

# **Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee held in the Council Chamber, Environment Canterbury, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch, on Wednesday, 17 June 2020 commencing at 3.45pm**

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## **Present**

Alister James (Chair)  
Mayor Dan Gordon (Waimakariri District Council)  
Cr Mike Davidson (Christchurch City Council)  
Cr Sara Templeton (Christchurch City Council)  
Cr Nicole Reid (Selwyn District Council)  
Cr Phil Clearwater (Environment Canterbury)  
Cr Tane Apanui (Environment Canterbury)  
Jim Harland (Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency)

## **In attendance**

### Councillor:

Cr Vicky Southworth (Environment Canterbury)

### Environment Canterbury:

Nadeine Dommissie  
Len Fleete

Edward Wright  
Vivienne Ong

Stewart Gibbon (via MS Teams)

### Christchurch City Council

Richard Osborne

### Selwyn District Council:

Andrew Mazey

### Waimakariri District Council

Gerard Cleary (via MS Teams)

Future Public Transport Business Case Programme Director:  
Barry Mein

Red Bus  
Tony King (via MS Teams)

Future Public Transport Business Case consultant team  
Theunis van Schalkwyk  
Anthony Cross

## 1. **Welcome, introduction and apologies**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged Cr Southworth's attendance.

Apologies were received from Chair Jenny Hughey (Environment Canterbury), Mayor Lianne Dalziel (Christchurch City Council) and Dr Anna Stevenson (Canterbury District Health Board).

## 2. **Conflicts of interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

## 3. **Minutes of previous meetings – 19 February 2020**

*(Refer page 16 of the agenda)*

### **Resolved:**

**That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:**

- 1. confirms the minutes of the meeting held 19 February 2020 as a true and correct record.**

Mayor Gordon / Cr Davidson  
CARRIED

## 4. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## 5. **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## 6. **Deputations and Petitions**

There were no deputations and petitions.

## 7. Reports

### 7.1 Metro Monitoring Report

*(Refer page 21 of the agenda)*

Len Fleete provided members with an overview of key performance indicators for the greater Christchurch Metro network, including impacts on patronage during the COVID 19 lockdown restrictions during Alert levels 4 - 2.

Fares were not charged on Metro services from late March until mid-June as Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) covered the revenue lost from fares during this period. Committee members acknowledged NZTA for the subsidisation which enabled continuation of services.

#### **Resolved:**

**That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:**

1. receives the Metro Monitoring report for information
2. acknowledged Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's support during the COVID-19 restriction period.

Cr Clearwater / Cr Reid  
CARRIED

### 7.2 The Effect of the COVID Pandemic on Public Transport in Canterbury

*(Refer page 25 of the agenda)*

Edward Wright informed the Committee of measures taken to maintain safe public transport services during the COVID-19 crisis and the subsequent implications for the Metro network and customers. Metro services continued throughout the COVID-19 lockdown period in Christchurch and Timaru as public transport was classified as an essential service.

Discussion centered on public transport funding matters and the free MetroCard campaign. Edward emphasised the importance for users to register their MetroCards at the time of purchase in case of any need for contact tracing.

#### **Resolved:**

**That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:**

1. receives The Effect of the COVID Pandemic on Public Transport in Canterbury report for information.

Mayor Gordon / Cr Reid  
CARRIED

The Environment Canterbury team were thanked for their work and enthusiasm in ensuring public transport options were affordable going forward.

### 7.3 **Greater Christchurch Public Transport Futures Report**

*(Refer page 121 of the agenda)*

Barry Mein presented an update on progress of the business cases on the Public Transport Futures programme.

The Chair pointed out that the final draft of the Public Transport Business Plan that would be presented to this Committee at its August meeting for adoption by Environment Canterbury Council. The Committee members were supportive of working the draft plan at an extra workshop at the end of July.

#### **Resolved:**

**That the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee:**

- 1. receive the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Futures Report**
- 2. agree to schedule a further workshop July to discuss the MRT strategic case**

Alistar James / Cr Clearwater  
CARRIED

### 8. **General Business**

There was no General Business.

### 9. **Next Meeting**

Workshop: TBA

Workshop/Public Meeting: 14 October 2020

### 10. **Closure**

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.



Independent Chair



Date