

MINUTES OF THE 43rd MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COMMODORE AIRPORT HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH ON FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2017, COMMENCING AT 2.48PM

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Present

Cr Steve Lowndes (Chair), Mayor Craig Rowley, Mayor Donna Favel, Mayor Graham Smith, Cr Kerry Stevens, Cr Mark Alexander, Cr Mike Davidson, Cr Peter Scott, Mayor Winton Dalley, and Mayor David Ayers

In Attendance

Phil Dean (NZ Police), Jill Atkinson (Director, Strategy & Planning)

Regional Transport Committee support - Sam Elder (Programme Manager Strategic Policy), Lorraine Johns (Principal Strategy Advisor), Darren Fidler (Principal Strategy Advisor) and Vivienne Ong (Committee Advisor)

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting

A special acknowledgment was made to Jill Atkinson who was congratulated for 12 years of association with the Committee. Jill was thanked for her guidance, good relationships and governance. Members wished her well for her future endeavours.

Members congratulated Steve Lowndes (Environment Canterbury, Chair) and Peter Scott (Environment Canterbury, Deputy Chair) for their recent appointments.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mayor Winston Gray and Jim Harland.

2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Minutes of Meeting – 25 August 2017

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee

- 1. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25 August 2017 as a true and accurate record and that the minutes be adopted.**

Cr Alexander / Mayor Dalley
CARRIED

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Strategic Items

5.1 Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan *Refer to supplementary paper, page 3*

Sam Elder gave a summary of what had been signalled as the new Government's immediate priorities, which would be reflected in the redrafted Government Policy Statement on Land Transport. Members noted the most significant changes would be made by Government at a later date. The proposed draft Regional Land Transport Plan was consistent with the current signalled changes.

The Committee discussed and agreed to add an additional sixth priority area in the Regional Land Transport Plan on environmental impact. Therefore, the proposed investment priorities would be:

1. Travel time reliability
2. Accessibility

3. Condition and suitability
4. Safety
5. Resilience
6. Environmental impact.

5.2 **Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan – Significance Policy Review** *Refer page 15 of the agenda*

Lorraine Johns provided an overview of the key proposed changes to ensure the Significance Policy remained fit-for-purpose.

A key change was to make the Significance Policy more flexible to ensure that all relevant considerations could be taken into account when making decisions. Significance, for the purposes of public consultation, would be determined on a case by case basis.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. **Approve the revised Significance Policy for inclusion in the consultation draft of the Regional Land Transport Plan.**

Chair Lowndes / Cr Davidson
CARRIED

5.2.1 **Draft Regional Land Transport Plan for consultation** *Refer to supplementary paper*

Lorraine Johns continued to outline the key proposed changes to the Regional Land Transport Plan, some of which the Committee had already agreed in principle.

Lorraine noted that the next draft of the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport might not be issued prior to February 2018, when it was proposed that consultation on the draft Plan commence.

Delaying public consultation later than February was not recommended, particularly as the draft Plan currently reflected the Government priorities that had been signalled to date.

Therefore, the following timeframes were recommended:

- Public consultation (for written submissions), mid-February to mid-March 2018
- Consideration by the Regional Transport Committee, May 2018
- Final Regional Land Transport Plan to Council and NZTA, June 2018

It was determined that a sub-committee consisting of three Committee members (Chair Lowndes, Cr Davidson and Cr Alexander) would report back to the Committee on submissions and changes to the Plan.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. **Note the Minister of Transport has signalled the intention to amend the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018-2021 to reflect the Government's immediate priorities (though the most significant changes will be incorporated in the GPS at a later date following its issue).**
2. **Note that on 24 November 2017 the NZ Transport Agency consequentially extended the deadline for submitting Regional Land Transport Plans from 30 April 2018 to 30 June 2018.**
3. **Note that the attached draft Plan is largely consistent with the signalled changes to the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, although changes to the Plan may become necessary once the revised draft is released and there may be a window of opportunity to incorporate additional investment proposals to reflect the signalled priorities, particularly related to: public transport, reducing environmental impact and supporting mode neutrality.**
4. **Agreed to include environmental impact as an additional (sixth) priority area in the Regional Land Transport Plan, reflecting the new priorities signalled by the Government for inclusion in the Government Policy Statement.**
5. **Note that final bids for transport activities by territorial authorities are not due with the NZ Transport Agency until 16 December 2017. Changes to the draft programme of transport activities may still be required after this date, if territorial authorities make changes to their programme of works as they go through their long-term planning processes.**
6. **Agree in principle to the proposed changes to the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan, with final agreement to the changes to be sought following public consultation on the draft Plan.**
7. **Note that public consultation on the proposed changes is required in accordance with the Significance Policy in the current Regional Land Transport Plan.**
8. **Agree to release the draft Regional Land Transport Plan for public consultation for a four-week period in early 2018, with only written submissions invited as part of the consultation process (no oral hearings).**
9. **Note that consultation will likely take place before the Regional Transport Committee next meets, and ideally from mid-February to mid-March 2018, but this will depend on when the draft Government Policy Statement is re-released.**
10. **Agree that the Chair of the Regional Transport Committee may approve further changes to the draft Regional Transport Plan prior to public consultation, in particular following the re-release of the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018-2021 and any changes territorial authorities make to their transport programmes.**
11. **Note that a copy of the consultation draft and summary of any further changes made will be emailed to Regional Transport Committee members before the consultation period begins.**

Cr Alexander / Cr Stevens
CARRIED

5.3 **Regional Transport Scorecard**

Refer page 21 of the agenda

Darren Fidler introduced the regional transport scorecard noting the following:

- The scorecard reflected the agreed strategy map.
- Be aware of time lags, ie: not all data was available quarterly as some metrics were only available annually.
- There will be seasonal variations.
- The scorecard identified trends over the last 5-10 years.
- Statistics could be influenced by a commodity change, eg: for Canterbury it could be coal via rail.
- The scorecard is a tool that assists in identifying questions that should be asked. It also monitors progress on outcomes. Targets may also be identified going forward.

Members suggested that a subset of the measures would be useful, reflecting the Regional Transport Committee's key priorities, and a drillable version to district level (where this makes sense and the data is readily available).

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Note an outline of the Regional Transport Scorecard was discussed at the meeting of 25 August 2017.**
- 2. Note that the scorecard has now been populated with data.**
- 3. Provide any remaining feedback on the Scorecard to Environment Canterbury by 5pm, Friday, 15 December 2017.**
- 4. Note that ongoing development and refinement of the Scorecard is anticipated post-implementation, including the identification of a subset of critical measures for the Regional Transport Committee.**

Chair Lowndes / Cr Davidson
CARRIED

5.4 **Freight Modal Shift**

(Refer page 29 of the agenda)

Darren Fidler presented for the findings of Phase One of the freight modal shift research.

Phase One was about understanding the scale of the opportunity for freight modal shift

During discussion it was noted:

- 50% of freight into Canterbury from Auckland was via rail/ship
- 75% of freight movement by weight was within Canterbury
- For manufactured and retail goods, only 50% arrived into Canterbury by road but 85% left Canterbury by road

- Some of the data on freight movements within Canterbury were highly dependent on how a trip was defined (eg: if a truck stopped for 15 minutes it may be to pick up or drop off freight, or it may be to get a coffee)
- Long distance freight movements via rail/ship still required short distance trucking for the first/last mile as the majority of freight destinations were not accessible by rail or sea
- By weight, air freight was a negligible proportion of the total freight task in Canterbury (but was significant by value). Drones (with a current carrying capacity of 60kg were therefore unlikely to impact bulk movements)
- Data on heavy vehicles, especially trucks on local roads was needed to supplement the NZTA state highway counts.

It was questioned whether rail lines could have a multiple use, eg: guided buses (ie: dedicated corridors).

Members expressed interest in the potential for upcoming technology development to support the intended outcomes, in addition to a more conventional mode shift approach.

Darren advised Environment Canterbury will be liaising with the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group to look at undertaking Phase 2 of this work at a South Island wide scale.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Note the scale of opportunity available in Canterbury for freight mode shift identified through Phase One of this project, and set out in this paper.**
- 2. Note we are planning to go to market for Phase Two of the modal shift research, which will include in particular:**
 - **obtaining more detailed data on origin and destination of freight of moving within Canterbury**
 - **identifying the economic, environmental and social benefits of increasing use of rail, sea and air**
 - **Identifying barriers to mode shift, including capacity constraints**
 - **identifying technological developments (including new modes, consolidated international shipping, intermodal technologies) that are likely to impact on freight movement, and the nature and extent of the impact that these challenges could have**
 - **identifying and assessing potential regulatory levers to incentivise freight mode shift from road to rail and coastal shipping.**
- 3. Provide feedback on the recommended scoping and progression of Phase Two of the investigation into freight modal shift in Canterbury by 11 December 2017.**
- 4. Note that the Committee previously agreed to scope this work in collaboration with the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group, and that before progressing to Request For Proposal we will liaise with that Group to identify what components of this work the Group would like to progress at a South Island level.**

5.5 Regional Transport Committee Strategic Programme Update
Refer page 35 of the agenda

Sam spoke to this agenda item, there were no further questions.

6. Variations

Refer page 37 of the agenda

6.1 Variations to Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan

Lorraine Johns advised both Waimakariri and Mackenzie District Councils were seeking variations for their LED street lighting programmes. The variations were not significant.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Notes that the following activities are proposed as a variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan**
 - a. Waimakariri District Council LED Street Lighting Renewal Programme**
 - b. Waimakariri District Council Increased Earthquake Funding for 2015-18 Programme.**
 - c. Mackenzie District Council LED Street Lighting Renewal Programme for 2015-2018.**
- 2. Deems the requested variations to be non-significant.**
- 3. Agrees to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan adding the proposed activities to Appendix A 'Activities included in the Canterbury Land Transport Programme'.**
- 4. Recommends these variations to Environment Canterbury.**

Cr Scott / Cr Stevens
CARRIED

7. Updates

7.1 Regional Road Safety Working Group Report
Refer page 41 of the agenda

Mayor Ayers introduced this report. During discussion it was reported that the central focus for Canterbury police at present was road safety. There was also a heavy focus on enforcement, restraints, drugs, distraction and speed. Particular attention would be paid to looking at the cause of crashes, especially if involving tourists.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Receive the Regional Road Safety Working Group Report.**

7.2 Transport Officers Group Report

Refer page 45 of the agenda

Lorraine Johns reported on the Transport Officers Group (TOG).

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Receive the Regional Road Safety Working Group Report.**

Mayor Favel / Mayor Smith
CARRIED

8. South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group's Submission on Low Emissions Economy

There were no further questions from the Committee to this report; however, comment was made on the importance of taking into consideration environmental impact, global warming and climate change.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Note the submission by the South Island Regional Transport Chairs Group on the Productivity Commission inquiry into a low-emissions economy.**

Mayor Ayers / Cr Davidson
CARRIED

9. Correspondence

9.1 AJF Wilding

Lorraine Johns advised that Mr Wilding had requested that the Committee consider his letter outlining a number of issues. The Committee was also provided with a copy of the Chair's response to Mr Wilding.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Joint Committee:

- 1. Note the letter from Mr Wilding and response to Mr Wilding.**

Chair Lowndes / Cr Davidson
CARRIED

10. 2018 Schedule of Meetings

Timing of future meetings was discussed at the Mayoral Forum where it was recommended Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meetings be moved to 4.00pm on the Thursday before the Mayoral Forum. This would ensure due consideration could be given to transport

matters. There was general consensus to trial the new timing and staff were requested to schedule in the meeting dates for 2018.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Joint Committee:

- 1. Agree to trial the new time of 4.00pm, Thursdays (the day before the Mayoral Forum) for future Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meetings.**

Mayor Smith / Mayor Rowley
CARRIED

11. General Business

There was no general business.

12. Closure

The meeting closed at 4.10pm.

Confirmed

Date: 1-3-18

Chairperson: SWA Lowndes.