

Minutes of the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee (under COVID-19 Orange Traffic Light restrictions), held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Wednesday, 7 September 2022 at 1.01pm.

Present

Co-Chairs Cr Grant Edge and Cr Peter Scott, Cr Tane Apanui*, Cr Phil Clearwater, Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis*, Cr Megan Hands, Cr Ian Mackenzie, Cr Nicole Marshall, Cr Claire McKay, Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Cr Craig Pauling, Cr Lan Pham, Cr Vicky Southworth, and Cr John Sunckell.

Report writers and other staff were also present.

*via MS Teams

1. Mihi / Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Co-Chair Grant Edge welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cr Craig Pauling opened the meeting with a mihi whakatau, followed by Cr Phil Clearwater with a karakia.

2. Apologies

The apologies for absence were received from Chair Jenny Hughey and Tumu Taiao Iaeen Cranwell.

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

4. Public Forum, Deputations, and Petitions

There were no requests for public forum, deputations, and petitions.

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

6. Notices of Motion

6.1 Notices of Motion - Councillor Vicky Southworth

Notice of Motion Recommendation:

1. Requests staff to implement a minimum Metrocard top-up fee of \$5 as soon as practicable.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Vicky Southworth and seconded by Councillor Elizabeth McKenzie.

Resolved TUDC/2022/25

That the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. Requests staff to implement a minimum Metrocard top-up fee of \$5 as soon as practicable, but no later than February 2023.

Cr Vicky Southworth/Cr Elizabeth McKenzie
CARRIED

7. Minutes

7.1 Unconfirmed Minutes - Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development - 27 July 2022

Resolved TUDC/2022/26

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee meeting held on 27 July 2022.

Cr Peter Scott/Cr Craig Pauling
CARRIED

8. Report Items

8.1 Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee Resolutions Status Report - September 2022

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

Resolved TUDC/2022/27

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. Notes the status of previous resolutions provided in the Status of Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee Resolutions report September 2022.

Cr Peter Scott/Cr Phil Clearwater

CARRIED

8.2 Clean Air Work Programme Update Including 2022 Winter Work Programme

Staff provided an addendum to the deferred report from the 27 July 2022 meeting on the progress of the Clean Air programme.

Staff Recommendations:

1. Receives the Clean Air work programme report and addendum.
2. Notes the exceedances of the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality largely due to winter home heating in five of the eight gazetted airsheds.
3. Notes the exceedances of the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality largely due to industrial activity in Washdyke gazetted airshed.

Cr Lan Pham/Cr Nicole Marshall

CARRIED

An amendment was moved by Councillor Elizabeth McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Phil Clearwater.

4. Requests staff to inform the incoming Council of the recent international and local reports on the impact of air pollution on human health and develop a proposed work programme for the Annual Plan, including sufficient staff resourcing, in order to substantially improve air quality in Canterbury.

Cr Elizabeth McKenzie/Cr Phil Clearwater

LOST

Councillors Megan Hands, Peter Scott, Claire McKay, Tane Apanui, Ian Mackenzie, John Sunckell, and Nicole Marshall requested that their vote against this amendment be recorded.

A foreshadowed amendment was moved, and a division was called.

4. Requests staff to inform the incoming Council of the recent international and local reports on the impact of air pollution on human health, in order to substantially improve air quality in Canterbury.

Cr Vicky Southworth/Cr Craig Pauling

CARRIED

The division was declared CARRIED by 10 votes to 3 votes the voting being as follows:

For: *Cr Lan Pham, Cr Nicole Marshall, Cr Vicky Southworth, Cr Peter Scott, Cr Phil Clearwater, Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Cr John Sunckell, Cr Grant Edge, Cr Megan Hands, Cr Craig Pauling*

Against: *Cr Tane Apanui*

Abstained: *Cr Claire McKay, Cr Ian Mackenzie*

Resolved TUDC/2022/28

That the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. Receives the Clean Air work programme report and addendum.
2. Notes the exceedances of the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality largely due to winter home heating in five of the eight gazetted airsheds.
3. Notes the exceedances of the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality largely due to industrial activity in Washdyke gazetted airshed.
4. Requests staff to inform the incoming Council of the recent international and local reports on the impact of air pollution on human health, in order to substantially improve air quality in Canterbury.

Cr Lan Pham/Cr Nicole Marshall
CARRIED

8.3 Transforming Public Transport Work Programme Report

Staff updated the Committee on the Transforming Public Transport work programme.

Cr Megan Hands left the meeting at 2.27pm.

Resolved TUDC/2022/29

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. Receives the Transforming Public Transport work programme report.

Cr Peter Scott/Cr Phil Clearwater
CARRIED

8.4 Orbiter Review

Staff tabled a presentation to the Committee (attachment 8.4.7 2022-09-07 8.4 Tabled PP Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee 7 September 2022 - Orbiter Review) and provided an update on the recent service review and engagement on the Orbiter route.

Resolved TUDC/2022/30

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. Notes that the current Orbiter route via Waimairi Road (Option A) will become the permanent route.
2. Notes that staff will work with the Christchurch City Council on bus stop locations adjacent to the Homestead Lane pedestrian safe zone, to improve access from the Orbiter to the university main campus.

Cr Ian Mackenzie/Cr Vicky Southworth
CARRIED

Cr Peter Scott left the meeting at 2.39pm and returned to the meeting at 2.43pm.

8.5 Waimakariri Express Service Review

Staff provided confirmation of the successful trial of faster, direct buses from Waimakariri District and agreement to retain these services within the Metro route structure.

Cr Nicole Marshall left the meeting at 2.44pm and returned to the meeting at 2.45pm.

Resolved TUDC/2022/31

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. Agrees to permanently operate the 91 and 92 Direct bus services to and from Waimakariri District.
2. Notes that continued improvements to these services will be made through the existing service review programme and policies set out in the Regional Public Transport Plan.

Cr Claire McKay/Cr Phil Clearwater
CARRIED

8.6 Central City Shuttle Update

Kirsty Mahoney from Christchurch City Council joined online and was welcomed to the meeting. Staff provided joint advice from both Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council in relation to an outline scope of the planning required to inform the funding and delivery of a trial inner city shuttle service.

The Committee resolved to take a break at 3.03pm and returned at 3.19pm.

Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis left the meeting at 3.00pm.

Cr Nicole Marshall left the meeting at 3.03pm and returned to the meeting via online at 3.15pm.

Staff Recommendations:

1. Agree that no further action is required; OR
2. Direct staff to either:
 - 2.1. Defer this decision for consideration by the incoming Council; OR
 - 2.2. Add the Central City Shuttle investigation to the Public Transport Work Programme in the period 2022-24 to inform the next Long-Term Plan, but without disrupting existing priorities, with the expectation that this is jointly funded with Christchurch City Council; OR
 - 2.3. Add the Central City Shuttle investigation to the Public Transport Work Programme in the period 2022/23, prioritising this work to occur in this fiscal year, acknowledging that this will result in a delay to the commencement of the Route 7 Service Review due to reallocation of funds and resources, with the expectation that this is jointly funded with Christchurch City Council.

An amendment to the options listed under the staff recommendation was moved by Cr Lan Pham and seconded by Cr Ian Mackenzie:

1. To work with Christchurch City Council to incorporate our shared aims of improving patronage within the central city as part of our Public Transport Work Programme in the period 2022-24 to inform the next Long-Term Plan, without disrupting existing priorities.

Cr Lan Pham/Cr Ian Mackenzie
CARRIED

Resolved TUDC/2022/32

That the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee direct staff:

1. To work with Christchurch City Council to incorporate our shared aims of improving patronage within the central city as part of our Public Transport Work Programme in the period 2022-24 to inform the next Long-Term Plan, without disrupting existing priorities.

Cr Lan Pham/Cr Ian Mackenzie
CARRIED

8.7 Integrating Urban Land Use and Regional Transport Work Programme Report

Staff provided an update on the progress of the work programme for the Integrating Urban Land Use and Regional Transport programme.

Resolved TUDC/2022/33

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. Receives the Integrating Urban Land Use and Regional Transport work programme report.

Cr Peter Scott/Cr John Sunckell
CARRIED

8.8 Canterbury Regional Transport Committee Work Programme Update

Staff provided an update to the Committee on the progress of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee's work programme over the last triennium.

Resolved TUDC/2022/34

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. Receives the update on the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee's work programme.

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Peter Scott
CARRIED

8.9 Understanding Attitudes about Transport Emissions in Canterbury

Staff briefed the Committee on the 'Understanding Attitudes about Transport Emissions in Canterbury' report prepared by Research First for the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee.

Resolved TUDC/2022/35

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. Receives the 'Understanding Attitudes about Transport Emissions in Canterbury' research report prepared by Research First.

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Peter Scott
CARRIED

8.10 Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan Mid-Term Review and Setting of Speeds Rule 2022

Staff outlined the approval and focus areas for the mid-term review of the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan.

Resolved TUDC/2022/36

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. Notes the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:
 - 1.1. Agreed to the focus areas for the Regional Land Transport Plan (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.
 - 1.2. Noted maintenance, resilience, safety, freight, and population growth remain important considerations for the planning process.
 - 1.3. Notes that to maintain the feasibility and affordability of the plan, largely incremental innovation will be sought from most authorised organisations.
2. Notes the opportunity for the regional council to consider activities to propose to the Regional Land Transport Plan through its own planning processes.
3. Notes the Regional Land Transport Plan review timeframes may coincide with a new responsibility for the council in speed management planning. The new role is regarding administrative functions and opportunities for Māori.
4. Notes that the responsibility for deciding speeds still sits with the Road Controlling Authorities.

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Peter Scott
CARRIED

9. Resolution to go into Public Excluded

Resolved TUDC/2022/37

That Sonia Pollard and Jeremy Dickson be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge of public transport remain after the public have been excluded for item 9.1.1 - Canterbury Driver Wage Update as they have knowledge that is relevant to that item.

AND

That at 3.38pm the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 246 to 247 of the agenda be adopted.

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Claire McKay
CARRIED

The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 3.58pm.

10. Next Meeting

This is the last meeting in the triennium of the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee.

11. Mihi / Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing

A karakia was provided by Cr Phil Clearwater.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 28.4 THE CHAIRPERSONS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE AIR QUALITY, TRANSPORT AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE NEXT ELECTION OF COUNCIL.

CONFIRMED:

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Co-Chair Grant Edge
Councillor, Environment Canterbury

Co-Chair Peter Scott
Councillor, Environment Canterbury

Dr Stefanie Rixecker
Chief Executive, Environment Canterbury