

Minutes of the 545th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council (under COVID-19 Orange Traffic Light restrictions), held online on Thursday, 28 April 2022 at 10.01 am.

Present

Chair Jenny Hughey, Deputy Chair Councillor Peter Scott, Councillors Tane Apanui, Phil Clearwater, Grant Edge, Megan Hands, Ian Mackenzie, Nicole Marshall, Claire McKay, Elizabeth McKenzie, Craig Pauling, Lan Pham, Vicky Southworth and John Sunckell.

Tumu Taiao laean Cranwell.

1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Chair Jenny Hughey welcome all to the meeting.

Cr Craig Pauling opened the meeting with a karakia.

2. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis.

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

4. Report Items

4.1 Hearing of Verbal Submissions for the Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 - Thursday, 28 April 2022 Session One

Refer pages 5-19 of the agenda.

Wednesday 27 April 2022 agenda item 4.4.7 and supplementary agenda item 8.1.2 - Nicky Snoyink spoke on behalf of Forest & Bird regarding the consultation document's Topic Three: Future funding for action in response to climate change. They supported the integration of the biosecurity and biodiversity portfolios, wanting to see an action plan.

Cr Nicole Marshall joined the meeting at 10.09 am.

Agenda item 4.1.3 - Mark Alexander spoke regarding the consultation document's Topic One: Changing the bus fare structure.

Agenda item 4.1.4 - Richard Shaw spoke on the rate increases being unaffordable, suggesting work programmes be revisited and regarding the consultation document's Topic Three: Future funding for action in response to climate change.

The meeting adjourned at 10.39am and reconvened at 2.59pm.

Cr Phil Clearwater assumed the Chair for Session Two.

4.2 Hearing of Verbal Submissions for the Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 - Thursday, 28 April 2022 Session Two

Refer pages 20-59 of the agenda and pages 2-204 of the supplementary agenda.

Agenda item 4.2.4 - Russell Turnbull spoke on behalf of Go Bus Transport Ltd and provided a presentation attached to these minutes as 'Attachment to 4.2.4' regarding the consultation document's Topic One: Changing the bus fare structure.

Agenda item 4.1.4 - Joshua Wharton spoke on behalf of Massey@Distance regarding the consultation document's Topic One: Changing the bus fare structure.

Agenda item 4.2.4 - Sophie McInnes spoke the consultation document's Topic One: Changing the bus fare structure and Topic Three: Future funding for action in response to climate change.

Agenda item 4.2.5 - Nick Stoneman spoke on behalf of Disability Advisory Trust regarding the consultation document's Topic One: Changing the bus fare structure.

Agenda item 4.2.6 - Rebecca Roper-Gee spoke regarding the consultation document's Topic One: Changing the bus fare structure.

Supplementary agenda item 8.1.1 - Dave Evans spoke on extending the My Way public transport trial and the consultation document's Topic One: Changing the bus fare structure.

Agenda item 4.2.7 - Helene Mautner representing Age-Friendly Spreydon Cashmere Committee spoke regarding the consultation document's Topic One: Changing the bus fare structure.

Wednesday 27 April 2022 agenda item 4.2.2 - Jonathan Reddiford spoke on behalf of the Ilam and Upper Riccarton Residents regarding congestion and loss of car parking in the Ilam/Riccarton area and the consultation document's Topic One: Changing the bus fare structure.

Agenda item 4.2.9 - Andrea Davis spoke of the culture of car use in New Zealand and the consultation document's Topic One: Changing the bus fare structure and Topic Two: Flood recovery and protection.

Agenda item 4.3.2 - Fergus Gregory spoke in favour of extending the South Canterbury My Way public transport trial and the consultation document's Topic Three: Future funding for action in response to climate change.

The meeting adjourned at 4.33pm and reconvened at 5.00pm.

Cr Ian Mackenzie assumed the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

4.3 Hearing of Verbal Submissions for the Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 - Thursday, 28 April 2022 Session Three

Refer pages 60-274 of the agenda.

Agenda item 4.3.3 - Kevin Moore spoke on crucial issues, human extinction, electric cars, and the consultation document's Topic Three: Future funding for action in response to climate change.

Agenda item 4.3.4 - Valerie Campbell spoke regarding the consultation document's Topic Two: Flood recovery and protection and Topic One: Changing the bus fare structure and setting aside significant Natural Areas (SNAs).

Agenda item 4.3.7 - Ruby Gill-Clifford and Colter Carson spoke on behalf of Environment Canterbury Youth Rōpū regarding the consultation document's Topic One: Changing the bus fare structure.

The following submitter advised that they no longer wished to speak:

- Agenda item 4.3.1 - Dianne Downward rescheduled to Friday, 29 April 2022

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, 29 April 2022 at 9.00am.

6. Mihi/Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

A karakia was provided by Cr Grant Edge.

Meeting concluded at 5.53pm.

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Chair Jenny Hughey
Environment Canterbury

Bus Fare Structure Submission

April 2022



Attachment to 4.2.4

A bit about Go Bus

- Largest passenger transport company in NZ
 - 2,000 vehicles
 - 2,500 employees
 - 38 depots
 - 57,200,000 kms traveled per annum
 - Urban, School, SESTA, Charter, Tour and Private Shuttles
- Have been operating in Christchurch since 2010
- We commenced new contracts with the Council in 2020
- In Christchurch
 - Two depots
 - 234 vehicles (including 25 electric buses)
 - 422 employees



Principles behind our submission

- We fully endorse Council's wish to grow usage of public transport
- The key to growing public transport is through a quality product;
 - Availability
 - **Affordability**
 - Efficiency
 - **Convenience**
 - **Public Perception**
- The largest target market to aim for in reducing congestion is to focus on daily commuters



Option 1

Go Bus does not favour Option 1

- We fully understand Council's interest in improving the **affordability** of public transport, albeit to a limited group
- However, as a patronage generating tool, this is only going to lead to small passenger increases
- We also, as a company, are wary of free fares
- The difficulties of administering a scheme for anyone under 25 should not be underestimated
- Increased risk of driver/passenger altercation over fare eligibility
- May reduce **Public Perception** of buses



Option 2

Go Bus supports Option 2

- Improves **affordability** for everyone
- Best supports the objective to increase patronage
- Flat fares will increase the percentage of longer bus journeys
- Maintains **convenience** - Simple fare structures are good for both passengers and drivers
- Reduces cash on buses – improves safety
- Improves the **public perception** of public transport



Option 3

Go Bus does not favour Option 3

- As per Option 1, we understand Council's interest in improving the **affordability** of travel to a group less able to afford it.
- But, as an impact on improving patronage, it won't be significant
- This option increases complexity of the ticketing system
- Will slow the boarding process, reducing efficiency
- Is unlikely to improve the **public perception** of the transport system to most people.



Conclusion

- Go Bus supports Option 2
 - More likely to noticeably increase patronage
 - Will encourage longer journeys, easing congestion
 - Keeps the fare system simple, maintains the current level of **convenience**.
 - Has the most positive impact on the **public perception** of the transport system

