



Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees (RTC) MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees
held in the Gore District Council Chamber, 29 Bowler Ave, Gore
on Monday 22 June 2026 commencing at 12:30 pm.

MEMBERSHIP

Otago Regional Transport Committee

Cr Kate Wilson (RTC Chair)	<i>Otago Regional Council</i>
Cr Matt Hollyer (RTC Deputy Chair)	<i>Otago Regional Council</i>
Cr Bruce Graham	<i>Clutha District Council</i>
Cr Stuart Duncan	<i>Central Otago District Council</i>
Cr Steve Walker	<i>Dunedin City Council</i>
Cr Quentin Smith	<i>Queenstown Lakes District Council</i>
Cr John McCone	<i>Waitaki District Council</i>

Southland Regional Transport Committee

Cr Phil Morrison (RTC Chair)	<i>Environment Southland</i>
Cr Alistair Gibson (RTC Deputy Chair)	<i>Environment Southland</i>
Cr Christine Menzies	<i>Southland District Council</i>
Cr Ria Bond	<i>Invercargill City Council</i>
Deputy Mayor Joe Stringer	<i>Gore District Council</i>

Otago & Southland Regional Transport Committees

Mr James Caygill	<i>NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi</i>
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Councillor Phil Morrison was designated as this meeting's Chairperson.

1. WELCOME

Chair Cr Phil Morrison welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Committee members present were Cr Kate Wilson (Otago Regional Council), Cr Matt Hollyer (Otago Regional Council), Cr Steve Walker (Dunedin City Council), Cr Quentin Smith (Queenstown Lakes District Council), Cr Bruce Graham (Clutha District Council), Cr John McCone (Waitaki District Council, online), Cr Phil Morrison (Environment Southland), Cr Alistair Gibson (Environment Southland), Cr Christine Menzies (Southland District Council, online), Cr Ria Bond (Invercargill City Council, online), Deputy Mayor Joe Stringer (Gore District Council, online) and James Caygill (New Zealand Transport Agency).

Other attendees included Hartley Hare (Southland District Council), Dean Lowry (Otago Regional Council), Anita Dawe (Otago Regional Council), Stacey Hitchcock (Otago Regional Council), Murray Hasler (Gore District Council), Lesley McCoy (Environment Southland), Liz Devery (Environment Southland), Helen Chapman (Dunedin City Council), Jeanine Benson (Dunedin City Council), Rose Wunrow (Dunedin City Council), Russell Hawkes (Environment Southland), Paul Fleet (Central Otago District Council), Grant Fisher (Invercargill City Council), Tony Pickard (Queenstown Lakes District Council, online), Gary Woock (Waitaki District Council, online), Cosmus Makuvise (Clutha District Council, online) and Cara Jordan (Otago Regional Council, Governance Support).

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Mr James Caygill Moved, Cr Alistair Gibson Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Stu Duncan, Cr Joe Stringer and for the early departure of Cr Ria Bond, be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

3. PUBLIC FORUM

[YouTube 2.15] Rebecca Shepherd, Chair of the Mosgiel-Taieri Community Board, joined the meeting online and spoke on traffic issues and alternative access points for Mosgiel.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published.

5. PRESENTATIONS

[YouTube 15:30] A presentation was given by Ben Sheriff from Southern Infrastructure on the Queenstown Cable Car proposal and its current project status.

Ben Sheriff left the meeting at 1.30pm.

[YouTube 1:00:25] Ben Johnston from KiwiRail gave an update on recent activities and presented on the Rail Network Investment Programme, the Maitava level crossing project and the Gore rail bridge.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Kate Wilson Moved, Cr Bruce Graham Seconded

That the minutes of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees' meeting held on 23 February 2026 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

7. ACTIONS

There were no open actions for the Committees.

8. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

8.1. Chairperson's Report

{YouTube 1:24:19} Chair Phil Morrison gave an update on transport related issues with respect to wider government reform. The Committees still have a statutory responsibility to formulate the Regional Land Transport Plan 2027-2037 which remains a key focus.

Resolution RTC26-108: Mr James Caygill Moved, Cr Kate Wilson Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) **Note** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.1. Regional Land Transport Plan Development

[YouTube1:25:30] This report provided information on the development of the draft Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plans 2027-2037 (RLTP). Early engagement results have been incorporated into the draft vision, objectives and policies. Investment priority areas were discussed. Changes from the RLTP workshop 22 June 2026 were reviewed. Dean Lowry (Senior Transport Planner, Otago Regional Council) was available for questions.

Resolution RTC26-109: Cr Kate Wilson Moved, Cr Steve Walker Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) **Note** this report.
- 2) **Provide direction** on any changes required to the draft vision, objectives, policies and investment priorities.
- 3) **Adopt** the draft vision, objectives, policies and investment priorities subject to changes identified in Recommendation 2.
- 4) **Provide feedback** on the draft RLTP sections in the attachment: Draft Sections for the RLTP.

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9.2. New Zealand Transport Agency General Update

[YouTube 1:43:00] An update was provided on the New Zealand Transport Agency's (NZTA) recent activities. The National Land Transport Programme timeline was outlined. Funding assistance rates will be updated in August 2026. The State Highway Investment Proposal was reviewed. The Motu Move rollout is planned for Invercargill in quarter 4 of 2026. Average speed safety cameras were discussed. South Island project updates were reviewed. Mr James Caygill from NZTA was available for questions.

Resolution RTC26-110: Cr Matt Hollyer Moved, Cr Alistair Gibson Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) Note this report.**

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9.3. South Island Regional Transport Committee Chair's Activities Update

[YouTube 2:06:25] An update on the activities of the South Island Regional Chair's Group meeting was provided by Lesley McCoy (Senior Transport Planner - Transport, Environment Southland) who was available for questions.

Resolution RTC26-111: Cr Kate Wilson Moved, Cr Alistair Gibson Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) Note this report.**
- 2) Note the unconfirmed minutes of the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group meeting held on 13 April 2026.**

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10. EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business for the meeting.

11. CLOSURE

Chair Morrison acknowledged the retirements of Murray Hasler and Russell Hawkes. A vote of thanks was given for their extensive contributions and length of service to the Regional Transport Committees.

There was no further business and Chair Morrison declared the meeting closed with a mantra at 2:53 pm.



Chairperson

28-09-2026

Date