

CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD AT ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 200 TUAM STREET, CHRISTCHURCH ON MONDAY, 17 MAY 2021, COMMENCING AT 12.30PM

Mihi / Karakia Tīmatanga - Opening

1. Apologies
2. Conflicts of Interest
3. Hearing of Submissions to the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31
4. Mihi /Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

Canterbury Regional Transport Committee Hearing Panel:	Cr Peter Scott	Environment Canterbury (Committee Chair)
	Cr Tane Apanui	Environment Canterbury (Deputy Chair)
	Cr Mike Davidson	Christchurch City Council
	Ian Duncan	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
	Mayor Craig Mackle*	Kaikōura District Council
	Mayor Dan Gordon	Waimakariri District Council
	Mayor Graham Smith	Mackenzie District Council
	Mayor Marie Black	Hurunui District Council
	Mayor Neil Brown	Ashburton District Council
	Mayor Nigel Bowen	Timaru District Council
	Mayor Sam Broughton	Selwyn District Council

** attended virtually via MS Teams*

In Attendance	<u>In Attendance</u>	
	Kevin Reid	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
	Peter Brown	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
	<u>Officers, Environment Canterbury:</u>	
	Clare Pattison	Senior Strategy Advisor
	Luke Carey	Senior Advisor – Transport
	Deborah Diaz	Senior Communications & Engagement Advisor
	Vivienne Ong	Committee Advisor

Committee Chair, Councillor Peter Scott welcomed everybody to the hearing and thanked everyone for making themselves available.

1. Apologies

An apology was received from Mayor Craig Rowley, Waimate District Council.

2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

3. Hearing of Submissions to Canterbury Regional Transport Plan 2021-31

Prior to the hearing process commencing, the Hearing Panel resolved to receive the submissions and accept a late submission that had been received.

RESOLVED

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. receives the 'Hearings of Submissions to the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31' report**
- 2. accepts the late submission to the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31 (Submitter 17, Canterbury District Health Board).**

Mayor Dan Gordon/Mayor Marie Black
CARRIED

The Committee Chair confirmed that a copy of each submission had been circulated and read by the Hearing Panel prior to the hearing. Submitters who wished to be heard were invited to present their submissions.

The following submitters were not present during the hearing sessions:

- Submitter # 16 – Felicity Blackmore of Christchurch International Airport (apology received)
- Submitter # 20 – Michael Patterson of Commodore Airport Hotel

Submitter # 19 – Chrys Horn 12.35pm

Chrys Horn who is a Social Scientist, spoke to her submission advising strategic objectives were safety, sustainable transport, and resilience.

Supports:

- Generally supportive of the Draft Canterbury Regional Transport Plan.
- Prioritisation of state highways.
- Reduction in private cars and heavy trucks on roads.

Concerns:

- People pay a lot to run their cars, but do not take into consideration the full cost, eg: parking, workshop repairs.

Suggests:

- Awareness and behavioural change required for people to consider changing their transport options. People want to change but find it hard to change their day-to-day. Must be affordable, timely and doable.
- People cycle more if they feel safe, do more to encourage this. Appeal to their health
- Increasing coastal shipping and rail will improve resilience.
- Would like a measure on cycle trips.

Submitter # 37 – John McCaskey 12.44pm

John McCaskey spoke to his submission.

Supports:

- Freight and Commuter rail to reduce emissions and improve road safety.

Concerns:

- No transport modes connecting the provinces.
- Getting into city with connecting modes of transport spread out over the city.
- Too expensive to live in city but living further away is prohibited and costly to travel.
- Funding should be a national responsibility, rather than rate payer.

Suggests:

- Commuter rail for mass movement of people to connect provinces and the city.
- Use the Addington Saleyards for rail and interconnecting transport modes.

Submitter # 56 – Roy Hughes of NZ Automobile Association Canterbury West Coast District Council 12.54pm

Roy Hughes is the Chairman of the NZ Automobile Association Canterbury West Coast District and spoke of the points of views shared from surveying AA members.

Supports:

- AA and members generally supportive of the RLTP.
- Reducing death and serious injury by prioritisation of state highways.
- Road maintenance improvements (rather than reducing speed limits).

Concerns:

- The Christchurch Traffic Greenline Survey of 1998 show composition of traffic flows:
 - Cyclists were twice the number back then as they are now, but while the population has significantly increased, cycling has not. Shows what is being done is not working.
 - There are 26,000 less people working in the city now and there are less businesses.
- Businesses are moving out of the CBD – how do people get there to shop and work? Private car.
- Not convenient to take the buses if you live on the edges or further than the city boundaries.
- Deterioration of roading network and an apparent scaling back of road maintenance.

Suggests:

- Woodend bypass being a priority.
- Make public transport, cycling, walking safer and convenient, it also helps to reduce vehicles and cut down CO₂ emissions.

Submitter # 18 – Chris Owen 1.08pm

Chris Owen spoke to his submission.

Supports:

- Generally supportive of the RLTP.
- Use of rail to reduce emissions from freight movement.

Concerns:

- Climate change: disconnect between goals to reduce transport emissions and the timeline to get there. Need to make big changes in the next ten years, but the next RLTP is another ten years away, could be too late – time to panic is now.
- Strategic direction of the plan is right, but the proportion of investment does not align.

Suggests:

- Recommended reading the Ministry of Transport paper on Transport Emissions to Pathway to Zero.
- Viewing everything through a climate change lens and making significant change as soon as possible, rather than slow incremental change.
- Shift funding to walking, cycling and public transport. Seek additional funding to accelerate completion of major cycle routes sooner than 2029. Build protective cycleways everywhere, even if only using temporary measures at first.
- Public Transport: use additional funds to invest in service levels, number of buses, frequency. Set up further high frequency bus routes with dedicated bus lanes – no need to consult a bus schedule.
- Set funding aside to invest in the public transport free trial. Learn from Estonia who offer their residents free public transport. Ensure services are improved.
- Move freight off roads to rail, ferries, or alternative methods.
- Lobbying central Government and Waka Kotahi to seek funding for the New Zealand Cycleway Fund, upgrade fund, and shovel ready projects. Thus, creating jobs in the region and boosting the economy – leverage all that we can.

Submitter # 68 – Gary Watts of Sigjaws Trust, Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Coordinator Northcote and Camden Street 1.21pm

Gary Watts spoke to his submission and provided background regarding his part in making public transport safer using an innovative method of hydrologic mechanisms to lower buses.

Supports:

- Public rail transportation
- State highway improvement prioritisation

Concerns:

- Disappointed the RLTP has no innovative ideas.
- Safety levels on public transport is of major concern. Gary provided an example of a bus door failure which had the potential to injure a passenger. Using innovative technologies available should be used on buses to prevent door failure.
- Region does not have the infrastructure to power electric vehicles.
- Transport management with roadworks, transport organisations need regulations on roadwork signage.
- Safety of intersections on rural roads, improved marking, and road signage.

Suggests:

- Rural areas require adequate road marking, signage and displays on roads – use innovative safety measures available.
- Kiwirail be involved in the RLTP for advice on introducing rail transport to region.
- Lobby Government as the region is underfunded, use their surpluses from a growing economy since COVID-19. Use funding for innovative projects.
- Use hydrogen to power buses/vehicles as opposed to an over-reliance on electric vehicles.

In response, members advised that Kiwirail had recently been invited to join the Committee; and the bus safety issue will be passed onto Public Transport.

4. **Mihi / Karakia whakamutunga – Closing**

As there were no further submitters present to be heard, the Chair thanked everyone for their participation.

Karakia: Sam Broughton

The meeting closed at 1.33pm.

Confirmed

Chair: _____



Date: _____

