

**Minutes of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee,  
held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200  
Tuam Street, Christchurch, on Thursday 5 October 2023 at  
3.30pm.**

**Present**

Deputy Chair Grant Edge (Environment Canterbury), Mayor Neil Brown (Ashburton DC), Mayor Phil Mauger\* (Christchurch CC), Mayor Anne Munro (Mackenzie DC), Mayor Sam Broughton\* (Selwyn DC), Mayor Dan Gordon (Waimakariri DC), Mayor Craig Rowley\* (Waimate DC) and James Caygill (Waka Kotahi NZTA).

**In Attendance**

Councillor Ross Barnes (Hurunui DC)  
Deputy Mayor Scott Shannon (Timaru DC)

\*via audio/visual link.

**1. Karakia/Mihi Timatanga - Opening**

Deputy Chair Edge opened the meeting with a karakia and a mihi whakatau.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Chair Peter Scott (Environment Canterbury), Mayor Marie Black (Hurunui DC), and Mayor Nigel Bowen (Timaru DC).

**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**

There were no notices of motion.

## **7. Minutes**

Refer to pages 10 to 29 of the agenda.

### **7.1 Unconfirmed Minutes - Canterbury Regional Transport Committee - 24 August 2023**

Refer to pages 10 to 29 of the agenda.

#### **Resolved CRTC/2023/26**

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 24 August 2023.

Mayor Brown/Mayor Gordon  
CARRIED

## **8. Report Items**

Refer to pages 30 to 129 of the agenda.

### **8.1 Canterbury Regional Transport Committee Resolutions Status Report - October 2023**

Refer to pages 30 to 35 of the agenda.

Staff provided an update on the status of previous resolutions made by the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee.

#### **Resolved CRTC/2023/27**

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 October 2023.

James Caygill/Mayor Munro  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4.10pm and reconvened at 4.15pm during discussion on agenda item 8.2.

## 8.2 State Highway Designations Review - Issues and Options

Refer to pages 36 to 39 of the agenda.

Staff provided the Committee with an overview of key issues and options related to a review of state highway designations across Canterbury. This was in response to the matter of urgent business raised by Mayor Broughton at the Committee meeting on 1 June 2023.

Staff recommendations:

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Notes the request made by Mayor Broughton at the 1 June 2023 Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meeting for the Committee to support asking Waka Kotahi to undertake a review of the state highway designations.
2. Notes the key issues and options related to a review of new and existing state highway route designations in Canterbury outlined in this report.
3. Agrees to proceed with either:
  - 3.1. Option 1 – Do not request that Waka Kotahi undertake a review of the state highway designations in Canterbury.
  - 3.2. Option 2 – Request that Waka Kotahi undertake a review of the state highway designations in Canterbury.
  - 3.3. Option 3 – Request that Waka Kotahi progress the review of the state highway policy and the state highway evaluation criteria as a priority.

LAPSED

The motion lapsed for want of a mover. A new motion was moved by Mayor Brown and seconded by Mayor Gordon:

### **Resolved CRTC/2023/28**

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Notes the request made by Mayor Broughton at the 1 June 2023 Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meeting for the Committee to support asking Waka Kotahi to undertake a review of the state highway designations.
2. Notes the key issues and options related to a review of new and existing state highway route designations in Canterbury outlined in this report.
3. Agrees to proceed with a request to Waka Kotahi that the Committee be provided with the existing Waka Kotahi State Highway Review 2002 Criteria as soon as possible in order to further progress this item.

Mayor Brown/Mayor Gordon

CARRIED

Mayor Phil Mauger left the meeting at 5.05pm, during questions of clarification on agenda item 8.3.

Mayor Sam Broughton left the meeting at 5.16pm, during the discussion on the motion of agenda item 8.3.

Secretarial note: It was discovered after the meeting, that quorum for the meeting was lost during agenda item 8.3, during discussion on the motion. Therefore, agenda items 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 9, and the public excluded agenda items will go to the next meeting.

### **8.3 Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan Review - Regional Programme of Activities**

Refer to pages 40 to 68 of the agenda.

Staff sought the Committee's approval of the ten-year transport investment priority weightings, the ranked regionally significant improvement activities, and the proposed approach to the regional programme section of the Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-34. A presentation was given for this item and is attached to the minutes as attachment 8.3.1.

Secretarial note: The Committee requested that the following feedback be incorporated into the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-34 and any future plans:

- The item 'Ashburton Bridge – State Highway 1' needs to be referred to as 'Ashburton Tinwald Connectivity,' in line with the information Waka Kotahi already has on this project.
- The request by the Mackenzie District Council to include a footbridge/cycleway across the Opihi River in the plan.
- Our processes could be better aligned with Waka Kotahi's processes to ensure consistency across projects and plans to reduce the risk of projects being unfunded and promote better partnership between councils and Waka Kotahi.
- In future, Mayors would like further understanding of the regional transport context to view the plan with a region-wide lens and inform their decisions on the plan, given that their familiarity lies mostly with their own projects.
- The narrative and wording of the plan should reflect the priority of finishing current work, including New Zealand Upgrade Programme projects, before embarking on new projects. It should also include some context about the outcomes of previous or current projects to ensure accountability.
- Canterbury's projects must be driven by Canterbury at a local level and communicated to central government and political parties to ensure that potential future projects are delivered in line with Canterbury's priorities.
- The full life cost of projects must be taken into account, ensuring that maintenance costs aren't ignored and that there is more visibility on the impact of projects on future councils.

## **Resolved CRTC/2023/29**

Updated staff recommendations.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Approves the weightings of the ten-year transport investment priorities for the Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-34, as follows:
  - 1.1. Create a well-maintained network (highest priority)
  - 1.2. Manage risk of exposure to extreme events (35%)
  - 1.3. Support and develop connected public transport and active transport networks (30%)
  - 1.4. Implementing safer systems (Road 2 Zero) (25%)
  - 1.5. Support and develop freight systems connecting to air, rail, and sea (10%)
2. Notes that the ranked regionally significant improvement activities for the Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-34 (included as Attachment 8.3.1) is based on the weightings of the ten-year transport investment priorities and an evaluation of the impact and deliverability of the activities.
3. Approves the ranked regionally significant improvement activities (included as Attachment 8.3.1) for inclusion in the regional programme section of the Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-34, subject to the Christchurch Northern Link (including Woodend Bypass) being listed as the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked activity to reflect its inclusion in the Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 as a project of strategic importance to the development of New Zealand's transport system.
4. Approves the proposed approach to the regional programme section of the Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-34, which includes identifying a longer-list of activities that could be delivered within the ten-year period should funding become available.

Mayor Gordon/Mayor Brown

**CARRIED**

QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT

Mayor Gordon left the meeting at 5.18pm during the presentation on agenda item 8.4.

## **8.4 Minutes - South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group, 18 July 2023**

Refer to pages 69 to 119 of the agenda.

Staff provided the Committee with an update on the outcome of the 18 July 2023 meeting of the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group.

**Resolved CRTC/2023/30**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the minutes of the 18 July 2023 meeting of the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group.

Mayor Munro/Mayor Brown

~~CARRIED~~

QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT

## **8.5 Report from the Chair**

Refer to pages 120 to 129 of the agenda.

The Chair raised matters of current interest to the Committee and noted emerging issues, providing an opportunity for members to speak on any of the Committee's priorities.

**Resolved CRTC/2023/31**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the report from the Chair.

Mayor Munro/Mayor Brown

~~CARRIED~~

QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT

## 9. Resolution to go into Public Excluded

### **Resolved CRTC/2023/32**

That Jeremy Dickson, Manager – Public Transport Business Services and Improvement remain after the public have been excluded for item 9.1.1 of the public excluded agenda, and that Jesse Burgess, Senior Strategy Manager remains after the public have been excluded, as they have knowledge that is relevant to the matters under consideration.

AND

That at 5.24pm the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 130 to 131 of the agenda be adopted.

Mayor Munro/Mayor Brown

**CARRIED**

**QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT**

The meeting lapsed at 5.25pm after agenda item 9 due to a lack of quorum.

CONFIRMED 27 NOVEMBER 2023

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Chair Peter Scott

Chair, Environment Canterbury