

CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 47th MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COMMODORE AIRPORT HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH ON THURSDAY, 31 JANUARY 2018, COMMENCING AT 4.10PM

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 - 6.3 Implementation of the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport in Canterbury
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8. NZ Transport Agency – verbal update
9. Regional Road Safety Working Group Report
10. Transport Officers Group Report
11. Variation to Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan
 - 11.1 Addition of Canterbury SH Speed Management Guide Implementation and Christchurch Transport Modelling Suite
 - 11.2 Public Transport Future Business Case
12. Next Meeting – Thursday, 23 May 2019

Present

Cr Steve Lowndes (Chair, Environment Canterbury); Mayors Craig Rowley (Waimate), David Ayers (Waimakariri), Donna Favel (Ashburton), Graham Smith (Mackenzie), Winston Gray (Kaikōura), Winton Dalley (Hurunui); Councillors David Jack (Timaru), Mike Davidson (Christchurch City), Peter Scott (Environment Canterbury); and Jim Harland (NZTA)

In Attendance

Andrew Mazey (Asset Manager Transportation, Selwyn District Council), Richard Holland (Network Planning team leader, Christchurch City Council), Steve Higgs (Planning and Investments Manager NZTA), Stephen Carruthers (Ableys, seconded in to NZTA), David Scarlet (Senior Programme Advisor, NZTA), Roger Mascull (Guest Speaker for agenda item 5.0)

Regional Transport Committee support:

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

Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Apologies

Councillor Mark Alexander (Selwyn), Winton Dalley (lateness)

2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Minutes of Meeting – 6 September 2018

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2018 as a true and accurate record

Chair Lowndes / Mayor Rowley
CARRIED

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Presentation by Roger Mascull

Roger Mascull, Founder/Managing Director of Medifab Ltd, presented in support of his paper on some of the potential impacts of widening State Highway 1 between Christchurch, Ashburton and surrounding mid-Canterbury towns.

Graham Smith joined the meeting at 4.17pm

Winton Dalley joined the meeting at 4.19pm

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Notes that Mayor Donna Favel of Ashburton District Council invited Roger Mascull to present to the Regional Transport Committee his research on improved safety and connectivity for the state highways leading to Ashburton and beyond.
2. Notes Roger Mascull's research paper 'RoNS Road of National Significance Christchurch to Ashburton & beyond'.

Cr Jack / Mayor Favel
CARRIED

6. Strategic Items

6.1 Monitoring progress towards regional transport outcomes

Darren Fidler provided an update on the Regional Transport scorecard.

Short term trends in deaths and serious injury safety indicators, and the number of State Highway closures were worsening. Members advised that it would be useful to include a map of State Highway closures at future meetings to be able to identify potential areas of concern in the network.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Discusses the attached report summarising progress against regional transport outcomes.**
- 2. Notes the copy of the Regional Transport Scorecard.**

Cr Scott / Mayor Smith
CARRIED

6.2 Regional Transport Committee work programme update

Darren Fidler presented this item and focused on work on freight mode optimisation and transport network resilience. During discussion the following points were raised:

- Environment Canterbury was working with territorial authorities and other agencies to collate data and consolidate hazard and impact information.
- There was a resilience concern with the Rakaia Bridge on SH1; if that critical route was lost, the alternative route (Rakaia Gorge Bridge, SH77 and Route 72, previously SH72) would not be able to cope with sustained heavy traffic volumes. In particular, Ashburton District Council who were responsible for the maintenance of Route 72 were concerned about having enough resources to improve readiness or the ability to respond.
- The Geozone app 'CamperMate' may be a useful resource to track/collate data on freedom campers.

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 work towards the strategic objectives of the Regional Land Transport Plan.**
- 2. Notes that a separate paper has been provided on monitoring progress toward regional transport outcomes.**

Mayor Favel / Mayor Gray
CARRIED

6.3 Update on the implementation of the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018 in Canterbury

Darren Fidler presented this item and advised work was ongoing. The NZ Transport Agency were continuing to engage with local authorities regarding the eligibility of a wide range of projects (safety, cycling, walkways, public transport and regional improvements) for Targeted Enhanced Funding Assistance Rates (TEFAR). These projects were discussed, and there was also discussion on using the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) to provide an additional revenue stream.

It was noted again that Route 72 (previously SH72) and Thompsons Track had increased traffic movements when there were long delays on the Rakaia Gorge Bridge (SH77). It was not considered that this alternative route to SH1 could cope with diverted traffic from SH1 should lengthy or frequent closures of SH1 occur.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Notes that the Committee requested Environment Canterbury report back on how councils are implementing GPS 2018 through their transport programmes, including any projects which will be funded at the Targeted Enhanced Funding Assistance Rate or through the Provincial Growth Fund.**
- 2. Receives this update on the implementation of the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018 in Canterbury.**

Chair Lowndes / Cr Davidson
CARRIED

7. Safer Networks Presentation

The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) advised they will be investing significant resources to work with local authorities to reverse the recent increases in deaths and serious injuries on roads. Jim Harland spoke on the Safer Network Programme (SNP) which was one component of this work, the objective of the programme was to deliver more safety improvements, more quickly than would be possible under existing funding approaches. Canterbury was identified as one of three priority regions along with Auckland and Waikato. The programme included local road and state highway improvement programmes and speed management.

Discussion centred on what could be done to support a safe road system increasingly free of death and serious injury; and what councils need to do to take up any investment opportunities presented by the NZTA's SNP.

Using the 'Vision Zero' (long term objective of eliminating deaths on roads) type of approach could be used as a way forward and would require coordination across regions and South Island for consistency. Mayors advised they were waiting on a decision from NZTA on speed setting. Some councils had already locally lowered their speed setting and encouraged other councils to do the same. David Scarlet was invited to speak briefly on his discussions with local authorities and their views on rural speed management and speed setting.

8. NZ Transport Agency Update

Jim Harland provided an update from the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) focusing on the following strategic areas: transport safety, inclusive access, liveable communities, transport technology, resilience, environment, regulatory environment, and NZTA.

Steve Higgs informed members that in April he expected to have information available on NZTA's Long Term View (LTV). This LTV has been co-created with local authorities and aims to establish a consistent view of the challenges and opportunities for the transport system and agree outcomes over the next 10 years. This would include a regional and inter-regional perspective and agree national and local priorities.

9. Regional Road Safety Working Group

Mayor David Ayers spoke to this item.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Committee:

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

Mayor Ayers / Cr Scott
CARRIED

10. Transport Officers Group Report

This report which was taken as read.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Committee:

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

Mayor Rowley / Jim Harland
CARRIED

11. Variation to Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan

11.1 Addition of Canterbury SH Speed Management Guide Implementation and Christchurch Transport Modelling Suite

Jim Harland presented this report which was taken as read.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Committee:

1. **Notes that the following state highway activities are proposed as a variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan:**
 - a. **Canterbury SH Speed Management Guide Implementation project;**
and
 - b. **Christchurch Transport Modelling Suite**
2. **Determines that, on the basis of the information contained in this report, good reason exists for making the variation described above.**

3. **Determines that, on the basis of the information contained in this report, the requested variations are not significant.**
4. **Agrees to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan by adding the proposed activities to Appendix 1 “Regional programme details”.**
5. **Recommends these variations to Environment Canterbury.**

Jim Harland / Cr Jack
CARRIED

11.2 Public Transport Futures Business Case

While this variation relates to investment in Greater Christchurch public transport, Mayor Donna Favel expressed her disappointment that Ashburton District Council had submitted on the broader Regional Public Transport Plan consultation last year but had not been invited to speak at the Hearings Panel. She is nevertheless keen to explore options for public transport for Ashburton. Peter Scott noted that Timaru on demand transport trials may inform transport options for other parts of the region. Jim Harland suggested further Regional Transport Committee discussion on the options/criteria for public transport services outside Greater Christchurch and Timaru.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Committee:

1. **Notes that the following public transport activities are proposed as a variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan:**
 - **Future PT Business Case Implementation: Stage 1 and Stage 2;**
and
 - **Future PT Business case Implementation: Stage 3**
2. **Determines that, on the basis of the information contained in this report, good reason exists for making the variation described above.**
3. **Determines, on the basis of the information contained in this report, that the requested variation is not significant.**
4. **Agrees to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan by adding the proposed activities to Appendix 1 “Regional programme details”.**
5. **Recommends this variation to Environment Canterbury.**

Chair Lowndes / Cr Davidson
CARRIED

12. General Business

Darren Fidler gave an update on progress of the Productivity Commission inquiry submission. The issues paper has been released and submissions close Mid-February. The Productivity Commission would also be liaising with all councils over the next few months before preparing a draft report in June; the Regional Transport Committee may consider submitting on this draft report.

13. Next Meeting

4.00pm – 6.00pm, 23 May 2019
Commodore Airport Hotel
449 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch

Closure

The meeting closed at 6.01pm

Confirmed

Date: 23.5.19

Chairperson: SWH Lowndes.