

CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD AT PEPPERS CLEARWATER RESORT, CLEARWATER AVENUE, CHRISTCHURCH ON THURSDAY, 27 MAY 2021, COMMENCING AT 3.59PM

Mihi / Karakia Tīmatanga - Opening

1. Apologies
2. Conflicts of Interest
3. Call for General Business
4. Deputations and Petitions
5. Minutes
 - 5.1 Minutes of meeting 4 February 2021
 - 5.2 Minutes – Hearing of Submissions 17 May 2021
 - 5.3 Minutes – Deliberations of Submissions 17 May 2021
6. Matters Arising from the minutes
7. Reports
 - 7.1 Approval of the Regional Land Transport Plan
 - 7.2 Submission On Transport Emissions Pathways Green Paper
 - 7.3 Quarterly Monitoring Report
 - 7.4 Waka Kotahi LCLR Bids and Proposed Maintenance Spend
8. Extraordinary and Urgent Business
9. General Business
10. Next Meeting
11. Mihi /Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

Present

Committee Chair, Councillor Peter Scott (Environment Canterbury); Councillor Tane Apanui (Environment Canterbury), Mayors Dan Gordon (Waimakariri), Neil Brown (Ashburton), Sam Broughton (Selwyn), Marie Black (Hurunui), Graham Smith (Mackenzie), Craig Rowley (Waimate), Mayor Nigel Bowen (Timaru), Ian Duncan (Waka Kotahi NZTA)

In Attendance

Richard Osborne (Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency), Eric Barnes (Auxilium)

Regional Transport Committee support:

Jessie Burgess (Senior Strategy Manager), Clare Pattison (Senior Strategy Advisor), Luke Carey (Senior Advisor – Transport), Deborah Diaz (Senior Communications & Engagement Advisor), and Vivienne Ong (Committee Advisor)

Mihi / Karakia Tīmatanga - Opening

Karakia: Councillor Peter Scott

The Committee Chair, Councillor Peter Scott, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mayor Nigel Bowen (Timaru District Council) for lateness, and Councillor Mike Davidson (Christchurch City Council).

2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

3. Call for General Business

It was agreed the following items would be discussed under General Business:

Item 1: Mayor Dan Gordon
Regional Safety

Item 2: Mayor Sam Broughton
South Island Transport Summit

4. Deputations and petitions

There were no deputations or petitions.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

Refer pages 11, 17 and 23 of the agenda

RESOLVED

The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. confirmed the minutes of the meeting held 4 February 2021 were a true and correct record
2. confirmed the minutes of the Hearing of submissions meeting held 17 May 2021 were a true and correct record
3. confirmed the minutes of the Deliberations of Submissions meeting held 17 May 2021 were a true and correct record.

Mayor Sam Broughton/Mayor Graham Smith
CARRIED

6. Matters arising from the previous minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

7. Reports

- 7.1 Approval of Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31
Refer page 29 of the agenda

Jesse Burgess introduced this item advising changes asked for by the Committee at deliberations on the basis of submissions had been incorporated into the draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31 (RLTP).

Members gave consideration to the draft RLTP and deemed it affordable and feasible advising they had no concerns towards the deliverability of the work programmes.

Concern was raised on the point of accuracy regarding several of the district population statistics. It was explained that the population figures were based on the 2018 population estimates and forward projections. After debate, it was agreed that the draft RLTP would contain footnote statements advising *“2018 population estimates have been used for consistency with available historic and projected population figures, and for the most up-to-date subnational population estimates by district visit nzdotstat.stats.govt.nz”*.

A decision was made that a request would be conveyed to Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency to remove the Woodend Bypass from ‘significant activities on the horizon’ and instead have it considered for inclusion in their 10-year work plan.

RESOLVED

The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. agrees to the draft responses to individual submitters appended to this report**
- 2. approves the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031 (as included as Appendix A to this report)**
- 3. RECOMMENDS TO THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL that the Council adopt the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31**
- 4. delegates to staff the ability to make minor amendments as necessary to correct errors identified in the final Regional Land Transport Plan document prior to adoption by the Regional Council.**
- 5. requests Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to give consideration for the Woodend Bypass to be included in their 10-year work programme.**

Mayor Graham Smith/Mayor Marie Black
CARRIED

7.2 Submission on Transport Emissions Pathways Green Paper *Refer page 155 of the agenda*

The Ministry of Transport’s green paper on Transport Emissions Pathway to Net Zero by 2050 (the Green Paper) has three themes (changing the way we travel, improving passenger vehicles, and supporting a more efficient freight system). Of the four strategic and phased potential pathways presented, only Pathway Four appeared effective in achieving the Climate Change Commission’s target of 47% reduction in transport emissions by 2035.

Luke Carey and Clare Pattison went through the main points, key elements and consequences of the Green Paper. The challenge of transitioning to meet targets would be ambitious and would require an aggressive pace of future work to meet the changes required. Actions over the next five years would be critical.

The Committee requested a high level submission be produced supporting the Canterbury region as a whole ensuring a rural isolation and distance lens was factored in. Liaison of the submission would be sought from Transport Officers Group (TOG) and the Greater Christchurch Partnership Group. The draft submission was to be circulated to Committee members and TOG prior to finalisation.

The Ministry of Transport's submission closure date was 25 June 2021.

RESOLVED

The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. agrees in principle to develop a submission to the Ministry of Transport on the Transport Emissions Pathway to Net Zero by 2050 green paper that covers:**
 - 1.1 alignment with the Regional Land Transport Plan**
 - 1.2 challenges for the region to transition to low emission fleet, changing urban form and improving uptake of public transport and active transport**
 - 1.3 the potential for some of the approaches to contribute to equity issues e.g. social stratification exacerbated by inequitable access to transport**
- 2. notes the draft submission will be circulated to Canterbury Regional Transport Committee members and the Transport Officers Group prior to final sign off**
- 3. delegates authority to the Committee Chair and Deputy Chair to approve the submission prior to the closing date of 25 June 2021.**

Mayor Sam Broughton/Mayor Dan Gordon
CARRIED

7.3 Quarterly Monitoring Report *Refer page 317 of the agenda*

Luke Carey informed members the new RLTP headline targets would begin to be reported on by the next meeting.

Discussion centred on annual freight trends, rail freight movements and the importance of Kiwirail being at the Committee table. It was reported, to date, a response was yet to be received from Kiwirail regarding the request for a representative to attend meetings to enable the Committee to support them in their vision and action plans for the region.

Mayors were encouraged to speak directly with the Chief Executive of Kiwirail.

RESOLVED

The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. receives the quarterly monitoring and progress report**
- 2. notes that staff will develop and transition to a new monitoring framework from 1 July 2021 for the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31.**

Cr Tane Apanui/Mayor Sam Broughton
CARRIED

7.4 Waka Kotahi Low Cost Low Risk Bids and Proposed Maintenance Spend
Refer page 324 of the agenda

Ian Duncan highlighted aspects of his report, noting there were pressures for funding and the proposed projects were subject to Waka Kotahi's national long-term plan moderation process and individual project approval.

It was queried why Southbrook and Skewbrige woodend safety projects had not been included in the Low Cost Low Risk project list. Ian Duncan agreed to follow up and advise on the reasoning.

RESOLVED

The Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

- 1. notes Waka Kotahi Low Cost Low Risk Bids and Proposed Maintenance Spend report.**

Mayor Craig Rowley/Mayor Graham Smith
CARRIED

8. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

9. General Business

Item 1: Mayor Dan Gordon

Regional Safety

Mayor Dan Gordon spoke on the recent work produced on the Regional Road Safety Working Group (RRSWG) strategy to action, acknowledging Clare Pattison, Luke Carey, and Eric Barnes for their significant input.

A leaflet was tabled which clearly indicated the vision, purpose, principles and commitment of the RRSWG who were proactively working together and aligning safety priorities with the Government strategy of Road to Zero. Members agreed it was excellent information and it was pleasing to see such good progress on the safety for Canterbury.

Comment was made that Regional Safety should be a standing agenda item for the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meetings. At the next Committee meeting, a report will be presented on the subject of RRSWG safety priorities.

Item 2: Mayor Sam Broughton

South Island Transport Summit

Support was expressed on bringing all the transport agencies together and hosting a South Island Transport Summit.

Staff were asked to scope the idea further, along with budgets, partnering, and to bring a paper to the next Committee meeting. To assist moving this forward liaison was suggested with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum and Anna Puetener at Environment Canterbury.

The following topics were put forward:

- Christchurch International Airport Ltd (CIAL) speaking about Tarras airport.
- European truck technology.

Mayor Nigel Bowen (Timaru District Council) joined the meeting at 4.59pm

9. Next Public Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 19 August 2021.

8. Mihi / Karakia whakamutunga – Closing

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation.

Karakia: Councillor Peter Scott.

The meeting closed at 5.01pm.

Confirmed

Chair: _____

Date: _____