

CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 44th MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COMMODORE AIRPORT HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH ON THURSDAY, 1 MARCH 2018, COMMENCING AT 4.05PM

1. Apologies
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5. Strategic Items
 - 5.1 Discussion / Approval:
Monitoring progress towards regional transport outcomes
 - Summary of progress against regional transport outcomes
 - Regional Transport Scorecard
 - 5.2 Approval:
 - RTC work programme update - Freight mode shift and resilience
 - 5.3 Approval:
Regional Land Transport Plan update
 - Letter – Hon Phil Twyford, Minister of Transport – 20 November 2017
 - Letter – Hon Phil Twyford, Minister of Transport – 15 February 2017
 - 5.4 Approval:
Road safety in Canterbury
 - Letter – Hon Julie Anne Genter, Minister for Women – 13 December 2017
 - Canterbury region: Road safety report 2013-2017
6. Updates
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 - 7.1 Variations to Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan – Weigh Right Rakaia
 - Weigh Right – Location map
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9. Next Meeting: 4.00pm – 6.00pm, Thursday, 24 May 2018
Commodore Airport Hotel
449 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch

Present

Cr Steve Lowndes (Chair), Mayor Donna Favel, Mayor Graham Smith, Mayor Winton Dalley, Mayor David Ayers, Mayor Winston Gray, Cr Mark Alexander, Cr Mike Davidson, Cr Peter Scott and Jim Harland

In Attendance

Cr David Jack (Timaru), Andrew Dixon (Timaru), David Scarlet (NZTA)

Regional Transport Committee support:

Sam Elder (Programme Manager Strategic Policy), Lorraine Johns (Principal Strategy Advisor), Darren Fidler (Principal Strategy Advisor) and Vivo Ong (Committee Advisor)

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting

A special welcome was extended to Cr David Jack who attended the meeting as the yet to be appointed representative for the Timaru District Council. His appointment is to be confirmed at the next Regional Council meeting. Because he currently was not an officially appointed member, Cr Jack was not entitled to vote and was not included for quorum purposes. The Chair declared Cr Jack be given speaking rights.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Mike Davidson (lateness) and Mayor Craig Rowley.

2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Minutes of Meeting – 1 December 2017

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2017 as a true and accurate record and that the minutes be adopted.

Mayor Smith / Cr Alexander
CARRIED

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Strategic Items

5.1 Monitoring progress towards regional transport outcomes

(Refer page 17 of the agenda)

Darren Fidler presented on the four key outcome areas, and outlined a high level snapshot of the areas set out in the new Regional Transport Scorecard. Each quarter, progress reporting will focus on a different outcome area and more detail will be provided about that particular area.

Cr Davidson joined the meeting

The following scorecard feedback was given:

- Incident Duration full scorecard graph: Drill down one level further.
- Visitor disbursal: Important to monitor; six categories.
- An electronic version of the scorecard will be emailed prior to meetings.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Discuss the attached report summarising progress against regional transport outcomes.**
- 2. Note that the full Regional Transport Scorecard will be tabled at the meeting on 1 March 2018.**
- 3. Note that at each meeting, we will focus reporting and discussion on a particular thematic outcome.**
- 4. Note that we are focusing on safety as the thematic outcome for the meeting on 1 March 2018.**

Mayor Favel / Cr Alexander
CARRIED

5.2 RTC work programme update – freight mode shift and resilience

(Refer page 23 of the agenda)

Darren Fidler provided an update on the work programme, focusing on optimising freight mode shift and resilience. Phase 2 of the mode shift project will involve an RFP which focuses on further determining the opportunity and on benefits/barriers.

The following points were raised:

- The draft Regional Public Transport Plan is now due for release July/August 2018.
- Coastal shipping statistics do not include export or import shipping.
- Need accurate information on where freight starts and its final destination.
- International shipping companies have control of which New Zealand ports are used. Mega ships may possibly only have one or two port stops.
- Need to reduce dependency on the transport network to improve the level of resilience for the community.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Note that this paper updates the Regional Transport Committee on work to implement the Transport Workstream of the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy.**
- 2. Note that work is focusing on the freight mode shift and resilience projects.**
- 3. Note that separate papers have been provided on monitoring progress toward regional transport outcomes, as well as the review of the Regional Land Transport Plan.**

Cr Scott / Mayor Dalley
CARRIED

5.3(a) Public excluded

Resolved

1. That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution 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:

Item No.	Minutes/Report of	General Subject of each matter considered	Reason for passing this resolution to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1.0	Proposed significant changes to the programme of transport activities	Proposed changes	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceeding of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No.	
1.0	Enable the Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

2. That appropriate officers remain to provide advice to the Committee.

Chair Lowndes / Mayor Favel
CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session from 4.45pm to 5.09pm.

Jim Harland left the meeting at 5.09pm

5.3 Regional Land Transport Plan Update

(Refer page 29 of the agenda)

Lorraine Johns provided an update on the review of the Regional Land Transport Plan and on the release of the revised draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land transport (GPS):

- Signals received from Government indicate that our draft regional Land Transport Plan priority areas are aligned with the revised draft GPS (not yet released).
- Safety and Access are two major priorities for the Ministry of Transport.
- The RLTP is now at consultation and submissions are due on or by 27 March 2018.
- Sub-committee recommendations and approval of the Regional Land Transport Plan will be considered on 24 May 2018.

- Membership of the newly established sub-committee reporting back to the Committee on submissions and recommendations on changes to the Plan was agreed.

Jim Harland re-joined the meeting at 5.12pm

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Note that submissions are open on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan.**
- 2. Note that a revised draft Government Policy Statement is due to be released in March 2018.**
- 3. Note that the consultation draft of the Regional Land Transport Plan is broadly consistent with information released to date by the Government about the likely changes.**
- 4. Agree that a sub-committee of Councillor Peter Scott (Chair), Councillor Mike Davidson, Councillor Mark Alexander, and Jim Harland report back to the Regional Transport Committee with any recommended changes to the Regional Land Transport Plan following public consultation, on 24 May 2018.**

Mayor Ayers / Mayor Smith
CARRIED

5.4 Road safety in Canterbury

(Refer page 37 of the agenda)

Darren Fidler and Lorraine Johns provided an update on safety work.

The Regional Transport Scorecard has indicated there is a worsening short-term trend in road safety outcomes in the last full 2016/2017 fiscal year, with this trend continuing through the latter half of 2017 and the start of 2018. Following concerns discussed by the Regional Transport Committee, Environment Canterbury has initiated a project on road safety.

Central Government has also advised that road safety is a core priority, in particular, speed management. Canterbury has been asked to consider the benefits of a regional speed management plan.

Discussion included the following points:

- The safe system approach is still current.
- The number of deaths and serious injuries on Canterbury roads has recently increased.
- Need to understand the critical journeys in districts.
- Recommendations in the Abley report need to differentiate between state highways and local networks.
- Need access to quality, reliably analysed, data.
 - Different organisations can interpret the same data differently.
 - Need technical experts to analyse statistics.
- The region/districts need consistency in safe and appropriate speeds on roads.
- Funding infrastructure investment for treating high risk roads is a barrier for some districts.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. Note that concerns have been raised by the Regional Transport Committee about declining road safety trends, as captured on the new Regional Transport Scorecard.
2. Note that Environment Canterbury has initiated a project to ensure we understand and are responding to the current state of road safety in Canterbury.
3. Note that the Associate Minister of Transport has written to all councils seeking a renewed focus on road safety, and in particular, an acceleration of the implementation of the new Speed Management Approach.
4. Note that in this context, we have been asked to consider the benefits of a Regional Speed Management Plan.
5. Note that the Associate Minister of Transport has also indicated she will hold a national Road Safety Summit this year, potentially in April.
6. Note that Environment Canterbury will work with the Regional Road Safety Working Group to progress work on road safety and the preparation of a Canterbury view to inform the proposed national Road Safety Summit.
7. Agree that the Regional Road Safety Working Group explore the case for a Regional Speed Management Plan and report back to the Regional Transport Committee on 24 May 2018.

Mayor Favel / Jim Harland
CARRIED

6. Updates

6.1 Regional Road Safety Working Group Report

(Refer page 123 of the agenda)

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

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

Mayor Ayers / Cr Alexander
CARRIED

6.2 Transport Officers Group Report

(Refer page 129 of the agenda)

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. **Receive the Transport Officers Group Report**

Mayor Ayers / Cr Davidson
CARRIED

7. Variations

(Refer page 133 of the agenda)

7.1 Variations to Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan – Weigh Right Rakaia

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. Note that the following activity is proposed as a variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan
 - a. Weigh Right Rakaia
2. Determine that the requested variations are not significant.
3. Agree to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan by adding the proposed activity to Appendix A 'Activities included in the Canterbury Land Transport Programme'.
4. Recommend this variation to Environment Canterbury.

Cr Alexander / Mayor Smith
CARRIED

8. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

9. General Business

National Road Safety Summit

The Associate Minister of Transport, the Hon Julie Ann Genter, is hosting a National Road Safety Summit in Wellington on 9 April 2018. Mayor David Ayers, Mayor Graham Smith, Councillor Peter Scott, Councillor Mike Davidson, and Councillor Mark Alexander all indicated they were planning to attend the Summit.

Freedom Camping

- Fatigue was often an issue – have well sign posted areas for drivers to rest.
- Human waste was a problem, especially signage for public toilet areas (a specific area in Rakaia was given as an example).
- Good reasons were required to exclude an area from freedom camping.

Cyclist Safety

There was a brief discussion on cyclist safety.

Committee Meetings

It was agreed to continue with the new time for the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee Meeting as it suitable to the majority of members.

11. Closure

The meeting closed at 5.58pm.

Confirmed

Date:

30.5.18

Chairperson:

Scott Lowndes