as a reduction in car dependency, Dr Stevenson recommended:

- 1) A focus on and enabling Travel Demand Management Planning at a regional and central city scale;
- 2) Ensuring active friendly environments for all ages; and
- 3) Providing for transport equity.

Mayor Coe left at 4.15pm.

Cr Sarah Walters thanked Dr Stevenson for the presentation. Mr Jim Harland noted that an additional \$100m from Ministry of Transport had been made available for urban cycle-ways because of the known benefits of active transport.

The Chairperson requested that the presentation be sent out with the minutes.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the presentation from Dr Anna Stevenson, Public Health Advisor.

Cr Sarah Walters / Cr Derrick Millton
CARRIED

9. ACTIVE AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP REPORT

Len Fleete presented the item and the Committee took the report and attachment as read.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Takes the report as read.

Cr Kerry Stevens / Mayor David Ayers
CARRIED

10. REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP REPORT

Mayor David Ayers and Len Fleete presented the item, noting the most important issue discussed at the Regional Road Safety Working Group meeting included a proposed business case on intersection safety in Canterbury. The Working Group will be working closely with the Transport Officers Group (TOG) and NZTA to develop in the coming months.

Resolved:

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the report.
2. Endorses the proposal that the RRSWG and TOG coordinate a business case on intersection safety in Canterbury.
3. Agrees to write to the Minister for Transport supporting the application for research funding for intersection safety.

Mayor David Ayers / Cr Kerry Stevens
CARRIED

11. TRANSPORT OFFICERS GROUP REPORT

Len Fleete presented the item highlighting issues such as intersection safety; aligning the NZTA State highway 1 strategic case with Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS); efforts by Environment Canterbury on behalf of the Transport Officers Group (TOG) to approach Mackenzie to consider getting involved in the Stock Truck Effluent Disposal scheme and referring to the TOG 2016-17 work plan. TOG will prepare a timeline and programme to RTC for its consideration at the next meeting.

Steve Gibling added that at the Canterbury Mayoral Forum meeting the issue of bylaws regulating freedom camping across the region was discussed, and the Policy Forum will review this issue before the next visitor season.

Resolved:

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the report
2. Provides feedback on the content and presentation of the report

Cr Vince Daly / Commissioner Rex Williams
CARRIED

12. UPDATE ON:

- **PROGRESS ON RESPONSE TO WINDER REPORT OF MAY 2015 and CANTERBURY REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY – TRANSPORT-RELATED INFORMATION SHARING INITIATIVE**

The Chairperson introduced the item by noting that the Regional Transport Committee should be structured in such a way as to be seen to make active decisions on the RLTP and not just be a rubber stamp.

Steve Gibling and Lorraine Johns presented Item 12, with Steve noting that all efforts were currently focused on completing the refresh of the RLTP strategic context. He noted that without the RLTP strategic context in place, and agreed by all members, that it would be difficult to put a structure in place for the RTC if the context is not fully understood and developed.

Steve commented that the Committee would be advised in the April meeting, about the strategic context and that the Committee saw a first glimpse of it today, during the presentation by Rob Woods (refer Item 6).

Lorraine Johns provided feedback on the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS), saying the collective use of data was critical to make informed decisions. There will be further conversations to find a system to share data amongst agencies.

Lorraine also noted meetings with the private sector proved useful to understand what the issue with data was – key comments include there was a perception that the commercial sector makes decisions without including councils; some of the issues were probably not Canterbury specific; and there was current work on a Request for Proposal (RFP) to do a thorough scope of the work.

It was estimated this project would be completed in 6 – 12 months.

13. QUESTIONS / GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Jim Harland referred to the hand-out 'NZ Transport Agency Update' and updated the Committee on a couple of issues. He mentioned the map showing progress with Roads of National Significance, in particular that the tendering process for the Northern Corridor has begun. He expects this will be awarded in April or May 2016. Work on the Western Belfast Bypass is going according to plan and the Harewood roundabout was working well.

Mr Harland noted construction was progressing well with the Mingha Bluff works. In terms of freight he noted that there was a 14-20% improvement in productivity with 30% of freight being moved on high productivity motor vehicles. He said there was a steady demand for new 50MAX equipment with over 95% of local councils allowing 50MAX access. It was hoped that during 2016 more councils will sign up to ensure communities have access to the safety and productivity benefits provided by 50MAX.

Mr Harland spoke about the Safe System Approach and Visiting Drivers Project. Statistics are not yet available to see whether there have been fewer overseas drivers involved in crashes.

A large project initiative launched late in 2015 was the AA's Visiting Drivers Training Programme. This allows visitors to see real-world examples of driving environments and road rules in New Zealand, even before they get behind a wheel here. There are also videos in different languages for the various visitor markets, including Chinese, Indian, German and US.

There is also work being done on scheduling the road safety engineering programme with activities such as multiple visitor driver rest areas and upgrades to tourist signs.

Lastly, Mr Harland announced that almost five years after the earthquake that shut down the city's CBD the NZ Transport Agency relocated its Christchurch office back into the Central City. He was pleased that NZTA was one of the first government agencies to move back into the city.

14. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 4.38pm.

CONFIRMED

29 April 2016
Date _____



Chairperson