

Minutes of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee, held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Thursday 23 February 2023 at 4.15pm.

Present

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

In attendance: Mark Heissenbuttel (KiwiRail).

1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening

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

Chair Scott welcomed Mark Heissenbuttel from KiwiRail to the meeting.

2. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Mayor Craig Mackle (Kaikōura District Council).

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 an urgent business verbal report from Mayor Black regarding State Highway 1. The reason this report was not on the agenda was due to the timing of the preparation of the agenda and as this involved many Canterbury towns and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency who were all present, it was an appropriate time to discuss, prior to any update of the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP). The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delay until a subsequent meeting was due to the need to initiate a conversation in time to feed into the RLTP and waiting for a further meeting would not meet the needs of the District Council's.

Resolved CRTC/2023/001

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Resolve to accept the urgent business verbal report from Mayor Black.

Chair Scott/Deputy Chair Edge
CARRIED

This report was taken after item 8.9.

6. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

7. Minutes

Refer page 11-33 of the agenda.

7.1. Confirmed Minutes - Canterbury Regional Transport Committee - 25 August 2022

Refer page 12-33 of the agenda.

Resolved CRTC/2023/002

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the confirmed minutes from the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 25 August 2022.

Mayor Bowen/Mayor Black
CARRIED

8. Report Items

Refer pages 34-170 of the agenda.

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

Refer pages 34-42 of the agenda.

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

Resolved CRTC/2023/003

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 Broughton/Mayor Gordon

CARRIED

8.2. Briefing for the Incoming Canterbury Regional Transport Committee and updated Terms of Reference

Refer pages 43-68 of the agenda.

Staff provided the Committee with background information about the Committee, sought approval for an updated Terms of Reference and sought endorsement for a member of the Committee to be Chair to the Regional Road Safety Working Group for this triennium.

Mayor Bowen, seconded by Mayor Rowley nominated Mayor Gordon to chair the Regional Road Safety Working Group.

1. Appoints Mayor Gordon, as a member of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee to chair the Regional Road Safety Working Group during this triennium.

Mayor Bowen/Mayor Rowley

Resolved CRTC/2023/004

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the briefing pack setting out relevant background information about the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee, included in Attachment 8.2.1.

2. Agrees to update the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee Terms of Reference to reflect the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee's new responsibilities from the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022.
3. Approves the updated Terms of Reference for the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee, included in Attachment 8.2.2.
4. Recommends that the Canterbury Regional Council adopts the updated Terms of Reference for the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee.
5. Appoints Mayor Gordon, as a member of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee to chair the Regional Road Safety Working Group during this triennium.

Mayor Bowen/Mayor Rowley
CARRIED

8.3. Approach to a Regional Speed Management Plan

Refer pages 69-78 of the agenda.

Staff sought the Committee's agreement to an approach to developing a Regional Speed Management Plan (PSMP) for Canterbury.

Resolved CRTC/2023/005

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Notes that the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee has responsibilities under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 in developing a Regional Speed Management Plan that focuses on ensuring regional consistency.
2. Notes that the responsibility for setting speed limits remains with the road controlling authorities.
3. Agrees to the proposed 'light touch' approach to developing a Regional Speed Management Plan for Canterbury in 2023.

Mayor Rowley/Mayor Broughton
CARRIED

8.4. Regional Public Transport Plan Update to the Committee

Refer pages 79-82 of the agenda.

Staff updated the Committee on the process for refreshing the Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-2028 (RPTP).

Resolved CRTC/2023/006

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Note that the plan development process for the Regional Public Transport Plan will be closely aligned with the review of the Regional Land Transport Plan during 2023.
2. Note that territorial authorities throughout the region have an opportunity to participate in the development of the Regional Public Transport Plan and particularly in considering what form of public transport provision (activity) may be needed in their areas.
3. Note that public transport funding conversations may be held as part of the processes of developing both the Regional Public Transport Plan and the Regional Land Transport Plan.

Mayor Black/Mayor Bowen
CARRIED

8.5. Regional Land Transport Plan Review - Updated Strategic Framework

Refer pages 83-93 of the agenda.

Staff sought approval for the strategic framework for the Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2034 (RLTP) review and informed the Committee of the next steps.

Resolved CRTC/2023/007

Updated Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Agrees to the proposed amended vision, being:
 - 1.1 an innovative, resilient, low emissions transport system that helps Canterbury thrive for generations.
2. Notes that it has considered alternative objectives and their feasibility and affordability.

3. Agrees to proceed with Option 3 which expands the strategic framework regarding emissions reduction, freight, growth, and maintenance.
4. Delegates to staff the ability to make minor amendments to the objectives, targets and policies which improve readability and language alignment with other strategic documents, such as the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport.

Mayor Broughton/Mayor Munro
CARRIED

8.6. Innovative Transport Funding and Finance Options

Refer pages 94-129 of the agenda.

Staff provided the Committee with the Innovative Transport Funding & Finance Options report and provided a presentation (attached).

Resolved CRTC/2023/008

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the Innovative Transport Funding & Finance Options report undertaken by Gemelli Consulting, included as Attachment 8.6.1.
2. Provides direction to staff about whether to progress any further detailed investigations of any of the funding options identified in the Innovative Transport Funding & Finance Options report.
 - a. The following options are suggested for further detailed investigations; rates funding, debt, grants, green bonds, social impact bonds, payment for outcomes contracts, public private partnerships, land value capture tax, congestion charging and value for money assessments.

Mayor Black/Mayor Gordon
CARRIED

8.7. 2024 Government Policy Statement on Land Transport

Refer pages 130-133 of the agenda.

Staff sought delegated authority for the Chair of the Committee to finalise and approve a submission the draft 2024 Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS).

Resolved CRTC/2023/009

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Delegates authority to the Chair of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee to approve a submission on the draft 2024 Government Policy Statement on land transport on the Committee's behalf, prior to the submission closing date.
2. Agrees that (at a minimum) any draft submission will be circulated via email to all Canterbury Regional Transport Committee members for feedback and input, with a minimum of five working days to provide feedback.
3. Notes that the submission will be progressed as a combined Canterbury Regional Transport Committee and Canterbury Mayoral Forum submission, and that the respective Chairs will retain final discretion over any sought changes to the submission.

Mayor Black/Mayor Rowley
CARRIED

8.8. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Update

Refer pages 134-143 of the agenda.

Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency spoke to the Committee on critical matters and updates for the Canterbury region.

Resolved CRTC/2023/010

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the update from the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency representative on the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee.

Mayor Bowen/Mayor Munro
CARRIED

8.9. Regional Land Transport Plan Annual Monitoring Report 2021-2022

Refer pages 144-170 of the agenda.

Staff provided the annual report on the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031 Monitoring Indicator framework for the 2021-22 financial year.

Resolved CRTC/2023/011

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives the annual report on the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 - 2031 Monitoring Indicator Framework for the 2021 - 2022 financial year, included as Attachment 8.9.1.

Mayor Broughton/Mayor Brown
CARRIED

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business (Cont'd)

Mayor Black advised that State Highway 1 dissects the urban boundary and crossing the State Highway with the daily movements is becoming increasingly more concerning to the community. The meeting was advised that various other towns had also put their concerns forward to this. As build towards the update of the RLTP, one of the processes that Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency will go through is the State Highway Improvement Programme which will look at all the State Highway crossings.

The Committee discussed doing this as a Canterbury package. A report will be brought back to the Committee at its next meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 1 June 2023 at 4.15pm.

10. Mihi/Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

A karakia was provided by Chair Scott.

Meeting concluded at 6.02pm.

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Chair Peter Scott
Environment Canterbury