

Minutes of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees meeting held electronically via zoom on Friday 15 July 2022 at 10.00am

Regional Transport Committees Membership

Otago

Cr Alexa Forbes (ORC, RTC Chair)
Cr Kate Wilson (ORC, RTC Deputy Chair)
Cr Bruce Graham (CDC)
Cr Stuart Duncan (CODC)
Cr Jim O'Malley (DCC)
Cr Quentin Smith (QLDC)
Cr Guy Percival (WDC)
Mr James Caygill (Waka Kotahi)

Southland

Cr Lloyd McCallum (ES, RTC Chair) Meeting Chair
Cr Allan Baird (ES, RTC Deputy Chair)
Cr Ebel Kremer (SDC)
Cr Ian Pottinger (ICC)
Cr John Gardyne (GDC)
Chairman Nicol Horrell (ES) – ex officio
Mr James Caygill (Waka Kotahi)

In attendance: Mr Russell Hawkes (ES)
Mr Murray Hasler (GDC)
Mr Chris Bopp (CDC)
Mr Nick Sargent (DCC)
Ms Stacey Hitchcock (DCC)
Ms Jeanine Benson (DCC)
Mr Russell Pearson (ICC)
Mr Jim Crouchley (NZRT)
Mr Doug Rodgers (ORC)
Mr Hartley Hare (SDC)
Mr Mike Harrison (WDC)
Mr Chris Harriss (Waka Kotahi)
Mr Gordon McDonald (Waka Kotahi)
Mrs Dianne Railton (ORC GSO – Minute-taker)

Chair McCallum delayed the meeting due to different start times being listed in the calendar invitation and the agenda. There was general discussion during this time. On hearing of Mr Jim Harland's ill-health, Chair McCallum and Chair Forbes advised they would co-sign a letter to Mr Harland on behalf of the Committee.

1. Welcome

Cr McCallum welcomed all to this meeting at 10.20am.

2. Apologies

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

Apologies for absence were recorded for Cr Stuart Duncan, Cr Guy Percival, Cr Ian Pottinger, Cr Andrew Noone, Mr Peter Brown, Mr Tony Pickard, Mr Pete Hansby and Mr Garry Maloney. Cr Ebel Kremer, Mr Jim Crouchley (NZRT), Mr Russell Pearson, Mr Nick Sargent, and Ms Stacy Hitchcock attended the meeting electronically.

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3. Public Forum, Petitions and Deputations

No public forum, petitions and deputations were held.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Baird Seconded

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2022 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record, with the correction that Regional Transport Committees Membership should include James Caygill (NZTA) in place of Ian Duncan (NZTA).

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5. Actions from Minutes of 8 April 2022

The Actions from minutes from 8 April 2022 were reviewed. Cr McCallum advised as Items 1 and 2 are ongoing business as usual they would be removed from the action list. Items 3 to 10 were confirmed as completed.

6. Notification of Extraordinary and Urgent Business

6.1 Supplementary Reports

There were no supplementary reports tabled for inclusion on the agenda.

6.2 Other Items of Business

- **Bridges in Otago and Southland affected by floods**

Cr Wilson spoke, on behalf of Cr Duncan, saying that there are three bridges in the Maniototo that have been affected by flood events, and are causing a huge inconvenience for the community. Cr Wilson asked how work is prioritised when a bridge is taken out by a flood.

Mr Caygill advised that emergency works funding should be available for this situation. He said there are three distinct aspects that take different priority depending on which bridge is concerned; first is emergency works funding; second is maintenance and repairs, keeping existing structures maintained; and third is replacement. Mr Caygill spoke of the current resilience policy in the GPS which heavily weighs climate change resilience.

Mr Hartley Hare and Cr Ebel Kremer spoke of what occurred with bridges in Southland following flood events, how they prioritised repairs and replacement, and how they developed criteria for bridge management following an audit of their bridges.

Cr Forbes and Cr McCallum will write to Waka Kotahi with a collective view of emerging issues regarding bridges in the Otago and Southland regions. McCallum said individual councils could also write to Waka Kotahi with their concerns.

7. Questions

No questions were asked by the meeting.

8. Chairman's Report

Chair McCallum provided a verbal update:

- Emissions Reduction Plan and requirements to reduce overall transport emissions, they are ambitious targets, this will be discussed further at the afternoon workshop.
- Southland Air Quality Report (attached to the agenda for information) - we will need to take more account in the RLTP on vehicle emissions. Through direct and indirect exposure, we are seeing health issues with people turning up at hospital and including some deaths.
- Meeting with Associate Minister of Local Government Associate Minister of Transport Kieran McNulty, and following day met with Simeon Brown and Penny Simmonds who

have Associate Transport roles. At those discussions issues and concerns were raised, they also talked about spatial planning and having a clear objective going forward. This should be for a collective across the whole of New Zealand in a major plan.

- Speed management plans and the function of those how they work through our systems will be discussed during the meeting.

Chair Forbes provided a verbal update:

- Bus services have been reduced in Queenstown and Dunedin due to lack of drivers, with a reduction in services from next Tuesday, 19 July 2022. This has significant impact on people, and we must realise that as a committee.
- Future Development Strategies for Queenstown and Dunedin as tier 2 cities, and their associated spatial planning both have big implications for the committee. Queenstown needs to reduce private vehicle movements across the Shotover Bridge by 40% by 2048. Dunedin needs to get cars off the road. There are national targets including the carbon zero law that we have to achieve.
- The Connecting Dunedin Governance Group is being reviewed.
- Public Health - there is the Air Quality Report, and there are concerns around bus air quality.

9. Staff Report – 22/RTC/71

Item 1 - Aotearoa New Zealand's First Emissions Reduction Plan

The purpose of this report is to update the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees (RTCs) on Aotearoa New Zealand's First Emissions Reduction Plan. Russell Hawkes, Lead Transport Planner (ES) was present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees:

- 1) **Notes** this report.

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Item 2 - Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2027 – Mid-term Review

The purpose of this report is to provide the Combined Regional Transport Committees with recommendations on the work involved in the Mid-term review of the Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2027. Russell Hawkes, Lead Transport Planner (ES) was present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Mr Hawkes advised that the workshop following the committee meeting will start the process of the 2024 RLTP review.

Resolution: Cr Baird Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees:

- 1) **Notes** the report and provide direction on initial changes to be incorporated in the proposed RLTP review to be discussed at the workshop that follows the meeting.

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Item 3 - Regional Speed Management Plans

The purpose of this report is to highlight to the Regional Transport Committees (RTCs) the need to prepare Regional Speed Management Plans (RSMPs) for each region in the future and to test an initial

approach to doing so. Russell Hawkes, Lead Transport Planner (ES) was present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Mr Hawkes advised that TAG discussed individual or combined plans and the consensus was to have a combined plan. He said that TAG will put together the principles that will be used for setting speed limits, aiming to produce a three-page Regional Speed Management Plan. Mr Hawkes advised that the individual roading authorities speed management plans that have been consulted in their communities will be added as attachments and will be ready to go in 2024.

Resolution: Cr Wilson, Cr O'Malley Seconded

That the Regional Transport Committees:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Notes** there is no published guidance relating to speed management planning available from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency as of yet.
- 3) **Agrees** not to prepare interim Regional Speed Management Plans.
- 4) **Agrees** that the Otago and Southland Technical Advisory Groups prepare a concise, draft strategic section for each RSMP for further consideration of the Committees.

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Item 4 - Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Update

The purpose of this report is to provide Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (the Transport Agency) with the opportunity to provide the Committees with a verbal update on its activities.

Mr James Caygill spoke to the Waka Kotahi presentation which covered: Asset Management Data Standard; Land Transport Rule – setting of speed limits 2022, He tohu huarahi Maori; Safety camera expansion and transfer, which is being transferred from NZ Police to Waka Kotahi; Driver licensing improvements; Coastal Shipping Investment; and SH1 Allanton to Waipori River.

During discussion following the presentation Cr O'Malley asked Mr Caygill to supply volume traffic counts from Mosgiel through to Milton, and to have a comparison with the volumes of the Rolleston to Christchurch southern motorway. This related to the presentation slide SH1 Allanton to Waipori River reported injury crashes and interventions.

Resolution: Cr Jim O'Malley Moved, Cr Alexa Forbes Seconded

That the Regional Transport Committees:

- 1) **Notes** the report and provide any feedback to the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on the topics included in the presentation.

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Item 5 - Freight Presentation – Dunedin City Council

The purpose of this report is to provide the Dunedin City Council with the opportunity to present to the RTCs on the Freight Item No 6 in the Action Sheet: *report back to the next meeting on options broadly encompassing our own data sets including freight, journeys including ports, rail and airports, and understanding how these fit in to the South Island and New Zealand now and into the future.* Ms Jeanine Benson spoke to the presentation.

Following discussion, Cr McCallum said the Committee needs to have a better understanding of what happens in the regions, to understand the South Island process and regional areas, also noting there is no rail in Central Otago.

Resolution: Cr Jim O'Malley Moved, Cr Allan Baird Seconded

That the Regional Transport Committees:

1) **Notes the report.**

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Item 6 - Next Meeting

It is proposed the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees will hold the two workshops, in August and September 2022, and hold an in-person meeting in November or December 2022 to brief the new Councillors. Mr Hawkes advised it is important to keep things going, with guidance and support before the October 2022 elections. Mr Hawkes will bring a draft RLTP to the committees to keep things progressing, with guidance and support before the elections, and an in-person meeting for new Councillor members would be scheduled in late November/early December 2022.

10. Correspondence (attached at the end of the agenda) for noting

- Action Sheet Item 3 Letter to Waka Kotahi regarding Mataura intersection (including follow-up email resending letter).
- Response letter from Waka Kotahi
- Action Sheet Item 7 RTC Submission on the *Driving Change: Reviewing the Road User Charges System*
- Air Quality Report Background information relating to the recent air quality report for Southland in relation to vehicles.

11. Public Excluded Business

There was no public excluded business.

12. Closure

There being no further business Cr McCallum closed the meeting at 12.02pm.

Co-Chairperson

Actions

#	Item Source	Item	Responsibility	Status
1.	General discussion (15.07.2022)	Concerning Mr Jim Harland's ill-health - Chair McCallum and Chair Forbes will co-sign a letter to Mr Jim Harland on behalf of the committee.	Cr Forbes and Cr McCallum	
2.	6.2 Other (15.07.2022)	Write to Waka Kotahi with a collective view of emerging issues regarding a number of bridges in the Otago and Southland regions	Cr Forbes and Cr McCallum	
3.	Item 4 - Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Update (15.07.2022)	Supply volume traffic counts from Mosgiel through to Milton, and also include a comparison with the volumes of the Rolleston to Christchurch southern motorway.	Mr Caygill	

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