

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 / Cr 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:

That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:

Confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2017 as a true and correct record.

**Alister James / Cr Phil Clearwater
CARRIED**

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**

There were no deputations or petitions.

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, i.e. 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.**

**Chairman David Bedford / Cr 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 / Cr Kevin Felstead
CARRIED**

Members discussed the need to take an holistic view on public transport when considering the best outcomes for Christchurch. The following key issues were discussed; alignment of the existing rail network to customer needs, infrastructure costs, and the fact the freight services use the same rail lines was problematic. It was acknowledged that rail may have a role in future public transport for the greater Christchurch area, but not at this time.

The committee agreed that Mr Apanui's report was well thought out, and was based on information he had access to. It was suggested that in future transport authorities make current information on public transport solutions and rail more accessible.

The committee agreed staff write to Mr Apanui to thank him for the comprehensive information he had provided in regards to his DASH Rail presentation.

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 / Cr David Caygill
CARRIED**

9. **Metro Monitoring Report**

The committee noted patronage for March 2017 was the highest recorded since the February 2011 earthquake. This increase was due in part to the timing of the Easter holiday period. Overall patronage was down 2.19% year to date and 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.

It was noted the route performance monitoring report did not include data about late bus departure times, and it was agreed future reporting include an ability to report on this. Members discussed whether road controlling authorities could assist with this type of data collection and if using a metro card 'tap on' 'tap off' service could provide useful data in the medium term.

Members considered how to facilitate possible short and medium term patronage solutions, and agreed transport staff from all authorities be tasked to come up with some ideas on how to improve patronage. Members noted some ideas such as:

- 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 advised a review was being undertaken on investments in public transport to ensure alignment of investment and prioritisation of 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.**

**Chairman David Bedford / Cr 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

17 October 2017.

Date



Chairperson