

# Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee held in the Council Chamber, Environment Canterbury, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch, on Wednesday, 19 July 2017 commencing at 3.30pm

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## Present

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

## In attendance

Nadeine Dommissie (Chief Operating Officer), Stewart Gibbon (Senior Manager Public Transport, Environment Canterbury), Edward Wright (Manager Public Transport Strategy, Planning and Marketing, Environment Canterbury), Len Fleete, (Senior Strategy Advisor Public Transport, Environment Canterbury), Rachel Young, Cindy Butt (Committee Advisor, Environment Canterbury), Rae-Anne Kurucz, Tim Cheesebrough, Ross Pringle (Christchurch City Council), Ken Stevenson (Waimakariri District Council), Andrew Mazey (Selwyn District Council), Steve Higgs (NZTA), Paul McNoe (Red Bus), Janet Begg (Public Transport Advisory Group), and Julie Tobbell (Somerfield Residents Association)

## 1. **Welcome, introduction and apologies**

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 3.30 pm and welcomed all present.

An apology was received from Chair David Bedford (Environment Canterbury).

**Alister James / Cr Mark Alexander  
CARRIED**

## 2. **Conflicts of interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

## 3. **Deputation and petition**

*Refer tabled document number 1*

Julie Tobbell (Somerville Residents Association) gave a presentation to the Committee that requested adequate bus services be reinstated in the Somerville and Selwyn Streets. Ms Tobbell presented two possible options to:

- Amend the existing route 60; and
- Create a new hospital based route.

Ms Tobbell considered the proposed options would improve accessibility for residents and were essential for the community to feel connected to other areas of the city. Maps of proposed amended bus routes were provided to the committee.

Members sought and received clarification from Ms Tobbell and noted: in December 2014 Somerville residents presented submissions opposed to the bus route changes that are now in place; she said residents felt the bus routes prior to the changes made in 2014 had been effective, but the new bus routes since 2014 were ineffective. Ms Tobbell submitted the request from the Somerville Residents Association to reinstate bus routes was supported by local politicians and other community boards. Parking was difficult in the city and public transport use should be encouraged. Concerns about walking distances were noted. The Somerville area includes 3 public schools, 4 pre-schools and 2 rest homes. A public transport workshop held at a Spreydon Cashmere Community Board meeting identified gaps in other parts of the city that need attention. It was noted there was opportunity for Community Boards and Residents Associations to collaborate and discuss ways to look at bus route linkages, and to work with the DHB to look at new ways of delivering public transport to hospitals. Ms Tobbell suggested a trial to operate more mini-buses in areas not being reached, and to increase the frequency of bus times were possible solutions.

It was noted that any proposed changes would need to consider the current performance of the existing route 60 and any impact on current users.

In conclusion Ms Tobbell presented a petition (480 signatures) that supported the options presented.

Members thanked Ms Tobbell for the time, effort and detail put into her presentation.

## **Resolved:**

### **That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:**

- 1. Receives the petition and thanks the Somerfield Residents Association and representative Julie Tobbell for their deputation.**
- 2. Agrees to consider the information provided as part of the current review of services that is taking place to develop the Regional Public Transport Plan.**
- 3. Requests staff investigate and report back on possible amendments to existing routes in the Somerfield area.**

**Alister James / Cr Steve Lowndes  
CARRIED**

#### **4. Minutes of previous meeting – 21 June 2017**

*(Refer pages 7-11 of the agenda)*

Correction to item 7.1 “West End Gap and Bikeshare Report”. Correct the text “2018/2021” to read “2018/2028”.

## **Resolved:**

### **That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:**

**Confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2017 as a true and correct record, with the foregoing correction.**

**Cr Phil Clearwater / Cr Mark Alexander  
CARRIED**

#### **5. Matters arising**

*(Refer page 9 of the agenda)*

In regards to item 7.2 entitled “Metro Monitoring Report”, members were advised that the statistical data related to congestion levels at Waimakariri would be reported to the next meeting.

#### **6. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to report.

## **Reports**

#### **7. Schedule of meetings and workshops for the remainder of 2017**

*(Refer pages 8 - 13 of the agenda)*

Stewart Gibbon presented the report that outlined proposed changes to the schedule of meetings and workshops for the remainder of 2017.

Members debated the recommended revised schedule and agreed:

- The extended workshops are scheduled from 2 pm to 5 pm;
- The months when there is a combined workshop and public meeting, the workshop starts at 2 pm, and the public meeting is scheduled to start at 3.45 pm.

### **Resolved:**

**That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:**

1. **Approves the revised schedule of meetings and workshops for the remainder of 2017 as outlined in clause 8 of the report.**
2. **Agrees the following timing of workshops and meetings for the remainder of 2017:**
  - **Schedule extended workshops on 16 August, 18 October and 20 December to start at 2 pm and finish at 5 pm;**
  - **On the dates of a combined workshop and meeting on 20 September and 15 November, the workshop starts at 2 pm and the public meeting is scheduled to start at 3.45 pm.**

**Alister James / Cr David Caygill  
CARRIED**

### **8. Metro Monitoring Report** *(Refer pages 14 - 17 of the agenda)*

Edward Wright presented the report and informed members that since January 2017 there had been three months which showed positive patronage growth, including the highest monthly patronage recorded since the February 2011 earthquake. Members were advised there would be ongoing opportunity for patronage growth with the return of businesses and employment to the central city.

### **Resolved:**

**That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:**

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

**Alister James / Cr David Caygill  
CARRIED**

### **9. Public Excluded**

### **Resolved:**

**THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.**

**The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds**

under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

**Grounds**

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

**Reason**

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

That appropriate officers and advisors remain to provide advice to the Committee.

Cr Kevin Felstead / Cr Steve Lowndes  
CARRIED

9. **Confidential Business to be transferred into the Open**

No business was transferred into the open meeting.

10. **Questions / General Business**

A member acknowledged the high workload of the committee and the significant work programme ahead.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2017.

11. **Closure**

The meeting closed at 4.30 pm.

CONFIRMED

17 October 2017

Date

  
Chairperson