

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee held in the Council Chamber, Environment Canterbury, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Wednesday 15 March 2017 commencing at 3.30pm

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Present

Alister James (Chairperson), Cr Kevin Felstead (Deputy Chairperson), Cr David Bedford, Cr David Caygill (Environment Canterbury), Mayor Lianne Dalziel, Cr Pauline Cotter and Cr Phil Clearwater (Christchurch City Council), Cr Mark Alexander (Selwyn District Council) and Dr Anna Stevenson (Canterbury District Health Board)

In attendance

Tane Apanui

Ken Stevenson (Waimakariri District Council), Richard Osborne, David Falconer, and Rae-Anne Kurucz (Christchurch City Council), Andrew Mazey (Selwyn District Council), Steve Higgs (NZ Transport Agency), Stewart Gibbon, Shannon Boorer, Rachel Young, Edward Wright, Cameron Mair and Therese Davel (Environment Canterbury)

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

An apology was received from Cr Steve Lowndes.

Alister James / Cr Phil Clearwater
CARRIED

2. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Minutes of meeting – 15 February 2017

(Refer pages 4 – 7 of the agenda)

Resolved:

That the Greater Public Transport Joint Committee confirms as a true and correct record, and adopts the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2017.

Alister James / Cr Kevin Felstead
CARRIED

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

6. Deputations and petitions

Tane Apanui from Dash Rail requested to address the Committee on passenger rail. The Committee agreed to hear his deputation. Tane explained he had done research over the last 2 years and had discussions with other Councils. He quoted costs and other information on a passenger rail service (Refer to Attachment 1).

Points raised during the discussion included:

- Trialling the system would have more advantages than full lease.
- Buses as the only public transport option are slow whereas trains can take you closer to where you want to be.
- Tane mentioned he had a good relationship with KiwiRail, noting KiwiRail indicated passenger service would take precedence in their planning.
- There was a deadline for procuring the available carriages.
- Tane noted their aim was to use 100% waste as a source for fuel and that he had access to such a source.
- As passenger rail was not discussed as part of the original short-term solution to congestion, it was suggested that Tane meet with staff to compare research and talk about future possibilities.

Action Points:

- Staff to meet with Tane Apanui to compare his findings with the 2014 Greater Christchurch Northern Rail Study.
- Consider including passenger rail in the Future Public Transport Business Case

7. Future public transport business case

(Refer pages 8 - 62 of the agenda)

Richard Osbourne and David Falconer presented the paper, which was taken as read. The Committee indicated its vision as getting more people to use public transport more often. Staff prepared a draft Strategic Business Case which included three problem statements to reflect the key challenges in achieving the agreed public transport patronage targets now and in the future. The Business Case identified that current trends relate to stagnant or declining ridership and it will not be enough to attract people to choose public transport.

In response to a question from Cr Alexander about investment in public transport, Richard noted that the New Zealand Transport Agency would be interested in looking for a good investment story. The Strategic Business Case took into account other transport business cases in Greater Christchurch currently under development.

Resolved (as amended):

That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:

1. **Notes the Strategic Business Case states there is evidence that change is needed to the city's public transport system in order to achieve the long term goals and strategies of UDS partners, the Regional Public Transport Plan and An Accessible City.**
2. **Endorse that the Future Public Transport Business Case proceeds to the next phase to develop options through a Programme Business Case.**
3. **Notes that a cost-sharing agreement for the costs of a Programme Business Case will need to be developed and this will determine the timing of the Programme Business Case.**
4. **Notes that through the process there will be regular updates to the Joint Public Transport Committee to seek direction before proceeding to the next stages.**
5. **Receives a report at its May meeting regarding the Business Case timeframe, costs and revision of problems statements.**

Cr David Bedford / Cr Mark Alexander
CARRIED

8. Metro monitoring report to February 2017

(Refer pages 63 - 66 of the agenda)

Shannon Boorer and Cameron Mair provided an update on greater Christchurch patronage to the end of February 2017 noting that patronage in greater Christchurch decreased by 4.3% in February 2017 compared to February 2016. Patronage decreased on each of the Frequent Lines which was to be expected due to 2016 having been a leap year. Shannon also noted reliability across the network was very similar to the same time in 2016.

In response to a question from Dr Stevenson about the increase in social media interactions in February, Shannon noted that during major events such as earthquakes, fires and flooding there is an increase in activity on Twitter and Facebook. In this particular case it related to the Port Hills fires.

Resolved:

That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:

1. **Receives the report for information.**

Cr Kevin Felstead / Cr Mark Alexander
CARRIED

9. Questions / general business


The next meeting will be held on 19 April 2017

10. Closure

The meeting closed at 4.10pm.

Confirmed

17 October 2017
Date


Chairperson