

## CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE 45<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COMMODORE AIRPORT HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH ON THURSDAY, 24 MAY 2018, COMMENCING AT 4.08PM

1. Apologies
2. Conflicts of Interest
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 1 March 2018
4. Matters Arising
5. Strategic Items
  - 5.1 Discussion / Approval:  
Monitoring progress towards regional transport outcomes
    - Regional Transport Scorecard
  - 5.2 RTC work programme update
6. Government Policy Statement on Land Transport
7. Review of the Regional Land Transport Plan
8. Transport Agency Investment Proposal
9. Regional Road Safety Working Group Report
10. Transport Officers Group
11. Variations to the Regional Land Transport Plan – Waimate District Council
12. General Business
13. Exclusion of the Public
14. Next Meeting:

### **Present**

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

### **In Attendance**

Steve Higgs – Planning and Investments Manager NZTA

#### Regional Transport Committee support:

Sam Elder (Programme Manager Strategic Policy), Darren Fidler (Principal Strategy Advisor) and Louise McDonald (Senior Committee Advisor)

### **Welcome**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors David Jack, Mike Davidson and Mayor Craig Rowley.

#### **2. Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

### 3. Minutes of Meeting – 1 March 2018

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2018 as a true and accurate record and that the minutes be adopted subject to the following amendment:
  - Item 6.2 Resolved that the Regional Transport Committee receive the Transport Officers Group Report.

Cr Alexander / Mayor Favel  
CARRIED

### 4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### 5. Strategic Items

- 5.1 Monitoring progress towards regional transport outcomes  
(Refer page 15 of the agenda)

Darren Fidler presented this item. He advised that the Regional Transport Scorecard is available on the Environment Canterbury website.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Notes the report summarising progress against regional transport outcomes.
2. Notes the copy of the full Regional Transport Scorecard as attached to the report.
3. Notes that the focus of this meeting is on the Regional Land Transport Plan review and draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, so we have not focused on a particular thematic outcome.

Chair Lowndes / Mayor Smith  
CARRIED

- 5.2 RTC work programme update  
(Refer page 23 of the agenda)

Darren Fidler provided an update on the work programme, focusing on optimising freight mode shift and resilience.

The freight mode shift project has been awarded to a Stantec lead consortium. Stantec is a multi-national consultancy that now includes MWH (Montgomery Watson Harza).

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

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

Chair Lowndes / Mayor Dalley  
CARRIED

## 6. Government Policy Statement on Land Transport

*(Refer page 27 of the agenda)*

Sam Elder presented this report that summarised the change of direction in the revised draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport 2018 released on 3 April 2018. The Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) needs to be aligned with the GPS.

The report also outlined the potential implications for the Canterbury region from the draft GPS.

The Committee provided the following comments:

- The importance of including the issue of housing and housing demand around Greater Christchurch.
- Uncertainty about what will happen to the Financial Assistance Rates (FAR).
- Is the Coastal Cycleway (Kaikoura) included in the RLTP?
- Concern regarding funding for State highways that operate as local roads (e.g Woodend).
- Funding for footpath maintenance, highlighting safety responsibilities.

### Resolved

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

1. Note the new direction signalled by the Government in the revised draft Government Policy Statement, and potential implications for Environment Canterbury and the region.

Chair Lowndes / Mayor Favel  
CARRIED

## 7. Completion of review of Regional Land Transport Plan

*(Refer page 45 of the agenda)*

Darren Fidler introduced this item.

Cr Scott described the public consultation process undertaken on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan. The recommendations from the sub-committee were included in the report and the recommendations. He thanked Lorraine Johns for her work on this.

### Resolved

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

1. Notes that the Committee approved changes to the Regional Land Transport Plan in the form of a draft Regional Land Transport Plan for

public consultation and that consultation took place between 27 February 2018 and 27 March 2018.

2. Notes that a Sub-committee was established to oversee public consultation. The report of that Sub-committee on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan was attached as Appendix 1 to the report along with an officers report presented to the Sub-committee as Appendix 2.
3. Notes that the Sub-committee has recommended a number of non-significant changes to the draft Regional Land Transport Plan, which have been incorporated in the revised draft Regional Land Transport Plan – Appendix 3.
4. Notes that proposed changes arising from the draft Transport Agency Investment Proposal are discussed under a separate item on the agenda (item 8) and will be included in draft Regional Land Transport Plan subject to the Committee's agreement, for approval by Environment Canterbury.
5. Subject to resolution 6, resolves to lodge the variations to the Regional Land Transport Plan with Environment Canterbury in accordance with section 18B of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, and recommend Environment Canterbury adopt the draft Regional Land Transport Plan.
6. Resolves that the Deputy Chair of the Regional Transport Committee, Councillor Peter Scott, be delegated the authority to approve minor and non-significant changes to the draft Regional Land Transport Plan that may be required before it is submitted to Environment Canterbury for approval, including:
  - (a) updating the section of the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport to incorporate text on proposed activities (including both Greater Christchurch public transport and Christchurch City Council initiatives);
  - (b) updating the programme of transport activities if non-significant changes are required as a result of the long-term planning processes underway concurrently; and
  - (c) updating the programme of transport activities to include footpath maintenance as requested by NZ Transport Agency; and
  - (d) other editorial changes such as updating the forecast tables following any further changes.
7. Notes that the Regional Land Transport Committee will be updated on any changes made under resolution 6, if required.

Mayor Smith / Mayor Gray  
CARRIED

## **8. Transport Agency Investment Proposal**

*(Refer to the report circulated separately)*

Jim Harland and Steve Higgs presented this item and explained that for new projects the focus will be on safety. The Transport Agency Investment Proposal (TAIP) is a draft and the NZTA welcomes any suggestions for other activities.

The proposal to include the Tinwald corridor and the Weedons-Ross Road intersection were appreciated by Mayor Favel and Cr Alexander. Mayor Favel advised that Ashburton District Council will be lodging an application for a second Ashburton Bridge.

Mayor Ayers described the impact on Woodend if the Woodend By-pass was not approved. The effects of the State Highway going through the town include traffic noise, emission and social disruption as people are unable to cross the road due to the traffic, especially trucks.

It was suggested that the Committee request that NZ Transport Agency work with the Waimakariri District Council regarding an assessment of the Woodend Bypass and include safety considerations.

## **Resolved**

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

- 1. Notes that the NZ Transport Agency has proposed a variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan to incorporate the draft Transport Agency Investment Proposal, with a supporting paper Appendix 3.**
- 2. Notes the NZ Transport Agency had a short period of time to develop the draft Transport Agency Investment Proposal.**
- 3. Notes the NZ Transport Agency encourages councils to engage directly with the NZ Transport Agency regarding any change they consider should be made to draft Transport Agency Investment Proposal, but in the meantime it is recommended that the draft Transport Agency Investment Proposal be incorporated in the Regional Land Transport Plan, noting that an organisation may only propose an activity for inclusion in the regional land transport plan if it or another organisation accepts financial responsibility for the activity.**
- 4. Notes the table attached to the report as Appendix 2 outlining the proposed variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan that is required to incorporate the draft Transport Agency Investment Proposal.**
- 5. Determines that the requested variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan, outlined in Appendix 2, is not significant for the purposes of section 18D(5) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.**
- 6. Resolves to lodge the variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan, as outline in Appendix 2, with Environment Canterbury in accordance with section 18B of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 and recommend it adopt the variation to the draft Regional Land Transport Plan by adding the proposed activities in the draft Transport Agency Investment Proposal to Appendix 1 'Activities included in the Canterbury Land Transport Programme', also including all name changes to activities, and removing from Appendix 1 any Transport Agency activities that are not in the draft Transport Agency Proposal, other than the matters referred to in resolution 7.**
- 7. Notes that, on the advice of NZ Transport Agency officials, the Tinwald Corridor Improvements and SH73 Weedons-Ross Road intersection should be retained in the Regional Land Transport Plan, though they are not currently included in the draft Transport Agency Investment Proposal.**
- 8. Recommends that the NZ Transport Agency include the Tinwald Corridor Improvements in the final Transport Agency Investment Proposal.**
- 9. Recommends that the NZ Transport Agency work with the Selwyn District Council on an approach to manage the impacts of CSM2 on SH73/Weedons-Ross Road including the opportunity to include the improvements in the Transport Agency Investment Proposal.**

Mayor Favel / Mayor Ayers  
CARRIED

**Resolved**

**That the Canterbury Regional Committee:**

- 1. Request NZ Transport Agency to work with Waimakariri District Council on project timing for the Woodend By-pass taking into consideration safety and access implications and report back to the Committee.**

Mayor Ayers / Cr Scott  
CARRIED

## **9. Regional Road Safety Working Group**

*(Refer page 165 of the agenda)*

Mayor Ayers presented this item and reported on the Local Government Road Safety Summit convened by the Associate Minister for Transport Julie Anne Genter. He observed that rather than referring to the road 'toll', the description is now road 'deaths'. There was a lot of discussion on the Vision Zero target.

Other safety issues discussed included: the average speed on open roads is increasing, there are more trucks on the roads, and the vulnerability of young drivers often driving older vehicles. While there is 90% seatbelt compliance, many of the people killed are not wearing seatbelts.

It was observed that education is needed to help drivers make good decisions.

Mayor Favel requested an example of a Terms of Reference that Ashburton could use for its road safety committee.

**Resolved**

**That the Canterbury Regional Committee:**

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

Mayor Ayers / Mayor Smith  
CARRIED

## **10. Transport Officers Group Report**

*(Refer page 171 of the agenda)*

Darren Fidler presented this report.

**Resolved**

**That the Canterbury Regional Committee:**

- 1. receive the Transport Officers Group Report.**

Chair Lowndes / Mayor Alexander  
CARRIED

## **11. Variation to Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan – Accelerated LED Street Light Renewal for Waimate District Council**

Darren Fidler presented this report and explained that the request from Waimate District Council requires a minor variation to the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan.

**Resolved**

**That the Canterbury Regional Committee:**

1. note that the following activity is proposed as a variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan for Waimate District Council:  
(a) Accelerated LED Street Light Renewal.
2. determine that the requested variation is 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.

Mayor Dalley / Mayor Ayers  
CARRIED

**12. General Business**

There was no general business.

**13. Exclusion of the Public**

**Public excluded**

**Resolved**

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

**1. Minutes 1 March 2018**

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 |
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| 1.0      | Minutes 1 March 2018 | 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. |  |
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| 1.0      | Enable the Council holding the information to carry on, negotiations (Section 7(2)(i)) |

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

Chair Lowndes / Mayor Favel  
CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session from 5.36 pm to 5.38 pm.

## Confirmed in Open meeting

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. That the minutes of part of the meeting held, with the public excluded, on 1 March 2018 be confirmed in the open meeting.

Chair Lowndes / Cr Scott  
CARRIED

## 14. Next Meeting

4.00pm – 6.00pm, Thursday, 6 September 2018  
Commodore Airport Hotel  
449 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch

## Closure

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

**Confirmed**

Date:

6/9/18

Chairperson:

JWA Lowndes.