

# **Minutes of the inaugural (1<sup>st</sup>) meeting of the Transport and Urban Development Committee held in the Council Chamber, Environment Canterbury, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Thursday, 1 July 2021 at 2.30pm**

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## **Present**

Committee Co-Chairs Councillors Peter Scott and Grant Edge; Councillors Tane Apanui, Phil Clearwater, Nicole Marshall, Claire McKay, Elizabeth McKenzie, Craig Pauling, Lan Pham\*, and Vicky Southworth

*\* Attended virtually via MS Teams*

## **In attendance**

Kim Fowler\* (President, University of Canterbury Student Association), Gregory Fleming (President, Lincoln of Canterbury Student Association), Angus Howat (Student Voice Coordinator, ARA Institute of Canterbury), Leo He (General Executive, University of Canterbury Student Association)

*\* Attended virtually via MS Teams*

## **Management and officers present**

Katherine Trought (Acting Director Finance and Corporate Services), Tim Davie (Director Science), Tafflyn Bradford-James (Director Communications and Engagement), David Perenara-O'Connell (Acting Director Strategy and Planning), Stewart Gibbon (Senior Manager Public Transport), Jesse Burgess (Senior Strategy Manager), Toshi Hodliffe (General Manager Governance), Clare Pattison (Senior Strategy Advisor), Luke Carey (Senior Advisor – Transport), Vivienne Ong (Committee Advisor), and Juliet Bruce (Committee Support)

Report writers and supporting staff were also in attendance.

## **1. Mihi/karakia tīmatanga - opening**

Co-Chair Councillor Scott opened the meeting and welcomed the delegation in attendance for their Deputation.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Council Chair Jenny Hughey; Councillors Megan Hands, Ian Mackenzie, John Sunckell; ngā Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis, and Iaeen Cranwell.

3. **Conflicts of interest**

There were no conflicts of interest recorded.

4. **Public forum, deputations, and petitions**

**Kim Fowler, Gregory Fleming, and Angus Howat – Representing the students of Canterbury/Lincoln Universities, and Ara Institute**

The Committee approved a third deputation member be allowed to address the meeting [*Standing Order 3.19.4*], and it was determined the deputation presentation time be extended from 10 minutes to 13 minutes in total [*Standing Order 3.19.6*].

The deputation delegation spoke to their PowerPoint presentation “Getting on the Bus” considering a student discount for public transport in the greater Christchurch area; in support to agenda Item 6.0 Notice of Motion later in this agenda. The deputation members explained that they were passionate on encouraging students to stop driving private vehicles and to take other modes of transport.

The following was presented:

- 99 per cent of students support a bus discount, with 58.7 per cent advising they would take the bus more if it were discounted.
- Parking at Ara Institute can cost students \$1,200 per annum.
- Benefits climate change.
- Builds a culture of utilising public transport.

In closing, the deputation members welcomed the opportunity to work together to deliver public transport discounts for all students.

Questions of clarification were asked by members.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Transport and Urban Development Committee:**

1. **receives the deputation from Kim Fowler, President of University of Canterbury Student Association, Gregory Fleming, President of Lincoln University Student Association, and Angus Howat.**

Cr Grant Edge/Cr Phil Clearwater  
CARRIED

*Agenda item 6.0 Notice of Motion was taken at this time.*

6. **Notice of Motion**

*Refer page 53 – Transport and Urban Development Committee Agenda*

Councillor Vicky Southworth moved her notice of motion.

Motion

1. That the Transport and Urban Development Committee investigate the possibility of tertiary students accessing a child fare using Metrocard until a replacement fare structure is implemented following the fare review.

Moved: Cr Vicky Southworth

Councillor Vicky Southworth spoke to her notice of motion with permission from the Co-Chair to read from her notes [*Standing Order 3.8.5*] and proposed an amendment which was accepted by the majority of Committee members present at the meeting [*Standing Order 3.10.4*].

**RESOLVED**

**That the Transport and Urban Development Committee:**

1. **requests staff to prepare a report on a public transport fare change to be brought to the September 2021 Council meeting. That fare change would be for tertiary students to access the bus for a child fare when using a MetroCard; to be implemented as soon as practicable and to cover the academic year 2022 to test the effectiveness of a price reduction on student passenger numbers. The report should include the costs, timelines, practicalities, funding opportunities and risks of this proposal.**

Cr Vicky Southworth/Cr Phil Clearwater  
CARRIED

5. **Decision Items**

5.1 **Public Transport Long-Term Plan Work Programme**

*Refer page 11 – Transport and Urban Development Committee Agenda*

Stewart Gibbon outlined the Council approved draft public transport work programme for the three-year Long-Term Plan period.

It was expected Waka Kotahi would be able to advise their final decision outcomes regarding the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) funding allocations in August/September. Once this funding allocation was known, decision and programme impacts would be reported to the Committee, and work would commence on the approved initiatives.

Members noted that the work programme was very full meaning there would be no spare capacity or resourcing for new or additional activities.

During questioning the following points were made:

- Look at changing the title of 'Wage Inflation Investigation' initiative.
- A workshop would be brought to Council regarding hydrogen pilot eco-systems.
- Investigate feasibility of a workshop with Southland and Otago Regional Council on heavy vehicles, fleet, and European technology.



**RESOLVED**

**That the Transport and Urban Development Committee:**

- 1. receives the Public Transport Long-Term Plan Work Programme report.**

Cr Peter Scott/Cr Grant Edge  
CARRIED

**5.2 Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan Project**

*Refer page 17 – Transport and Urban Development Committee Agenda*

Jesse Burgess and Andrew Parrish introduced the paper regarding the development, objectives, and resourcing of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan (through the direction of Greater Christchurch 2050). Partner staff are in the process of finalising and agreeing a project scope and work programme.

It was noted those in the partnership would also be receiving the same Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan project recommendation paper which provides an opportunity to support and share the same Greater Christchurch Partnership vision.

Committee members considered the recommendations and asked questions of clarification.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Transport and Urban Development Committee:**

- 1. receives the recommendations from the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee to:**
  - 1.1. recommend that Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council, Selwyn District Council, Canterbury Regional Council, the Canterbury District Health Board, and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu agree the proposed approach and high-level phases for the development of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan project, as outlined in the report**
  - 1.2. recommend that Canterbury Regional Council, Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and the Waimakariri District Council fund the additional investment required to deliver the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan work programme according to the current cost share arrangement (Christchurch City Council \$393,750, Environment Canterbury \$393,750, Selwyn District Council \$131,250 and Waimakariri District Council \$131,250) for the two-year work programme**
- 2. notes the strategic importance and alignment of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan project to deliver on the priorities of the Greater Christchurch Partnership, local councils and central government**
- 3. agrees the objectives, proposed approach and high-level phases for the development of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan, as outlined in the report**

4. notes that the detailed work programme for the development of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan is subject to finalisation in partnership with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and central government agencies
5. notes that work will commence immediately in order to deliver on the work programme and satisfy National Policy Statement on Urban Development timeframes
6. notes to deliver on the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan project, the total funding envelope for this project is up to \$1,450,000 for the two-year work programme
7. notes that in addition to the external funding requirement, the partners will contribute in-kind resource in the form of staff time and technical expertise
8. notes that \$400,000 funding for the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan project can be met through:
  - 8.1. funding from the existing Greater Christchurch 2050 budget of up to \$200,000
  - 8.2. funding from the Greater Christchurch Partnership project budget of up to \$100,000 per annum for 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years
9. notes that the cost share arrangement for funding the Greater Christchurch Partnership is as follows: Christchurch City Council (37.5 per cent), Environment Canterbury (37.5 per cent), Waimakariri District Council (12.5 per cent) and Selwyn District Council (12.5 per cent)
10. notes that Environment Canterbury's share of the additional funding required to deliver the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan, according to the cost share arrangement, is \$393,750 for the two-year work programme in 2021/22 and 2022/23, and that this funding is included in the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.

Cr Grant Edge/Cr Phil Clearwater  
CARRIED

### 5.3 Transport Emissions Pathway Green Paper

*Refer page 37 – Transport and Urban Development Committee Agenda*

Luke Carey and Clare Pattison summarised the paper advising the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee and Canterbury Mayoral Forum made a joint submission to the Ministry of Transport on their 'Hīkina te Kohupara - Transport Emissions: Pathway to Net Zero by 2050' green paper.

### RESOLVED

That the Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. notes the overview of *Hīkina te Kohupara - Transport Emissions: Pathway to Net Zero by 2050* (Hīkina te Kohupara), the Ministry of Transport green paper
2. notes that while not government policy, adoption of the interventions identified in *Hīkina te Kohupara* would require a transformation of the existing transport network. This impacts both regional transport

**investment management and public transport delivery conducted by  
Environment Canterbury**

- 3. notes the Regional Transport Committee and Canterbury Mayoral Forum  
will be making a joint submission.**

Cr Tane Apanui/Cr Vicky Southworth  
CARRIED

**5.4 Public Transport Operating Model Submission**

*Refer page 37 – Transport and Urban Development Committee Agenda*

Stewart Gibbon summarised the work involved with the submission, identifying five key areas of feedback. Members noted some aspects required further discussion with local councils.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Transport and Urban Development Committee:**

- 1. approves the Public Transport Operating Model submission.**

Cr Nicole Marshall/Cr Claire McKay  
CARRIED

Stewart Gibbon showed Committee members the Ara 2021 Business Excellence Awards 'Innovation and Technology Award' that MyWay by Metro received for their innovative on-demand public transport trial in Timaru. Members acknowledged the significant work on this current programme.

**7. Extraordinary and urgent business**

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

**8. Questions**

There were no questions.

**9. Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 23 September 2021.

**14. Mihi/karakia whakamutunga – closing**

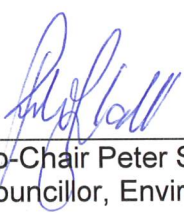
Karakia: Councillor Phil Clearwater

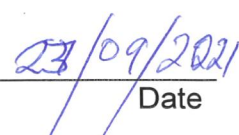
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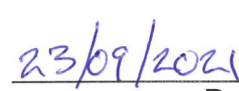
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