

CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 40TH MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 200 TUAM STREET, CHRISTCHURCH ON FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2017 COMMENCING AT 2.30PM

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PRESENT

Cr David Bedford (Chairperson), Mayor Donna Favel, Mayor Lianne Dalziel, Cr Peter Scott, Mayor Winton Dalley, Mayor Winston Gray, Mayor Graham Smith, Cr Mark Alexander, Cr Kerry Stevens, Mayor David Ayers and Mr Jim Harland

Environment Canterbury

Jill Atkinson (Director Strategy and Planning), Sam Elder (Programme Manager Strategic Policy), Lorraine Johns (Principal Strategy Advisor), Len Fleete (Strategy Advisor Land Transport) and Therese Davel (Senior Administration Officer)

WELCOME

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mayor Craig Rowley

For lateness: Jim Harland

Mayor David Ayers / Cr Mark Alexander
CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. **MINUTES OF MEETING – 24 June 2016**

Resolved

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

Mayor David Ayers / Cr Kerry Stevens
CARRIED

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

As per Item 7. Ministry of Education (MoE) Presentation (p 5 of the agenda), Cr Alexander enquired as to when the MoE would report back on the option of seat belts for children on school buses.

Action Point: Staff will follow up with MoE and inform the Committee.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

6. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no deputations or petitions.

7. **BRIEFING TO THE INCOMING REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE**

(Refer pages 8 – 51 of the agenda)

Lorraine Johns presented the item referring to the briefing and draft revised terms of reference. There was a brief discussion during which it was noted that alignment between the Canterbury Mayoral Forum and Regional Transport Committee is important for implementing the transport workstream of the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS). The current Committee is recognised for its work and has the ability to expand and strengthen its role to assist with the implementation of this workstream. The workstream focuses in particular on more integrated multi-modal transport planning and infrastructure investment – the Government's National Land Transport Fund cannot be used to fund rail, air or sea transport initiatives which means historically the focus of the Regional Transport Committee has been on roads.

A concern was raised about whether taking on an additional role could impact on the Committee's ability to carry out its statutory role, or whether more advocacy could stress the relationship with central government. Environment Canterbury suggested that the statutory role and the role of implementing CREDS can be aligned, and that a work programme will be developed for the Committee to consider at the next meeting.

A query was raised about inactive links on the Environment Canterbury website.

Action point: Environment Canterbury undertook to review and update the regional land transport webpage on the Environment Canterbury website.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Notes the attached briefing setting out information about the Committee's statutory role and other relevant background information;***
- 2. Agrees to the proposed meeting schedule for 2017 outlined at paragraph 9, noting that the May meeting of the RTC will now be held in Timaru;***

3. ***Notes that a drive toward integrated transport planning and investment across modes is a core component of the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy***
4. ***Notes that there is an opportunity to expand the role of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee so that it can work with Mayor Winton Dalley to implement the transport workstream of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee;***
5. ***Approves the new terms of reference (attached as appendix one), subject to any changes agreed by the Committee;***
6. ***Notes that changes will be required to the support structure in place for the Committee to enable it to carry out its expanded role; and***
7. ***Invites Environment Canterbury to report back at the next meeting on the technical groups that will support the Committee to carry out its functions as well as the relationship between the Regional Transport Committee and other Canterbury regional committees with a significant transport interest.***

Cr Peter Scott / Cr Kerry Stevens
CARRIED

8. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT – DISCUSSION ON GPS 2018
(Refer pages 52 – 58 of the agenda)

Lorraine Johns presented the item, referring to the letter to the Minister of Transport outlining the key matters the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs would like to see in the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018 (GPS 2018). The key points raised by Chairs were for the GPS to recognise the role that transport plays in enhancing tourism and to ensure a funding model is in place to invest in the most effective mode of transport, whether it be road, rail, sea or air.

Staff will analyse the draft GPS 2018 to determine the extent to which the concerns outlined in the letter have been addressed.

The Ministry of Transport presented on the GPS, briefly outlining the role of the GPS, which is primarily to set out priorities and expectations for land transport investment. It was noted that GPS 2018 would have the same foundation although enhancements have been included to focus strongly on the delivery of strategic priorities; change how transport investments are delivered; and provide greater clarity from strategic priorities through to results.

The Ministry acknowledged that funding was always an issue as New Zealand had many roads which were forever changing. There was a suggestion that where there were extraordinary circumstance, the Government could consider adding money to undertake works, rather than taking it from 'business as usual' funding.

The Chairperson thanked the MoT for their presentation.

Resolved (as amended)

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. ***Notes the attached letter that was sent to the Minister of Transport outlining the key matters South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs would like to see in the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018;***
2. ***Prepare a submission on the Government Policy Statement to be shared with the Committee by email for approval.***

Mayor Graham Smith / Cr Kerry Stevens

MATTERS FOR DECISION

9. **PROCESS FOR STATUTORY REVIEW OF REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN**

(Refer pages 59 - 60 of the agenda)

Lorraine Johns presented the item, noting the workshop scheduled for 8 March. At the next meeting of the Committee in May staff will have draft text for approval. Final approval will be sought in early 2018 and NZTA have asked for all Plans to be submitted by April 2018.

There was a brief discussion about timing, as Territorial Authorities have to develop and propose roading projects to be included in Long-Term Plans before the GPS is finalised. Staff indicated that this issue had been raised with the Ministry of Transport, and will also raise it in the submission. It was suggested that the Committee take this issue up as part of its advocacy role.

Action Points:

- Staff will come back with an approach to change the reporting cycle;
- Staff will raise the issue of proposed changes to the reporting cycle in the submission to Ministry of Transport

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. ***Notes the proposed timeframes for the statutory review of the Regional Land Transport Plan; and***
2. ***Notes that a workshop on 8 March 2017 is being held to:***
 - a. ***discuss and approve the priority issues, objectives and outcomes identified by the Transport Officers Group***
 - b. ***discuss and approve the proposed timeframe for the review.***

Mayor Graham Smith / Cr Kerry Stevens

CARRIED

Mayor Dalziel arrived 3.49pm

10. **VARIATIONS TO REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN 2015**

(Refer pages 61 - 72 of the agenda)

Len Fleete discussed the item which involved seeking approval for several variations to the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan.

During the brief discussion concern was raised that one of the variations was considerably above the significance policy and as such would need consultation. The Committee discussed the reasons for allowing the variation and agreed the works were crucial. The Committee discussed to review the significance and engagement policy as part of the statutory review of the Regional Land Transport Plan.

Resolved (as amended)

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. **Deems** the following requested variations to be non-significant
2. **Agrees** to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan adding the proposed activities to Appendix A 'Activities included in the Canterbury Land Transport Programme':
3. **Recommends** these variations to Environment **Canterbury**
 - NZTA - State Highway 1 Rangitata to Timaru Safety Improvements

- *KiwiRail Level Crossing Improvements*
 - *Ashburton District Council – Rakaia pedestrian crossing;*
 - *Canterbury HNO – SH1 Winchester;*
 - *Canterbury HNO – SH1 Chertsey;*
 - *Timaru District Council – Arundel-Belfield Road;*
 - *Timaru District Council – Eversley Street; and*
 - *Selwyn District Council – McMillan Street.*

4. **Deems** the following requested variations be categorised as a 'funding requirement for preventative maintenance and emergency reinstatement' and as such are non-significant.
5. **Agrees** to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan adding the proposed activities to Appendix A 'Activities included in the Canterbury Land Transport Programme'
6. **Recommends** these variations to Environment Canterbury.
 - *Kaikōura November 2016 Earthquake: Lewis Pass alternative route upgrade*
 - *Kaikōura November 2016 Earthquake: Route 70 improvements Hurunui District Council*
 - *Kaikōura November 2016 Earthquake: Route 70 improvements Kaikōura District Council*

Mayor Winton Dalley / Cr Mark Alexander
CARRIED

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

11. SOUTH ISLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE CHAIRS GROUP - UPDATE (Refer pages 73 – 75 of the agenda)

The report was taken as read.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. ***Notes that the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group will next meet on 20 March 2017;***
2. ***Notes that at this meeting, Chairs will discuss proposed common messages for all South Island Regional and Transport Plans; and***
3. ***Provides any feedback on the common messages text to Environment Canterbury by 5pm Thursday 2 March 2017.***

Cr Peter Scott / Mayor Donna Favel
CARRIED

12 REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP REPORT (Refer pages 76 – 86 of the agenda)

The report was taken as read.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. ***Receives the Report; and***
2. ***Notes activity on the business case on intersection safety in Canterbury.***

Mayor David Ayers / Cr Kerry Stevens
CARRIED

13. TRANSPORT OFFICERS GROUP REPORT
(Refer pages 87 – 115 of the agenda)

The report was taken as read.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Receives the Report.***

Cr Kerry Stevens / Mayor Graham Smith
CARRIED

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

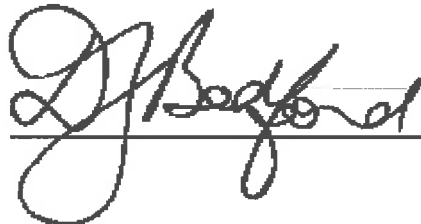
15. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 4.10p.m.

CONFIRMED

Date

26 May 2017



Chairperson