

Minutes of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee (under COVID-19 Orange Traffic Light restrictions) held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Thursday, 25 August 2022 at 4.02pm.

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), Mayor Craig Rowley (Waimate DC) and Waka Kotahi NZTA James Caygill.

Report writers and other staff were also present.

via MS Teams

1. Mihi / Karakia Timatanga - Opening

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Committee Chair Cr Peter Scott opened the meeting with a mihi whakataua, followed by a karakia.

2. Apologies

The apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Mike Davidson (Christchurch City Council).

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

4. Public Forum, Deputations, and Petitions

4.1. Public Forum - Miro Rail

Rollo Wenlock, Chief Executive Officer, representing Miro Rail, introduced Miro Rail who are designing and manufacturing fast green railcars in Christchurch and can assist with the technology.

Resolved CRTC/2022/18

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the Public Forum from Rollo Wenlock representing Miro Rail regarding agenda item 4.1 introducing Miro Rail who are designing and manufacturing fast green railcars in Christchurch and can assist with the technology.
2. Provides a reply to Rollo Wenlock from Miro Rail as soon as practicable.

Mayor Sam Broughton/Mayor Neil Brown

CARRIED

4.2. Deputations and Petitions

There were no requests for deputations and petitions.

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

6. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

7. Minutes

7.1. Unconfirmed Minutes - Canterbury Regional Transport Committee - 26 May 2022

Resolved CRTC/2022/19

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 26 May 2022.

Mayor Craig Rowley/James Caygill

CARRIED

8. Report Items

8.1. Canterbury Regional Transport Committee Resolutions Status Report - August 2022

Staff provided visibility on the status of resolutions made by the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee.

Resolved CRTC/2022/20

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Notes the status of previous resolutions provided in the Status of Canterbury Regional Transport Committee Resolutions report August 2022.

Mayor Dan Gordon/Mayor Nigel Bowen
CARRIED

8.2. Research Report - Understanding Attitudes about Transport Emissions in Canterbury

Councillor Mike Davidson joined the meeting at 4.17pm.

Staff and Carl Davidson (Research First) tabled a presentation to the Committee "Understanding Attitudes about Transport Emissions in Canterbury" report prepared by Research First (attachment 8.2.3 – 2022-08-25 8.2 Tabled PP Canterbury Regional Transport Committee 25 August 2022 - Emissions).

Resolved CRTC/2022/21

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the research report prepared by Research First which details Canterbury residents' attitudes to reducing transport emissions and to alternative transport approaches.

Mayor Marie Black/Mayor Graham Smith
CARRIED

8.3. Update on Canterbury Regional Transport Committee Forward Work Programme

Staff provided an update to the Committee on the progress of its work programme over the last triennium.

Mayor Craig Rowley left the meeting at 4.51pm and returned to the meeting at 4.55pm.

Resolved CRTC/2022/22

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the report on the work programme.
2. Notes the key achievements for the period and the use of key themes to structure the work programme has supported this.

8.4. Inquiry into the Future of Inter-Regional Passenger Rail in New Zealand

Staff provided information about the parliamentary inquiry into the future of inter-regional passenger rail in New Zealand (the inquiry) and to seek the support of the Committee for a technical submission from staff.

Staff Recommendations:

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives this briefing on the parliamentary inquiry into the future of inter-regional passenger rail in New Zealand.
2. Agrees to support a technical submission from Environment Canterbury staff.

The Committee recommended updating staff recommendation number two to include the draft being circulated to the Committee prior to its submission.

Resolved CRTC/2022/23

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives this briefing on the parliamentary inquiry into the future of inter-regional passenger rail in New Zealand.
2. Agrees to support a technical submission from Environment Canterbury staff, and the draft will be circulated to this Committee prior to submitting.

Mayor Dan Gordon/Mayor Marie Black
CARRIED

8.5. Advice on Road Maintenance Funding - Response to Letter from Mayor Brown

Staff provided advice to the Committee on the issues raised by Mayor Neil Brown in a letter dated 24 May 2022 regarding road maintenance funding.

Resolved CRTC/2022/24

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the update and advice requested from the Canterbury Transport Officers Group in response to the letter on road maintenance funding from Mayor Neil Brown dated 24 May 2022.

2. Notes that the Canterbury Transport Officers Group has requested further information and advice on the impacts of deferred maintenance from the Canterbury Road Efficiency Group, and that discussion on alternative funding options will be brought forward in the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan mid-term review process.

Mayor Neil Brown/Mayor Craig Mackle
CARRIED

8.6. Update on the Setting of Speeds Rule 2022

Staff informed the Committee about changes to roles and responsibilities in speed management that impacts this Committee and provided an update on the work underway to develop a suitable approach in Canterbury.

Resolved CRTC/2022/25

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Notes the Committee has a new responsibility in speed management planning that focuses on ensuring consistency and coordination in the region via a regional speed management plan.
2. Notes that the responsibility for deciding speeds still sits with the Road Controlling Authorities.
3. Agrees that the Regional Road Safety Working Group prepare advice on a fit for purpose approach to implementing the rule in Canterbury.

Mayor Graham Smith/Mayor Nigel Bowen
CARRIED

8.7. Canterbury RLTP 2021-31 Monitoring Indicator Framework

Staff provided an update to the Committee on the development of reporting on the remaining key measures in the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021- 31 monitoring framework.

Resolved CRTC/2022/26

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the update on the development of reporting on the remaining key measures in the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031 monitoring framework.

Mayor Sam Broughton/Mayor Nigel Bowen

8.8. Canterbury RLTP 2021-31 Mid-Term Review

Staff sought approval of the focus areas for the mid-term review of the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP).

Resolved CRTC/2022/27

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Notes that maintenance, resilience, safety, freight, and population growth remain important considerations for the planning process.
2. Agrees the focus areas for the RLTP 2024-2034 review project will be:
 - understanding funding options, including a broader range of revenue streams, earlier in the process;
 - working with mana whenua as a partner and improving the effectiveness of the plan for Māori; and
 - clarify the contribution across the region to transport emissions reduction targets.
3. Notes that to maintain the feasibility and affordability of the plan, largely incremental innovation will be sought from most authorised organisations.

Mayor Neil Brown/Mayor Graham Smith

CARRIED

8.9. Minutes of Canterbury Transport Officers Group and Regional Road Safety Working Group

Staff provided the Committee with the unconfirmed minutes of the Transport Officers Group (TOG) and the Regional Road Safety Working Group (RRSWG) meetings held on 28 July 2022 for their information.

Resolved CRTC/2022/28

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

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 28 July 2022.

Mayor Dan Gordon/Councillor Mike Davidson

CARRIED

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 24 November 2022 at 4.00pm.

10. Mihi / Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing

The Committee Chair closed the meeting and explained the Environment Canterbury formal response process for the public forum received earlier in the meeting.

A karakia was provided by Cr Peter Scott.

Meeting concluded at 5.46pm.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 28.4 THE CHAIRPERSONS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE NEXT ELECTION OF COUNCIL.

CONFIRMED: 6 September 2022

Chair Peter Scott
Councillor, Environment Canterbury

Dr Stefanie Rixecker
Chief Executive, Environment Canterbury