

Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee held in the Council Chamber, Environment Canterbury, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch, on Wednesday 17 May 2017 commencing at 3.30pm

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Present

Alister James (Chairperson)	Cr Kevin Felstead (Deputy Chairperson),
Cr David Bedford (Environment Canterbury)	Cr David Caygill (Environment Canterbury)
Cr Steve Lowndes (Environment Canterbury)	Cr Mark Alexander (Selwyn District Council)
Cr Pauline Cotter (Christchurch City Council)	Cr Phil Clearwater (Christchurch City Council)
Jim Harland (NZ Transport Agency)	Dr Anna Stevenson (Canterbury District Health Board)

In attendance

Richard Osborne and Rae-Anne Kurucz (Christchurch City Council), Stewart Gibbon, Edward Wright, Len Fleete, Cameron Mair, Cindy Butt and Vivienne Ong (Environment Canterbury), Andrew Mazey (Selwyn District Council), Ken Stevenson (Waimakariri District Council), Paul McNoe (Red Bus), and Janet Begg (Public Transport Advisory Group).

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

An apology was received from Mayor Lianne Dalziel.

Alister James / Pauline Cotter
CARRIED

2. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Minutes of meeting – 15 March 2017

(Refer pages 3 – 5 of the agenda)

Resolved:

Confirms the minutes of the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee meeting held on 15 March 2017 as a true and correct record.

Alister James / Phil Clearwater

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Tabled Items:

Tabled document 1:

- Agenda item 8: DASH Rail – replacement paper

5. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

6. Deputations and petitions

No deputations or petitions were presented.

7. Future public transport business case

(Refer pages 8 - 10 of the agenda)

Richard Osborne presented the paper, which was taken as read. Discussion took place regarding the anticipated costs and key outputs of taking the project to the next stage, ie: preparation of a Programme Business Case.

Resolved:

That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:

- 1. Approves the progression of the Future Public Transport Business Case project to the next phase – preparation of a Programme Business Case.**
- 2. Notes that this project will bring enhanced clarity to the concurrent ongoing review of existing bus based public transport services for Greater Christchurch.**
- 3. Approves that an appropriate cost share agreement be developed between the partners for the preparation of the next stage Programme Business Case.**
- 4. Notes that through the entire Greater Christchurch Future Public Transport Business Case process, there will be regular progress updates to the Joint Public Transport Committee.**

David Bedford / Phil Clearwater
CARRIED

8. DASH Rail

(Refer tabled document number 1)

It was noted tabled document number 1, the amended report under agenda item 8 “DASH Rail” had been pre-circulated by email and was distributed to members at the meeting.

Resolved:

That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:

- 1. Receives and considers the tabled document number 1 at this meeting.**

**Alister James / Kevin Felstead
CARRIED**

Stewart Gibbon opened discussion advising that in the view of the steering group it would be best to take a holistic view on public transport when considering the best outcomes for Christchurch and look at the public transport system as a whole.

Key issues discussed related to alignment of the existing rail network to customer needs, infrastructure costs, and the fact the freight services use the same rail lines was also problematic. Some form of rail has a part in the future for the greater Christchurch area, but not at this time.

It was pointed out that Mr Apanui's report was well thought out using the information he had access to. It was suggested that authorities, in future, look at making current information more accessible; encouraging people to approach our councils prior to going down the path of any interest they have – working together to work for the best of public transport.

Resolved:

That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:

- 1. Notes that the limitations in terms of infrastructure and accessibility, and the costs of overcoming these limitations, preclude the immediate introduction of rail on the existing Christchurch corridor.**
- 2. Acknowledges that rail may play a role in future public transport for Christchurch.**
- 3. Agrees that the public transport discussion currently facing greater Christchurch should focus on meeting customer and potential customer needs to ensure network outcomes are met.**
- 4. Agrees that the Future Public Transport Business Case will include consideration of all modal solutions including rail.**

**Alister James / David Caygill
CARRIED**

ACTION:

Staff to contact Mr Apanui and thank him for the work that has been done.

9. Metro Monitoring Report

Greater Christchurch patronage for March this year is the highest recorded since the February 2017 earthquake. This increase is due in part to the timing of the Easter holiday period. Overall patronage was down 2.19% year to date; it was noted that the level of decrease was beginning to reduce.

Members discussed the requirement for urgent public transport work to be prioritised so the decrease in patronage could be dealt with as soon as possible.

There was a problem with the graph about late bus time departures; however, Pauline Cotter pointed out knowing which buses arrive on time and which do not also needed to be studied. In response, it was queried whether road controlling authorities could assist in this area. Collecting information using a metro card 'tap on' 'tap off' service would provide useful data in the medium term.

David Bedford said it would be good to see what potential solutions could be done short term, in the next 18 months. He suspected that staff from all authorities will have some good ideas on what can be put in place right now, rather than wait for a huge amount of analysis work; we should trust the staff and committee's institutional knowledge and do something right now.

Some ideas from committee members were:

- Spot prizes
- Free bus days
- Change the two zone model to a one zone model
- When university students turn 18 have them remain on a youth fare
- Extend the time for free return (currently two hours, extend to three hours)

Stewart Gibbon took on board the requirement to make sure of the best outcomes for public transport in the short and medium term, and replied because of the patronage stresses placed on the network, a review was being undertaken on investments in public transport to ensure alignment of investment with prioritisation with outcomes. Marketing ideas were also being looked at for the year ahead.

Resolved:

That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:

1. **Receives the report "Metro Monitoring Report" for information.**

**David Bedford / Mark Alexander
CARRIED**

10. Questions / general business

The next meeting will be held on 21 June 2017

11. Closure

The meeting closed at 4.05pm.

Confirmed

Date

Chairperson