

Minutes of the meeting of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee held at Rydges Latimer Christchurch on Thursday, 18 November 2021 at 4.04pm

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Present

Committee Chair Cr Peter Scott (Environment Canterbury), Deputy Chair Cr Tane Apanui (Environment Canterbury), Mayor Neil Brown (Ashburton DC), Cr Mike Davidson (Christchurch CC), Mayor Marie Black (Hurunui DC), Mayor Craig Mackle (Kaikōura DC), Mayor Graham Smith (Mackenzie DC), Mayor Sam Broughton (Selwyn DC), Mayor Nigel Bowen (Timaru DC), Mayor Dan Gordon (Waimakariri DC), and Mayor Craig Rowley (Waimate DC).

Management and officers present

Andrew Mazey (Selwyn DC), Ben Wong (Waka Kotahi), Richard Osborne (Waka Kotahi), Hamish Dobbie (CEO, Hurunui DC), Hamish Riach (CEO, Ashburton DC), Luke Carey (Senior Advisor – Transport), Jesse Burgess (Senior Strategy Manager), Clare Pattison (Senior Strategy Advisor), Vivienne Ong (Committee Advisor), and Christina Eaglin (Committee Advisor).

1. **Mihi/Karakia Timatanga – Opening**

A karakia was provided by Committee Chair Cr Peter Scott.

The Chair advised that the meeting was being recorded and that the recording would be made available on the Council website.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received for James Caygill and Mayor Craig Mackle for lateness.

3. **Conflicts of interest**

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

4. **Deputations and Petitions**

There were no deputations or petitions.

5. **Minutes**

5.1 **Canterbury Regional Transport Committee Minutes – 19 August 2021**

Refer pages 11-17 of the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. confirms the minutes from the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meeting held 19 August 2021.**

Mayor Dan Gordon/Mayor Craig Rowley
CARRIED

6. **Matters Arising**

It was noted that a letter had been received from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency confirming its representative on this Committee as James Caygill. This letter was received by the Canterbury Regional Council for confirmation at its 17 November Council meeting.

It was advised that the action items listed at the top of page 16 (minutes attachment 4.1.1, section 6.4) have been resolved. In addition, it was noted that the Committee needed to continue to advocate for resilience in the transport system.

7. **Reports**

7.1 **2021-24 National Land Transport Programme Overview**

Refer pages 19-28 of the agenda.

Luke Carey presented a comprehensive layout of the National Land Transport Programme and noted the differences between the paper before the Committee and the earlier memo circulated on 12 October 2021.

- There were concerns around the process and difficulty around funding.
- Waka Kotahi advised they are aware of cost escalation as a problem across the programme, including local road and state highway maintenance programmes.
- Waka Kotahi is working with the district council transport officers to understand the implications of inflation on the maintenance programmes going forward.

Mayor Craig Mackle joined the meeting at 4.21pm during discussion of item 7.1.

RESOLVED

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. receives the update on the National Land Transport Programme funding.**

Mayor Dan Gordon/Mayor Craig Rowley

7.2 Canterbury Regional Transport Committee Forward Work Programme
Refer pages 29-31 of the agenda.

Environment Canterbury staff presented an overview of the forward work programme.

- There were focused discussions and updates to the following three initiatives: emissions research, website update programme, and the growth initiative.
- There were concerns regarding the role of this Committee and it was advised that this Committee provides the regional voice and South Island context needed for advocacy.

Staff Recommendation:

- 1. approves the regional transport work programme governance and delivery structure**
- 2. endorses the commencement of work on the key initiatives in the forward work programme**
- 3. nominates two members of the Committee to attend briefings on the activities of Transport Officers Group and speak to these at future Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meetings**
- 4. agrees to initiate a review of the key work programme initiatives and the governance and delivery structure at the end of the financial year.**

An amendment was moved by Mayor Sam Broughton and seconded by Mayor Graham Smith. That the Committee nominates two members, Chair Peter Scott and Cr Mike Davidson, as follows:

- 3. nominates Chair Peter Scott and Cr Mike Davidson of the Committee to attend briefings on the activities of Transport Officers Group and speak to these at future Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meetings**

RESOLVED

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. approves the regional transport work programme governance and delivery structure**
- 2. endorses the commencement of work on the key initiatives in the forward work programme**
- 3. nominates Chair Peter Scott and Cr Mike Davidson of the Committee to attend briefings on the activities of Transport Officers Group and speak to these at future Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meetings**
- 4. agrees to initiate a review of the key work programme initiatives and the governance and delivery structure at the end of the financial year.**

Mayor Sam Broughton/Mayor Graham Smith
CARRIED

7.3 Variation to the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31
Refer pages 40-42 of the agenda.

Luke Carey and Ben Wong presented an overview of the variation.

- It was advised that the activity management plans were missed on the RLTP programme when it was developed due to the difficulty of the transport investment online software. The software has since been fixed and active discussions are taking place.

RESOLVED

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. in relation to the request to add the activity ‘activity management planning’ to the RLTP-approved programme of Waimakariri District Council**
 - 1.1. receives the request**
 - 1.2. determines that the requested variation is not significant**
 - 1.3. approves the variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan by adding to or amending the proposed activities in Appendix 1 “Regional programme details”, and recommends this variation to Canterbury Regional Council for endorsement**
- 2. in relation to the request to add the activity ‘activity management planning’ to the RLTP-approved programme of Mackenzie District Council**
 - 2.1. receives the request**
 - 2.2. determines that the requested variation is not significant**
 - 2.3. approves the variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan by adding to or amending the proposed activities in Appendix 1 “Regional programme details”, and recommends this variation to Canterbury Regional Council for endorsement**
- 3. in relation to the request to add the activity ‘activity management planning’ to the RLTP-approved programme of Timaru District Council**
 - 3.1. receives the request**
 - 3.2. determines that the requested variation is not significant**
 - 3.3. approves the variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan by adding to or amending the proposed activities in Appendix 1 “Regional programme details”, and recommends this variation to Canterbury Regional Council for endorsement**
- 4. in relation to the request to add the activity ‘activity management planning’ to the RLTP-approved programme of Waimate District Council**
 - 4.1. receives the request**
 - 4.2. determines that the requested variation is not significant**
 - 4.3. approves the variation to the Regional Land Transport Plan by adding to or amending the proposed activities in Appendix 1 “Regional programme details”, and recommends this variation to Canterbury Regional Council for endorsement**

Mayor Craig Rowley/Mayor Graham Smith
CARRIED

- 7.4 **Minutes – Transport Officers Group and Regional Road Safety Working Group - 21 October 2021**
Refer pages 43-56 of the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Transport Officers Group and Regional Road Safety Working Group meetings held on 21 October 2021.

Mayor Dan Gordon/Mayor Sam Broughton
CARRIED

Chair changed the order of business as Todd Moyle (KiwiRail) would present on item 7.5 but had not arrived.

7.6 **Joint Canterbury Mayoral Forum and Regional Transport Committee Submission on National Emissions Reduction Plan Discussion Document**
Refer pages 58-65 of the agenda.

Environment Canterbury staff presented on the joint submission.

- Four new emissions targets were being proposed.
- Advice of staff was to not express a view on the targets due to concerns around the inadequacy of funding, delivery mechanisms and resourcing required to respond to the new direction and meet the targets. It was advised that a stronger partnership with central government was needed.
- The merits were debated of a more supportive position on the targets and sought greater recognition in the submission that urban areas will do the heavy lifting.

Staff Recommendation:

1. delegates to Canterbury Regional Council Councillor Peter Scott (Chair, Canterbury Regional Transport Committee) and Selwyn District Council Mayor Sam Broughton (Chair, Canterbury Mayoral Forum) the authority to approve the transport content of a regional submission on the Emissions Reduction Plan discussion document prior to the submission closing date of 24 November 2021.

An amendment was moved by Mayor Marie Black and seconded by Mayor Dan Gordon. That the Committee includes additional terms as follows:

1. delegates to Canterbury Regional Council Councillor Peter Scott (Chair, Canterbury Regional Transport Committee) and Selwyn District Council Mayor Sam Broughton (Chair, Canterbury Mayoral Forum) the authority to approve the transport content of a regional submission on the Emissions Reduction Plan discussion document prior to the submission closing date of 24 November 2021 and the draft to be circulated to the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee for feedback prior to being submitted.

RESOLVED

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. delegates to Canterbury Regional Council Councillor Peter Scott (Chair, Canterbury Regional Transport Committee) and Selwyn District Council Mayor Sam Broughton (Chair, Canterbury Mayoral Forum) the authority to approve the transport content of a regional submission on the Emissions Reduction Plan discussion document prior to the submission closing date

of 24 November 2021 and the draft to be circulated to the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee for feedback prior to being submitted.

Mayor Marie Black /Mayor Dan Gordon
CARRIED

7.5 Waka Kotahi Presentation – Brougham Street Project

Refer page 57 of the agenda.

The Chair welcomed and introduced Todd Moyle (COO) and David Jackways (Business Strategy Manager – South Island) from KiwiRail. Todd Moyle gave an update on KiwiRail priorities and business.

Richard Osborne from Waka Kotahi tabled the presentation ‘NZ Upgrade Programme – Brougham Street’. <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/council-and-committee-meetings/>

RESOLVED

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. receives the presentation from Waka Kotahi on the Brougham Street improvements project.**

Mayor Dan Gordon/Mayor Craig Rowley
CARRIED

7.7 Quarterly Monitoring Report – Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31

Refer pages 66-81 of the agenda.

- Comments were made in regarding the measures under ‘managing our networks sustainability’ and whether these were appropriate.
- It was advised that consistent measures for RLTP reporting nationally are currently being identified and would be available in the near future for the Committee to consider.

RESOLVED

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. receives the first quarterly monitoring report on the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31.**

Mayor Marie Black/Mayor Graham Smith
CARRIED

8. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

It was advised that State Highway 1 at the Rakaia Bridge was closed due to a fatal accident over Labour Weekend. There were questions on receiving assurances from Waka Kotahi NZTA to help with traffic congestion for future accidents.

9. Next Meeting

The 2022 meeting dates have not been confirmed.

10. Mihi/Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

A karakia was provided by Chair Peter Scott.

The meeting closed at 6.03pm.

CONFIRMED:

Chair Peter Scott
Councillor, Environment Canterbury

Date