

Minutes of the 42ND meeting of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee held in the Council Chamber, Environment Canterbury, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Friday, 25 August 2017, commencing at 2.40pm

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Present

Cr Steve Lowndes (Acting Chairperson, Environment Canterbury), Mayor Craig Rowley (Waimate), Mayor Donna Favel (Ashburton), Mayor Graham Smith (Mackenzie), Jim Harland (NZTA), Cr Kerry Stevens (Timaru), Cr Mark Alexander (Selwyn), Cr Mike Davidson (Christchurch City), Cr Peter Scott (Environment Canterbury), Mayor Winton Dalley (Hurunui), and Mayor David Ayers (Waimakariri)

In Attendance

Jacob McElwee (Bus and Coach Association), Paul McNoe (Red Bus Ltd), Michael Blyleven (New Zealand Transport Agency), Sam Elder (Programme Manager Strategic Policy), Lorraine Johns (Principal Strategy Advisor), Sam Bellamy (Strategy Advisor) and Vivienne Ong (Committee Advisor)

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

An apology from Mayor Winston Gray was received and accepted.

2. **Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. **Minutes of Meeting – 26 May 2017**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2017, be confirmed as a true and accurate record and be adopted.

Cr Alexander / Mayor Favel
CARRIED

4. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

5. **Regional Transport Committee Work Programme Update**

(Refer page 13 of the agenda)

Sam Elder recapped on the work programme priorities for 2017, as agreed at the Regional Transport Committee meeting on 26 May 2017.

6. **Monitoring Progress Towards Outcomes: Design of the Regional Transport Strategic Scorecard**

(Refer page 15 of the agenda)

Sam Bellamy explained the Scorecard would incorporate the latest available data and information that would assist in making robust evidence-based decisions reflecting strategic objectives and outcomes.

The Scorecard is one of the seven key priority work programme items and replaces the monitoring and performance framework in the current Regional Land Transport Plan, and integrates the Mayoral Forum's transport workstream indicators.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. **NOTE that the Regional Transport Committee agreed in principle on 26 May 2017 to a number of priority initiatives for 2017 as part of a draft work programme, including designing measures that track progress towards the strategic objectives and outcomes for regional transport in Canterbury (i.e. a strategic scorecard).**

2. **NOTE that the Scorecard supersedes the monitoring and performance framework outlined in the current Regional Land Transport Plan, and incorporates the Mayoral Forum's transport workstream indicators.**
3. **NOTE that the draft measures (attached to the report) may need to evolve to reflect availability of supporting data.**

Cr Scott / Cr Davidson
CARRIED

7. **Review of Regional Land Transport Plan: Changes to Prioritisation Framework**

(Refer page 18 of the agenda)

The Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) is due for review; Lorraine presented on the proposed changes to the prioritisation framework. Priorities areas are:

- a) Looking after what we have
- b) Finishing what we have started
- c) Projects with regional significance, as per strategic alignments
- d) Improvements to lower priority regional projects

It was proposed the above four project priorities be assessed against three criteria:

- a) Meets the priority outcomes
- b) Level of urgency
- c) Priority level in local area.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. **NOTE that the Committee agreed in principle to new investment priorities on 26 May 2017.**
2. **NOTE that some changes are necessarily to the prioritisation framework in the Regional Land Transport Plan to reflect these new priorities when prioritising the programme of works.**
3. **AGREE in principle to the proposed changes to the prioritisation framework.**

Mayor Graham / Mayor Craig
CARRIED

8. **Deputation**

Presentation on Intercity and tour coach facilities and efforts to improve available infrastructure

Jacob McElwee, Policy Manager, Bus and Coach Association and Paul McNoe, Chief Executive, Red Bus presented on coach parking and coach/bus access. He advised significant growth in tourism numbers had increased demand for tour buses. This demand resulted in more investment needed to resolve the following current issues:

- Poor infrastructure for coach parking, which makes visiting locations too difficult
- Hotels are being built with no practical access, coach parking or safe loading/unloading of passengers

- Event and conference access
 - Need block drop off zones (5 – 10 space coach capacity)
 - Need a holding area
 - Need layover capacity (with toilet or rest facilities nearby)
 - Gridlocks at major events – need priority access (Conference Centre, Town Hall, Metro Sports, Stadium, Hagley Sports, Horncastle Arena)
- Cruise ships from Akaroa and Lyttelton
 - Need coach city access to main tourist areas (Museum, Art Gallery, Cathedral Square)
 - Need layover parking (with toilet facilities nearby)
- Coaches require a 30 metre turning circle, ie: 14 metres long

Coach parking is not just a driver issue, it is an issue for passengers on the coach and other vehicle users. If a venue cannot be accessed it will be removed from future tours – this will impact local/regional businesses.

9. Presentation – Public Transport Programme Business Case

Edward Wright updated members on the public transport programme business case.

10. Assessing the Opportunity for Freight Mode Optimisation

(Refer page 21 of the agenda)

Lorraine Johns presented for discussion opportunities for freight mode optimisation. Currently 90% of freight is carried by road and is forecast to increase. Members were advised of the need to mitigate the negative impacts that increasing road freight has on communities, visitors, businesses, the environment and the risk to the region's supply chain in the event of a natural disaster. Solving these issues will involve optimising freight transportation to include rail, coastal, shipping, and air.

There was general support that work be scoped to better understand the multi-modal freight opportunity from a South Island wide perspective, and be led by the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee, in collaboration with the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group.

It was noted that funding was available for an in-house resource and for some work to be externally contracted. South Island regional transport committees had also indicated they would also subsidise the scoping work.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. **NOTE that the Committee agreed to a strategy map and work programme on 26 May 2017.**
2. **NOTE that the Committee agreed in principle to several priority initiatives, including work to better understand the opportunities for freight mode optimisation.**

- 3. AGREE to scope this work from a South Island-wide perspective, led by Canterbury's Regional Transport Committee in collaboration with the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group.**

Mayor Smith / Mayor Dalley
CARRIED

11. Presentation – Coastal Corridor Recovery Programme (NZTA)

Jim Harland gave a presentation on the progress of the Picton to Christchurch corridor which is expected to be opened at the end of the year.

- Rail is now fully connected.
- Improvements will be made to amenities
- A new coastal cycle path will be constructed (Blenheim to Christchurch)
- Safety improvements will be made for urban access to Kaikoura
- Road improvements and upgrades made to the alternative Picton and Christchurch route

Mr Harland summarised the State Highway Investment Plan (SHIP) proposal and how it fits in with the RLTP.

12. Variations to the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 (RLTP)

12.1 Waimakariri Bridge Improvements

(Refer page 25 of the agenda)

Earlier in August a consultation process took place which involved submissions and oral hearings on the proposed variation to the RLTP to build a third southbound higher occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane on the Waimakariri Bridge.

Councillor Scott commented that the public submission process went smoothly. The Hearing Panel received 177 submissions, with 153 supporting the variation. Cr Scott recommended the Regional Transport Committee support the proposal to build a third southbound lane, and forward its recommendation to the Regional Council to approve.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. NOTE that at meeting of 26 May 2017 the Regional Transport Committee considered the proposed variation (Waimakariri Bridge Improvement) be significant, and established a Panel to oversee public consultation on the proposed variation.**
- 2. RECEIVE that the Panel report "Report on proposed variation to Regional Land Transport Plan – third southbound higher occupancy vehicle lane on the Waimakariri Bridge" recommends that the Regional Transport Committee support the Waimakariri Bridge Improvement variation proposed by NZTA, on the basis that:**

- a) The third southbound lane will be operated as an HOV lane during the morning peak (including a minimum of T2, public transport and emergency vehicles), and
 - b) A cycle clip on lane will be built.
3. **RECEIVE** the additional observations and suggestions raised by the Panel, in the report attached to the agenda
 4. **AGREE** to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan adding the proposed activity “Waimakariri Bridge safety and reliability improvement” to Appendix A ‘Activities included in the Canterbury Land Transport Programme’.
 5. **RECOMMENDS to Canterbury Regional Council:**

THAT the Canterbury Regional Council approves, pursuant to section 18D of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, the Regional Land Transport Plan variation to include the proposed activity “Waimakariri Bridge safety and reliability improvement” to Appendix A ‘Activities included in the Canterbury Land Transport Programme’.

Cr Lowndes / Cr Alexander
CARRIED

It is noted for the record that items 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4 were considered together.

12.2 Public Transport Programme Business Case

12.3 National Ticketing Programme

12.4 Selwyn District Council LED Street Lighting Renewal Programme

(Refer page 76 of the agenda)

The report recommended the Committee agree to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan to include the following three projects into the programme of activities:

- Public Transport Programme Business Case
- National Ticketing Programme
- Selwyn District Council LED Street Lighting Renewal Programme.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. **AGREE** to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan adding the proposed activities to Appendix A ‘Activities included in the Canterbury Land Transport Programme’.
 - a) Future Public Transport Programme Business Case (Environment Canterbury)
 - b) National Ticketing Project (Environment Canterbury)
 - c) LED Street Lighting Renewal Project (Selwyn District Council)
2. **DEEM** the requested variations to be non-significant.
3. **RECOMMENDS to the Canterbury Regional Council:**

THAT pursuant to section 18D of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 it vary the Regional Land Transport Plan adding the proposed activities to Appendix A ‘Activities included in the Canterbury Land Transport Programme’.

- a) Future Public Transport Programme Business Case (Environment Canterbury)
- b) National Ticketing Project (Environment Canterbury)
- c) LED Street Lighting Renewal Project (Selwyn District Council)

Cr Lowndes / Cr Alexander
CARRIED

12.5 Rail Level Crossing Warning Device Improvements

(Refer page 116 of the agenda)

The report recommended the Committee vary the Regional Land Transport Plan to include KiwiRail's proposed capital works upgrades to level crossings on local roads in the Canterbury region.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. **CONSIDER** the request for improvements to several level crossings in the Canterbury region as a non-significant variation.
2. **AGREE** to vary the Regional Land Transport Programme 2015-18 by adding the following proposed level crossing improvement activities:
 - a) Hurunui District Council – Johnston Street / Main North Line – Install pedestrian mazes;
 - b) Selwyn District Council – McMillan Street / Midland Line – Install half arm barriers;
 - c) Waimakariri District Council – Wales Street / Main North Line – Install smart studs and “Another Train” voice message;
 - d) Waimakariri District Council – High Street / Main North Line – Install pedestrian mazes;
 - e) Selwyn District Council – McMillan Street / Midland Line – Post Construction Risk Assessment of half arm barriers;
 - f) Waimakariri District Council – Wales Street / Main North Line – Post Construction Risk Assessment of smart studs and “Another Train” voice message.
3. **NOTE** that the Arundel Belfield / Main South Line – Design half arm barriers (Timaru District Council) has been approved by the Regional Transport Committee as a variation at the meeting on 24 February 2017.
4. **RECOMMENDS** the Canterbury Regional Council:

APPROVE the variation to the Regional Land Transport Programme 2015-18 by adding the following proposed level crossing improvement activities:

 - a) Hurunui District Council – Johnston Street / Main North Line – Install pedestrian mazes;
 - b) Selwyn District Council – McMillan Street / Midland Line – Install half arm barriers;
 - c) Waimakariri District Council – Wales Street / Main North Line – Install smart studs and “Another Train” voice message;
 - d) Waimakariri District Council – High Street / Main North Line – Install pedestrian mazes;

- e) Selwyn District Council – McMillan Street / Midland Line – Post Construction Risk Assessment of half arm barriers;
- f) Waimakariri District Council – Wales Street / Main North Line – Post Construction Risk Assessment of smart studs and “Another Train” voice message.

Cr Lowndes / Cr Alexander
CARRIED

13. **Submission on New Zealand Transport Agency Long Term Strategic View**

The “Submission on New Zealand Transport Agency Long Term Strategic View” report was received.

14. **Regional Road Safety Working Group Update**

The “Regional Road Safety Working Group Update” report was received.

15. **Transport Officers Group Update**

The “Transport Officers Group Update” report was received.

16. **General Business**

There was no general business.

17. **Closure**

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.

Confirmed

Date: 12.7.17

Chairperson: *Cr Lowndes*