

CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 41st MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL, 2 KING GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU ON FRIDAY 26 MAY 2017 COMMENCING AT 2.43 PM

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Present

Cr David Bedford (Chairperson), Mayor Donna Favel, Cr Mike Davidson, Cr Peter Scott, Mayor Winton Dalley, Mayor Winston Gray, Mayor Graham Smith, Cr Mark Alexander, Cr Kerry Stevens and Mayor David Ayers

In Attendance

Crs Miriam Paul and Sheila Paul (Waimate District Council),

Andrew Dalziel (Ashburton District Council), Hamish Dobbie (Hurunui District Council), Jill Atkinson (Environment Canterbury), Jim Palmer (Waimakariri District Council), Andrew Dixon (Timaru District Council) and Steve Higgs (New Zealand Transport Agency)

Regional Transport Committee support

Sam Elder (Programme Manager Strategic Policy), Lorraine Johns (Principal Strategy Advisor), Sam Bellamy (Strategy Advisor) and Louise McDonald (Senior Administration Officer)

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting particularly Cr Mike Davidson the newly appointed representative for Christchurch City Council.

2. Apologies

An apology were received from Jim Harland

3. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Minutes of Meeting – 24 February 2017

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2016, be confirmed as a true and accurate record and be adopted.

Cr Mark Alexander / Cr Kerry Stevens
CARRIED

5. Matters Arising

Item 9: Process for review of Regional Land Transport Plan

Sam Elder confirmed that an approach will be made to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to advocate for aligning the timeframes for the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS), the National Land Transport Programme, and local government annual plans.

6. Deputations and Petitions

There were no deputations or petitions.

7. New Zealand Transport Agency Presentation – Long Term Strategic View

Steve Higgs, NZTA Planning and Investment Manager, Greater Christchurch, spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation (the notes were tabled) "Draft Long Term Strategic View".

He explained that this was the NZTA's view of the land transport system and was the first step towards developing a shared view of the transport system that will allow the sector to work more effectively to shape the future of the transport system. Copies of the document were made available for members.

The Committee provided the following comments:

- Requested an update of the business case for State Highway 1 Picton to Dunedin
- Noted with concern that there was no reference to coastal shipping or rail. What is needed is resilience not just roading. Other modes are needed to create the opportunity for a sustainable transport system.

Chairman Bedford thanked Mr Higgs for his presentation, noting that this was an opportunity to engage with NZTA at a strategic level.

8. Regional Transport Committee work programme – enabling integrated transport planning and investment

(Refer page 10 of the agenda)

Sam Elder presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation that proposed a work programme as requested by the Committee at its February 2017 meeting. This followed the approval of a new Terms of Reference for the Committee that expanded the role of the Committee.

Ms Elder explained that for this work programme the following questions should be addressed:

- What actually needs to be done to integrate planning and investment?
- Do the existing strategies and plans provide a consistent story?

In the PowerPoint Presentation there was an explanation of an integrated value chain that started with people; collaboration, alignment and advocacy. She worked through the outcomes and objectives that would lead to the vision and outcome. The vision and outcome as described in the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan.

The Committee congratulated Ms Elder on the clarity of her presentation.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Notes that Environment Canterbury was asked to develop a work programme for the Committee to consider at its meeting on 26 May 2017.**
- 2. Notes that the proposed work programme takes account of the Committee's new strategic functions as well as its existing statutory functions.**
- 3. Notes that this work programme is a living document that will evolve over time.**
- 4. Agree in principle to the proposed work programme.**
- 5. Agrees that the Committee's focus in 2017 will be on the following priorities:**
 - a. Statutory review of the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan.**
 - b. Promote the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan within the region and monitor the progress of its implementation.**
 - c. Commission work to quantify the multi-modal freight opportunity.**
 - d. Continue to advocate to achieve the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan's vision (in particular, with regard to the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018 and 2021, and New Zealand Transport Agency's Long Term Strategic View).**
 - e. Identify opportunities to align the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee and South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group work programmes.**
 - f. Increase quality of and access to data for Canterbury councils.**
 - g. Develop measures to track progress towards strategic outcomes.**
 - h. Initiate a transport resilience stocktake.**

Mayor Graham Smith / Mayor Winton Dalley
CARRIED

9. Review of the Regional Land Transport Plan – Proposed New Investment Opportunities

(Refer page 17 of the agenda)

Lorraine Johns presented this report prepared following the workshop held on 8 March 2017.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. **Notes that a workshop on 8 March 2017, the Committee discussed the draft priority issues, objectives and outcomes for regional transport proposed by the Transport Officers Group, and indicated approval of the five areas presented.**
2. **Notes that the proposed new investment priorities in the attached draft section of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-25 will provide the basis for deciding which regional projects will be prioritised when seeking funding from the National Land Transport Fund, administered by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).**
3. **Recommends that the Canterbury Regional Council agree in principle to the attached draft section of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-25 setting out new investment priorities.**
4. **Notes that final agreement will not be sought until after public consultation later this year.**
5. **Notes that the next stage if this work is to prioritise the regional transport programme (which will include agreeing on a framework for prioritising transport initiatives).**

Cr Kerry Stevens / Cr Peter Scott
CARRIED

10. Variations to the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2015

(Refer to the tabled report)

Steve Higgs presented this report on two variations to the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan:

- State highway 1 Clarence to Oaro Improvements
- Waimakariri Bridge Improvement

He indicated that the proposed Waimakariri Bridge Improvement is of significance under the Significance Policy in the Regional Land Transport Plan and he recommended that a panel be established to oversee public consultation.

The Committee made the following requests:

- The \$5 million threshold in the significance policy be reviewed as it seems low in light of the Hurunui/Kaikōura earthquake.
- Steve Higgs undertook to advise Mayor Dalley about the Oaro to Conway section of State Highway 1.
- An update for the Committee on the coastal corridor.

The membership of the panel to undertake the consultation on the variations was discussed. It was agreed that the panel would include representatives from Waimakariri District, Selwyn District, Christchurch City, Environment Canterbury and the New Zealand Transport Agency. Cr Alexander advised that he had achieved the Good Decisions certification.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. **Resolves that good reason exists for making the variation (Clarence to Oaro) as set out in this paper and the attachment from the New Zealand Transport Agency;**

2. Concludes that the requested variation (Clarence to Oaro Improvements) is non-significant, in terms of the significance policy set out in the Regional Land Transport Plan;
3. Agrees to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan adding the proposed activity to Appendix A 'Activities included in the Canterbury Land Transport Programme';
4. Recommends this variation be lodged with Environment Canterbury, pursuant to section 18B of the Land Transport Management Act 2013;
5. Resolves that good reason exists for making the variation (Waimakariri Bridge Improvement) as set in the New Zealand Transport Agency's paper;
6. Concludes that the requested variation (Waimakariri Bridge Improvement) is significant, in terms of the significance policy set out in the Regional Land Transport Plan;
7. Establishes a panel of the Regional Transport Committee of Mayor Ayers, Jim Harland and Councillors Davidson, Scott, Alexander to oversee public consultation on the variation;
8. Confirms that the necessary public consultation will include oral hearings;
9. Notes that the sub-panel will report back to the Regional Transport Committee with recommendations on 25 August 2017.

Mayor Winton Dalley / Cr Winston Gray
CARRIED

11. Group Reports

11 (a) Transport Officers Group

(Refer page 38 of the agenda)

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***

Mayor Craig Rowley / Cr Peter Scott
CARRIED

11 (b) Regional Road Safety Working Group Report

(Refer page 43 of the agenda)

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. **Receives the Report; and**
2. **Notes that the Regional Road Safety Working Group will provide the Regional Transport Committee with advice on road safety priorities in Canterbury following further work to collate and analyse safety data, for the purposes of informing the review of the Regional Land Transport Plan.**

Mayor David Ayers / Cr Kerry Stevens
CARRIED

12. General Business

There was no general business.

13. Closure

The meeting closed at 4.08 p.m.

Confirmed

Date: 28.8.17

Chairperson: SW Howards.