

# **Minutes of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees Meeting held at the Otago Regional Council Chambers, Level 2, Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Monday 23 September 2024 at 10:30am**

## **Southland:**

Cr Jeremy McPhail (ES, RTC Co-Chairperson)

Cr Phil Morrison (ES)

Cr Christine Menzies (SDC)

## **Otago:**

Cr Kate Wilson (ORC, RTC Co-Chairperson) – Meeting Chair

Cr Alexa Forbes (ORC)

Cr Jim O'Malley (DCC)

Cr Jim Thomson (WDC)

Cr Bruce Graham (CDC)

Cr Stuart Duncan (CODC)

Cr Quentin Smith (QLDC)

James Caygill (Waka Kotahi)

## **In attendance:**

Chad Barker (NZTA)

Chris Baker (NZTA)

Russell Hawkes (ES)

Hartley Hare (SDC)

Lorraine Cheyne (ORC)

Doug Rodgers (ICC)

Gavin Bartlett (QLDC) (online)

Murray Hasler (GDC) (online)

Paul Fleet (CODC) (online)

Helen Chapman (DCC)

Jeanine Benson (DCC)

Abbey Chamberlin (DCC)

Dan Basubas (ORC)

Jack Cowie (ORC)

Nick Sargeant (ORC) (online)

Chris Bopp (CDC)

Andi McCone (ORC)

Jen Jeffery (ORC Support)

## 1 Welcome | Haere mai

Chairperson Cr Kate Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting, including those attending via Zoom, and opened with a karakia.

Item 9.3 of the agenda was switched to Item 9.2; Item 9.2 was switched to Item 9.3.  
Moved by Cr Wilson and Cr Bruce Graham.

## 2 Apologies | Nga Pa Pouri

Kevin Gilbert (DCC); Cr Ria Bond (ICC), Tony Pickard (QLDC), Jo Stringer (Gore DC).

## 3 Public Forum, Petitions and Deputations | He Huinga Tuku Korero

Julia McLean – NZ Equestrian Advocacy Group was not in attendance.

## 4 Confirmation of Minutes | Whakau Korero – 24 June 2024

With three small amendments:

- Hartley Hare missing from Attendance
- Misspelling of Doug Rodgers
- On Page 8 of Agenda Package '25 October'.

**Resolved:**

**Moved by Cr Jim Thomson seconded by Cr Bruce Graham, that with the three amendments being made, the Minutes of the Regional Transport Committees meeting held Monday 24 June 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 5 Actions from Minutes of 24 June 2024

Cr Kate Wilson noted the Actions from the 24 June 2024 minutes as completed; or in the process of being completed.

## 6 Notification of Extraordinary and Urgent Business | He Panui Autaia hei Totoia Pakihi

### 6.1 Supplementary Reports

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

### 6.2 Other

No other items were raised.

## 7 Questions | Patai

Cr Jim O'Malley raised that the community of Waitati have presented himself and Jeanine Benson with a Change.Org petition in relation to slowing traffic down on SH1, on the bend near the Waitati Village.

**Cr Kate Wilson moved, seconded by Jim O'Malley that the RTC will receive the petition from Jeanine Benson, and will then forward the petition to NZTA.**

Cr Quentin Smith raised the concerns of the Albert Town community in regard to the Albert Town Bridge. James Caygill invited residents to attend the next RTC meeting.

**Cr Wilson noted that they would be welcome.**

Cr Alexa Forbes raised questions in relation to Item 9.2, and cycleways and active transport. James Caygill noted that they would be answered later in the meeting.

## 8 Chairman's and Councillors' Reports | Nga Purongo-a-Tumuaki me nga Kaunihera

There was nothing to note under this item (all points covered in main agenda reports).

## 9 Staff Report

### 9.1 – RLTP 2021/24 – Final Project Status Report

This report is to provide the Otago Southland Regional Transport Committees (RTCs) with an update on projects included in the adopted Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2024 and their status at the end of the RLTP period being 30 June 2024

Russell Hawkes introduced the paper; Chad Barker spoke to the activity on Otago State Highways noting 'Lower Cost, Lower Risk' safety projects.

Helen Chapman reminded the Committee that the Plan was for 10 years, and we are reviewing the last three years.

Chad Barker is to deliver a report on the 'Low Cost; Low Risk' work that has been completed in 2021/2024.

Action points:

The Committee to ask NZTA to collate information on 2021/2024 Delivery using NZTA Annual Reports, to deliver at the next meeting in November.

**Resolved:**

**Moved Cr Jeremy McPhail seconded by Cr Alexa Forbes that the Combined Regional Transport Committees resolve to:**

- (1) Note the report.**
- (2) Provide direction on any actions they require, based in the information provided.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **9.2 – NLTP 2024/27 – Summary of Otago Southland Funding Approvals**

The purpose of this report is to update the Committees on the content of the recently released National Land Transport Programme for the 2024/27 period.

Lorraine Cheyne spoke to the item. James Caygill noted the inflexibility of the Classes, the changes to the Emergency Work Policy, the challenges for Walking and Cycling improvements, and the constrained Operations Activities Classes.

**Resolved:**

**Moved by Cr Kate Wilson seconded by Cr Jim Thomson that the Combined Regional Transport Committees resolve to:**

- (1) Note the report.**
- (2) Provide any feedback the committees wish to referred to NZTA.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **9.3 – New Zealand Transport Agency Update**

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

James Caygill spoke to the Presentation, highlighting the important shift from COPTIM to the New Zealand Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (NZGTTM) to align with best practice, and the replacement of the Network Outcome Contract (NOC) with the Integrated Delivery Model (IDM).

Action Points:

James Caygill is to engage with Cr Stuart Duncan regarding risk adverse Councils in relation to the NZGTTM and share this with the Committee.

At the next RTC meeting in November, James Caygill is to provide a report on the 'Low Cost, Low Risk' and VFM, and provide information on the prioritising of bridges, including how to execute the delivery.

**Resolved:**

**Moved by James Caygill, seconded by Cr Kate Wilson that the Combined Regional Transport Committees resolve to:**

- (1) Note the report.**
- (2) Provide any feedback to the New Zealand Transport Agency on the topics included in the presentation.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **9.4 – Dunedin City Council – Inland Ports Project**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Dunedin City Council with the opportunity to present the findings of a project on Inland Ports they have recently completed.

Helen Chapman presented for the DCC; Consultants, StanTech, have been investigating a shift from the use of trucks to rail, with a facility in Milburn, to get logs to Port Chalmers. KiwiRail have been engaged with this enquiry. Port Otago will be informed of the Final Plan.

James noted that the NZTA need to be cognitive of Rail plans in Mosgiel, due to ongoing work.

**Resolved:**

**Moved by Cr Jim O’Malley seconded by Cr Stuart Duncan that the Combined Regional Transport Committees resolve to:**

- (1) Note the report.**
- (2) Provide any feedback to the KiwiRail on the topics included in the presentation.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **9.5 – Proposed Project Plan – RLTP 2027 Development**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Combined Regional Transport Committees with an indication of the likely timing and commitments that will be required for development of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2027 to 2037.

Russell Hawkes presented on this item; Highlighting the importance of developing robust Regional Strategy and Priorities and not waiting for the GPS to be announced.

Cr Kate Wilson reminded the Committee that with upcoming elections, members seated on the Committee may no longer be present, which signalled a loss of knowledge and expertise.

James Caygill spoke to the importance of the Committee member’s flexibility to attend meetings, especially at the end of 2026 which marks the General Election.

Cr Jim O’Malley added that having as many projects listed on the LTP at the swing of the election, is important to get delivery.

**Resolved:**

**Moved by Cr Kate Wilson seconded by Cr Bruce Graham that the Combined Regional Transport Committees resolve to:**

- (1) Note the report.**
- (2) Provide any feedback on the proposed programme to allow staff to take any necessary next steps.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**9.6 –South Island RTC Chairs – Meeting 8 July 2024 Minutes**

The purpose of this report is to update the Committees on the recent activities of the South Island RTC Chairs Group.

Cr Kate Wilson spoke to this item. RTC's are supporting KiwiRail and the connection with the North Island; Cr Wilson has made it clear that rail is pivotal to freight and people as the South Island connection to North Island.

One outcome from the RTC, with NZTA involvement, will be a Report that identifies gaps, processes and steps around resilience projects and freight. The Consultants (StanTech) will be presenting this to the Chairs on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

StanTech will be aware of the DCC rail enquiries.

Russell Hawkes to ask that the two presentations that was shared at the South Island RTC Chairs group, the 'South Islands Priority Routes' and the 'Canterbury Road Status Project', be distributed amongst this Committee.

**Resolved:**

**Moved by Cr Kate Wilson seconded by Cr Christine Menzies that the Combined Regional Transport Committees resolve to:**

- (1) Note the report**
- (2) Provide any feedback to the RTCs representatives on the South Island RTC Chairs Group for consideration at their next meeting**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **9.7 – Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in Southland or Balclutha.

### ***Resolved:***

**It was supported by all, that:**

**Hold the next meeting of the Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 with the intention that it be held in Southland or Balclutha pending confirmation of a venue.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **10 Extraordinary and Urgent Business | Panui Autaia hei Totoia Pakihi**

There was no Extraordinary or Urgent Business raised.

## **11 Public Excluded Business | He hui Pakihi e hara mo te iwi**

There were no public excluded business items raised.

## **12 Closure**

There was no further business.

The meeting closed with a karakia at 2.30pm