

CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COMMODORE AIRPORT HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH ON THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2020, COMMENCING AT 5.32PM

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 - 4.4 Regional Transport Monitoring Update
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 - 4.6 Regional Road Safety Working Group Report
5. Public Excluded
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Present

Committee Chair, Councillor Peter Scott (Environment Canterbury); Mayors Craig Rowley (Waimate), Dan Gordon (Waimakariri), Neil Brown (Ashburton), Graham Smith (Mackenzie), Marie Black (Hurunui), Sam Broughton (Selwyn), Nigel Bowen (Timaru); Councillors Mike Davidson (Christchurch City), Tane Apanui (Environment Canterbury); and Jim Harland (NZTA)

In Attendance

Richard Holland (Team Leader Network Planning Transport, Christchurch City Council), Steve Higgs (Lead Strategic Planner, NZTA), Andrew Mazey (Asset Manager Transportation, Selwyn District Council), Katherine Trought (Director Strategy & Planning, Environment Canterbury), Sam Bellamy (Team Leader Strategy & Planning, Environment Canterbury), Annisa Hanasah (Strategy Advisor, Environment Canterbury)

Regional Transport Committee support:

Ben Wong (Senior Strategy Advisor) and Vivienne Ong (Committee Advisor)

Welcome

Councillor Scott, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

An apology was received from Mayor Craig Mackle (Kaikōura).

2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

3. Deputations and Petitions

There were no deputations or petitions.

4. Reports

4.1 Regional Transport Committee Terms of Reference

Councillor Scott, provided an overview of the proposed change in the Terms of Reference for the Regional Transport Committee to reduce the quorum required to open a meeting from nine to seven.

The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. recommends that Environment Canterbury approves the proposed Terms of Reference for the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee included in Attachment 1.**
- 2. approves the proposed Terms of Reference for the Canterbury Transport Officers Group included in Attachment 2; and**
- 3. approves the proposed Terms of Reference for the Canterbury Regional Road Safety Working Group included in Attachment 3.**

Mayor Rowley / Mayor Bowen
CARRIED

4.2 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Update

Jim Harland provided members with a handout of his 'update report' advising that roadshows would be held to discuss NZTA's Investment Decision Making Framework and to support Regional Land Transport Plans.

Additionally Road to Zero work was underway for people to access information and to have a better understanding of vehicle safety ratings.

A copy of the 'New Zealand Upgrade Programme – Transport' was handed out, which outlined the Government's \$159 million Canterbury projects package:

- Two lane flyover bridge crossing State Highway 1 (SH1) from Rolleston Drive to Hoskyns Road for local access.
- Halswell Road, two bus lanes connecting Halswell with the Southern Motorway
- Brougham Street, enabling a more reliable freight movement from Lyttelton Port, better traffic flow and safety.
- Rural intersection safety improvements on SH1 at Walnut Avenue, Ashburton and Tinwald.

Discussion focussed on some specific district council transport needs. It was acknowledged that each council had their individual transport projects they wanted to support and move forward.

In response, Jim Harland suggested that NZTA officials present on 'Arataki' and the resilience of the Picton to Dunedin corridor from a Canterbury perspective at the next Committee meeting.

The Committee would also look to support Mayor Black's advocacy for the Hurunui Bridge upgrade.

The Committee will be invited to a Ministry of Transport briefing on the Government Policy Statement (GPS) 2021.

The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. notes the update from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

Mayor Black / Cr Apanui
CARRIED

4.3 Variation of the Regional Land Transport Plan

The total costs of the project would be over the significance threshold amount of \$5 million and members wanted confirmation that the assessment criteria and analysis exempted the variation from triggering the significance policy.

The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. Notes that the Safety Improvements: Evans Pass Road project is proposed as a variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan.**
- 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 variation is not significant.**
- 4. Agrees to vary the Regional Land Transport Plan by adding to or amending the proposed activities in Appendix 1 "Regional programme details".**
- 5. Recommends this variation to Environment Canterbury.**
- 6. Officers to confirm whether the variation projects fall within the significance threshold.**

Mayor Smith / Mayor Rowley
CARRIED

Steve Higgs confirmed the variation did not trigger the significance policy as policy criteria on improvement activities and strategic importance overrode the monetary threshold.

4.4 Regional Transport Monitoring Update

Ben Wong spoke further to his report advising that at the next Committee meeting there would be an updated mechanism for monitoring regional transport progress; enabling better decision making and aligning with the Ministry of Transport's 'Transport Outcomes Framework'.

The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. notes that this paper presents the quarterly monitoring and progress report; and**

2. notes that Environment Canterbury is currently reviewing the approach to monitoring and will seek to align the new approach with the Ministry of Transport's Transport Outcomes Framework.

Mayor Broughton / Mayor Bowen
CARRIED

4.5 Transport Officers Group Report

This item was taken as read.

The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

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

Mayor Broughton / Cr Davidson
CARRIED

4.6 Regional Road Safety Working Group Report

Some district councils reported they were collaborating cross boundary on road safety matters and that it was working well. Other district councils have indicated they preferred a localised approach to road safety to maintain local knowledge in road safety delivery.

The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

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

Mayor Rowley / Mayor Smith
CARRIED

5. Public Excluded

There was no public excluded session.

6. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

There was no extraordinary or urgent business. The Chair requested that a general business item be added to future agendas. This would provide the Committee with the opportunity to raise matters for consideration at subsequent meetings.

7. Next Public Meeting

4.00pm – 6.00pm, Thursday, 21 May 2020
Commodore Airport Hotel
449 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch

8. Closure

The meeting closed at 6.01pm

Confirmed

Date: 12 May 2020

Chair: 