

Minutes of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee, held at Environment Canterbury, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Thursday 1 June 2023 at 4.15pm.

Present

Committee Chair Peter Scott (Environment Canterbury), Mayor Marie Black* (Hurunui District Council), Mayor Nigel Bowen (Timaru District Council), Mayor Sam Broughton (Selwyn District Council), Mayor Neil Brown (Ashburton District Council), James Caygill (Waka Kotahi NZTA), Mayor Dan Gordon (Waimakariri District Council), Mayor Craig Mackle (Kaikōura DC), Mayor Phil Manger (Christchurch City Council), Mayor Anne Munro (Mackenzie District Council), Mayor Craig Rowley (Waimate District Council).

*via audio/visual link.

1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Chair Scott opened the meeting with a mihi whakatau, followed by a karakia.

2. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Deputy Chair, Councillor Grant Edge (Environment Canterbury).

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 a request for an urgent business verbal report from Mayor Broughton and other Mayors in regard to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency relating to a State Highway review, footpaths, cycleways and passenger rail:

- (a) The reason this report was not on the agenda was that the information was not available at the time the agenda was prepared.
- (b) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting was due to the need to initiate a conversation in time to feed into various plans and funding schemes and waiting for a further meeting would not meet the needs of the District Councils.

Resolved CRTC/2023/012

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Resolve to accept the urgent business verbal report from Mayor Broughton and other Mayors in regard to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

Chair Scott/Mayor Broughton

CARRIED

This report was taken after item 8.5.

6. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

7. Minutes

Refer page 10-29 of the agenda.

7.1. Unconfirmed Minutes - Canterbury Regional Transport Committee - 23 February 2023

Refer page 12-33 of the agenda.

Resolved CRTC/2023/013

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 23 February 2023.

Mayor Broughton/Mayor Bowen

CARRIED

8. Report Items

Refer page 30-62 of the agenda.

8.1. Canterbury Regional Transport Committee Resolutions Status Report - June 2023

Refer page 30-36 of the agenda.

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

Resolved CRTC/2023/014

Updated staff recommendation 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 June 2023.

Mayor Brown/Mayor Rowley

CARRIED

8.2. Regional Speed Management Plan - Policies

Refer page 37-42 of the agenda.

Staff sought agreement from the Committee to the proposed 10-year policies for the draft Canterbury Regional Speed Management Plan, as required under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limited 2022 (the Rule).

Resolved CRTC/2023/015

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Agrees to the proposed 10-year policies for the draft Canterbury Regional Speed Management Plan.
2. Notes that the Waka Kotahi Director of Land Transport has announced default deadlines of 5 October 2023 for the publication of any consultation draft Speed Management Plan and 29 March 2024 for submitting final draft Speed Management Plans for certification.

Mayor Broughton/Mayor Bowen

CARRIED

8.3. Regional Land Transport Plan Review - Monitoring Framework, Significance Criteria and Significance Policy

Refer page 43-49 of the agenda.

Staff sought agreement from the Committee to proposed changes to the Regional Land Transport Plan monitoring framework indicators, criteria for regionally significant activities and significance policy.

Resolved CRTC/2023/016

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Agrees to the proposed updates to the Regional Land Transport Plan monitoring framework indicators based on the following priorities from the updated strategic framework for the plan, agreed by the Committee on 23 February 2023:
 - 1.1 Create a well-maintained network.
 - 1.2 Implementing safer systems (Road 2 Zero).
 - 1.3 Support and develop freight systems connecting to air, rail, and sea.
 - 1.4 Support and develop connected public transport and active transport networks.
 - 1.5 Manage risk of exposure to extreme events.
2. Agrees to the proposed amendments to the Regional Land Transport Plan significance criteria to include a focus on the impact of the activity, not just its cost and sequencing.
3. Agrees to the proposed amendments to the Regional Land Transport Plan significance policy to remove the need to consult on a variation to undertake significant activities that are already in the plan as activities 'On the Horizon', as this inclusion indicates they are already sought by the Committee.
4. Notes that the proposed updates to the monitoring framework, significance criteria and significance policy will be consulted on as part of the draft 2024 Regional Land Transport Plan and will be subject to change based on submissions and decisions made in deliberations.
5. Agrees to the proposed amendments to the significance policy in the 2021 Regional Land Transport Plan effective immediately with the same wording.

Mayor Gordon/James Caygill

CARRIED

Mayor Broughton left the meeting at 4.46pm during discussion on item 8.4.

8.4. Appointment to the Regional Road Safety Working Group

Refer page 50-51 of the agenda.

Staff provided a report to revoke a previous resolution of the Committee and to resolve to appoint another member of the Committee to the Canterbury Regional, Road Safety Working Group.

Resolved CRTC/2023/017

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Revoke resolution CRTC/2023/004 appointing Mayor Dan Gordon as chair of the Canterbury Regional Road Safety Working Group.
2. Resolve to appoint Mayor Marie Black as chair of the Canterbury Regional Road Safety Working Group for the 2023 triennium.

Mayor Bowen/Mayor Brown
CARRIED

Mayor Broughton returned to the meeting at 4.48pm during discussion on item 8.5.

8.5. Meeting Minutes - South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs

Refer page 52-621 of the agenda.

Staff provided a report to present the Committee with the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group unconfirmed minutes from the 13 March 2023 meeting.

Resolved CRTC/2023/018

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the unconfirmed minutes of the 13 March 2023 meeting of the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group.

Mayor Bowen/Mayor Rowley
CARRIED

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business (Cont'd)

Mayor Broughton introduced the urgent verbal report requesting a State Highway review by Waka Kotahi:

Points raised as part of the verbal report from Mayor Broughton and other Mayors:

- There was a request for support for the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee to ask Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency to undertake a review of State Highway designations on current roads and any new roads, and if there was, that a letter be written by the Committee.

- It was noted that an update to the criteria under which Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency assess whether something should be a state highway was a discussion between Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and the Ministry of Transport.
- There was caution expressed against a review of the State Highway network, as there were a lot of rural Councils that had lower State Highway volume roads.
- Members would like to understand the consequences and have time to think on the issues and options first.
- Christchurch City Council will be voting on having a roving footpath crew at their Annual Plan meeting in a couple of weeks funded by the Christchurch City Council and Waka Kotahi. Christchurch City Council would prefer funding could be given directly to them.
- There was a request that cycleways in the Canterbury region be incorporated into the Waka Kotahi or other Canterbury cycle map in the future.
- There was a request for a report on future possibilities on passenger rail link through the south.
- It was commented that when cycleway plans cross or are near to rail lines, this causes an increase in funding requirements.

In response:

- Staff noted that they would write an issues and options paper with input from appropriate officers and will bring this back to the next Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 24 August 2023 at 4.15pm.

10. Mihi/Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

A karakia was provided by Chair Scott.

Meeting concluded at 5.23pm.

CONFIRMED 24 AUGUST 2023

Chair Peter Scott
Environment Canterbury