**CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE 48th MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COMMODORE AIRPORT HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH, ON THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST 2019, COMMENCING AT 4.02PM**

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**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), Mark Alexander (Selwyn), Mike Davidson (Christchurch City Council), Peter Scott (Environment Canterbury)

**In Attendance**

Steve Higgs (NZTA), Vaughn Lapslie (NZ Police), Richard Holland (Christchurch City Council), Andrew Mazey (Selwyn District Cluncil), Andrew Dixon (Timaru District Council)

Regional Transport Committee support:

Sam Elder (Senior Strategy Manager), Lorraine Johns (Principal Strategy Advisor) and Vivienne Ong (Committee Advisor)

**Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for lateness were received from Mayor Graham Smith and Councillor Mike Davidson, an apology was also received from Jim Harland.

**2. Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**3. Deputations and Petitions**

There were no deputations or petitions.

**4. Minutes of Meeting – 23 May 2019**

**Resolved**

**That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:**

1. **Confirms, with minor amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2019 as a true and accurate record**

Cr Alexander / Mayor Rowley

CARRIED

**5. Matters Arising**

The Chief Executive of KiwiRail was unable to attend this meeting; the Committee considered it would be beneficial to invite him to a future meeting. Lorraine Johns advised the Transport Officers Group had met with KiwiRail staff.

**6. Reports**

6.1 Regional Transport work programme update and monitoring report

Lorraine Johns noted that improvements had been made in response to Committee feedback, including reporting on the key activities taking place in the region to address issues, and combining the work programme update and scorecard into one paper. Lorraine Johns indicated that further improvements and refinements would be made to the approach for the new triennium. For example, it may be preferable to report annually on key indicators, rather than quarterly, as many indicators do not change on a quarterly basis.

Staff will ensure the Regional Transport Scorecard published on Environment Canterbury’s website was update to date.

*Mayor Smith joined the meeting at 4.06pm*

During discussion the following points were made:

* The Freight Mode Shift Report was finalised. Members received a briefing on the findings at the last Committee meeting, and a copy of the report was circulated with the agenda for this meeting. Hard copies of the report have been provided to members.
* There was a desire to monitor congestion further south of Greater Christchurch, if data was available.
* It may be useful to look at a five year rolling average, to better understand trends.

Resolved

**That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:**

## **Notes that this paper reports on progress towards regional transport outcomes and implementation of the Committee’s work programme.**

## **Notes that a copy of the Regional Transport Scorecard is attached.**

## **Discusses progress towards regional transport outcomes as outlined in appendix 2.**

Chair Lowndes / Cr Jack

CARRIED

6.2 NZTA Update

Steve Higgs presented on NZTA activities in the Canterbury region, including those relating to mode shift and safety.

The following points were discussed:

* NZTA was working with councils on a mode shift plan for Greater Christchurch.

*Councillor Mike Davidson joined the meeting at 4.29pm*

* Members provided feedback that NZTA should be considering mode shift outside of Greater Christchurch as well – mode shift affect the whole of the South Island. Members considered that the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group could provide a focal point for advocacy.
* In the next triennium, this Committee should work with the Chairs Group to advocate strongly with government on issues for the region and South Island.
* Vehicles with a 1 or 2 star safety rating were of concern. Vehicles with a 4 or 5+ star safety rating had a better chance of surviving a crash. The Committee might advocate with Goverment to restrict the importation of unsafe vehicles, such as 1 and 2 star safety rated vehicles. Concerns were also raised about heavy vehicles with tier three engines.
* A question was raised as to whether safety ratings were updated over time. Steve Higgs undertook to report back to members on this point.

Resolved

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

1. **Notes the NZTA Update**

Chair Lowndes / Mayor Favel

CARRIED

6.3 RTC Submission on the draft National Road Safety Strategy

Members considered the proposed submission on the draft National Road Safety Strategy, *Road to Zero*. Mayor David Ayres summarised the key points. Members indicated they supported the vision in *Road to Zero* and provided the following feedback:

* There was a need to ensure that local factors were taken into account where speed limits were set.
* Allowing heavier trucks on the roads had implications for safety and wear and tear; there were concerns about any futher increases to the tonnage of trucks on our roads.
* It was agreed that Lorraine Johns would work with Mayors Winton Dalley and Donna Favel to incorporate these points in the submission.

Resolved

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

1. **Notes that the Regional Road Safety Working Group recommends the Regional Transport Commtitee submit on the draft National Road Safety Strategy.**
2. **Discusses the draft submission prepared by the Regional Road Safety Working Group at the Committee’s meeting on 8 August 2019.**
3. **Provides feedback on and approves the draft submission.**

Mayor Ayers / Cr Alexander

CARRIED

6.4 Preparation of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031 and related matters

Lorraine Johns outlined anticipated dates for the next Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) as well as work by Transport Special Interest Group on aligning and improving the standing of RLTPs. Lorraine Johns also indicated the Transport Officers Group and Regional Road Safety Working Groups would be preparing a briefing to the Incoming Regional Transport Committee members in the new triennium.

Lorraine Johns confirmed that a key focus would be ensuring alignment with other strategic documents, such as the Regional Policy Statement and Regional Public Transport Plan.

Members expressed interest in including electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the RLTP. It was noted that funding for footpaths and cycleways could already be included in the RLTP.

Resolved

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

1. **Notes work by Transport Special Interest Group on improving the standing and alignment of Regional Land Transport Plans.**
2. **Discusses any matters Committee members would like considered as part of the development of the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031.**
3. **Notes that Environment Canterbury will work with the Transport Officers Group and the Regional Road Safety Working Group to prepare a Briefing to the Incoming Regional Transport Committee, following local government elections.**

Cr Scott / Cr Davidson

CARRIED

6.5 Variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan - NZTA

This item was taken as read.

Resolved

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

1. **Notes that the Rolleston Transport Improvement Programme Business Case is proposed as a variation to the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan.**
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 Cantebury Regional Land Transport Plan by adding the proposed activities to Appendix 1 “Regional programme details”.**
5. **Recommends this variation to Environment Canterbury.**

Cr Alexander / Mayor Rowley

CARRIED

6.6 Variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan – Christchurch City Council

Richard Holland spoke to this item, and noted that a number of projects had been brought forward from future years to take advantage of the Targeted Enhanced Funding Assistance Rate (TEFAR). While TEFAR was not now available for any projects, the projects in the variation were strongly aligned with the Government’s core priority outcomes and quality for the normal Funding Assistance Rate (FAR).

Resolved

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

1. **Notes that the following transport projects are proposed as a variation to the Canterbury Regional land Transport Plan:**
   1. **Major Cycleway: Heathcote Expressway – Section 2 – Tannery to Martindale**
   2. **Major Cycleway: South Express (Hornby Rail – Templeton to City)**
   3. **Major Cycleway: Nor’West Arc**
   4. **Annex/Birmingham/Wrights Route ugrade.**
2. **Determines that, on the basis of the information contained in this report, good reason exists for making the variations described above.**
3. **Determines, on the basis of the information contained in this report, that the requested variations are not significant.**
4. **Agrees to vary the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan by adding to or admending the proposed activities in Appendix 1 “Regional programme details”.**

Mayor Dalley / Cr Davidson

CARRIED

6.7 Regional Road Safety Working Group Update

This report was taken as read.

Resolved

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

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

Mayor Ayers / Cr Jack

CARRIED

6.8 Transport Officers Group Update

This report was taken as read.

Resolved

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

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

Mayor Dalley / Cr Davidson

CARRIED

1. **Extraordinary and Urgent Business**

The reason why the items were not on the agenda was that the items were identified for consideration after the agenda was prepared.

The reason that consideration of the items could not be delayed was to enable timely information to be provided to the Committee, particularly given that the next scheduled meeting (in November) was dependent on confirmation of Committee members following the election.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. **Resolves, pursuant to section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to consider these matters at this meeting notwithstanding that they were not on the agenda for the meeting; and**
2. **Receives the items:**

**a. 6.3 Canterbury Regional Transport Committee Submission – Road to Zero Consultation Document**

**b. 6.9 Report: Advocacy for Low Emission vehicles and Attachment 1: Low Emission Transport Options, Letter to Minister**

**c. 6.10 Variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan – Selwyn District Council**

Chair Lowndes / Mayor Smith

CARRIED

7.1 Advocacy for Low Emission Vehicles

Chair Steve Lowndes spoke to this item. The Mayoral Forum established the Canterbury Climate Change Steering Group, which comprised a sub-group of Mayors. The Steering Group wished to see increased action by central government on transitioning to low-emission vehicles and was seeking support from the Regional Transport Committee on a letter to Ministers.

Members agreed that advocacy for low-emission vehicles should be jointly undertaken.

It was agreed to recommend an admentment to to the letter to include greater emphasis on considering exemptions for industries where low emission vehicles were not readily available, as taxing these industries would not improve environmental outcomes.

Resolved

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

1. **Agree to support the attached Canterbury Mayoral Forum letter as amended advocating for increased central government action on transitioning to low-emission vehicles.**
2. **Agree that the Chair of the Regional Transport Committee be signatory to the attached letter.**

Cr Alexander / Mayor Favel

CARRIED

7.2 Variation to Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan – Rolleston Town Centre Major Intersection Upgrades

This paper was taken as read.

Resolved

**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

1. **Notes that following the improvement specific activities are proposed as a variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan:**

**a. Traffic Signals at Lowes Road/Tennyson Street Intersection.**

**b. Traffic Signals at Rolleston Drive/Tennyson Street Intersection.**

1. **Determines that the requested variation is not significant.**
2. **Agrees to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan by adding the proposed activities to Appendix A ‘Activities included in the Canterbury Land Transport Programme’.**
3. **Recommends this variation to Environment Canterbury.**

Cr Alexander / Mayor Ayers

CARRIED

8. Next Meeting

4.00pm – 6.00pm, 28 November 2019

Commodore Airport Hotel

449 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch

1. Closure

The Chair thanked everyone for their contribution and advised he enjoyed his time as Chair of the Regional Transport Committee.

Mayors Ayers, Dalley, Gray, Favel and Councillor Alexander also thanked the committee for making a difference for the region’s roads and road safety.

The meeting closed at 5.58pm

Confirmed

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