

**Otago & Southland Regional Transport Committee
MINUTES**

**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otago Regional Council held in the Council Chamber,
Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Monday 5 May 2025, commencing
at 1:00 pm.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Otago

Cr Kate Wilson
Cr Alexa Forbes
Cr Bruce Graham
Cr Stuart Duncan
Cr Jim O'Malley
Cr Quentin Smith
Cr Jim Thomson

*Otago Regional Council (Chair)
Otago Regional Council (Deputy Chair)
Clutha District Council
Central Otago District Council
Dunedin City Council
Queenstown Lakes District Council
Waitaki District Council*

Southland

Cr Jeremy McPhail
Cr Phil Morrison
Cr Christine Menzies
Cr Ria Bond
Cr Joe Stringer
Chairman Nicol Horrell

*Environment Southland (Chair)
Environment Southland (Deputy Chair)
Southland District Council
Invercargill City Council
Gore District Council
Environment Southland (ex-officio)*

Otago & Southland

Mr Ian Duncan

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

1. WELCOME

Chair McPhail welcomed Councillors, staff and the public to the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Committee members present were Cr Jeremy McPhail (Environment Southland and Chair), Cr Kate Wilson (Otago Regional Council), Cr Bruce Graham (Clutha District Council), Cr Stuart Duncan (Central Otago District Council), Cr Quentin Smith (Queenstown Lakes District Council), Cr Jim Thomson (Waitaki District Council), Mr Ian Duncan (New Zealand Transport Agency), Cr Phil Morrison (Environment Southland), Cr Christine Menzies (Southland District Council), Cr Ria Bond (Invercargill City Council) and Cr Joe Stringer (Gore District Council).

Other attendees included Murray Hasler (Gore District Council), Doug Rodgers (Invercargill City Council), Dean Lowry (Environment Southland), Henri van Zyl (Gore District Council), Shawn Scott (New Zealand Transport Agency), Chad Barker (New Zealand Transport Agency), Helen Chapman (Dunedin City Council), Danial Basubas (Otago Regional Council), Hartley Hale (SDC), Russell Hawkes (Environment Southland), Lorraine Cheyne (Otago Regional Council), Paul Fleet (Central Otago District Council), Toshi Hodliffe (New Zealand Transport Agency) and Cara Jordan (Otago Regional Council Governance Support).

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Morrison Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr O'Malley and Cr Forbes be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No requests to address the Committee under Public Forum were received.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Thomson Seconded

That the minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 25 November 2024 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

5. ACTIONS

Open actions from resolutions of the Committee were reviewed and updates were provided by Russell Hawkes.

6. NOTIFICATION OF EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS

The agenda was confirmed as published.

7. QUESTIONS

The implementation of the change in speed management legislation was discussed. A question was raised regarding the ability of the Committees to consider legislation prior to its implementation and for the Committees to advocate and make submissions taking into account regional community feedback.

Cr Smith joined the meeting at 1:12 pm.

8. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

8.1. Chairperson's Report

Chair McPhail updated the Committees on the South Island Regional Transport Committees Chair's Group Meeting held on the 7 April 2025. Minister Bishop was invited to the meeting but did not attend due to Cabinet commitments.

Resolution: Cr McPhail Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) Note** the Chairperson's report.

MOTION CARRIED

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.1. Regional Land Transport Plan Development – Review of strategic section

[YouTube 23.19] This report updated the Committees on the strategic section of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2027-37. Russell Hawkes, Lead Transport Planner Environment Southland, and Lorraine Cheyne, Manager Transport Otago Regional Council, were available for questions.

Resolution: Cr Menzies Moved, Cr Morrison Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) Note** this report.
- 2) Receive a report** at the next Committee's meeting on the outcomes of the Combined Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31 strategic planning workshop held on the 5 May 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2. NLTP 2024/27 – Summary of Otago Southland Expenditure to February 2025

[YouTube 26.14] The report updated the Committees on the National Land Transport Plan expenditure on continuous programmes to the end of February 2025. Concern was expressed at the lack of information on Otago State Highway expenditure that had not been provided by the Agency. Russell Hawkes, Lead Transport Planner Environment Southland, and Lorraine Cheyne, Manager Transport Otago Regional Council, were available for questions.

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Menzies Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) Note** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3. Update on Southland District Council Bridge Replacements

[YouTube 30.32] The report provided the Committees with information related to the Southland District Council's bridge replacement programme as an action item from the 25 November 2024 Regional Transport Committee meeting.

Resolution: Cr Graham Moved, Cr Menzies Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) Note** the report.
- 2) Directs** Environment Southland and Southland District Council to develop a case study on the cost-benefit effects of the investment and the cost of delays.

MOTION CARRIED

9.4. Decision on petition from the NZ Equestrian Advocacy Network

[YouTube 1.03.53] The report provided the Committees with an opportunity to decide, to support or otherwise, a petition presented by the New Zealand Equestrian Advocacy Network (NZEAN). Lorraine Cheyne, Manager Transport Otago Regional Council, was available to answer questions.

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Thomson Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) Note** this report.
- 2) Endorse** Option 2 to support in part the petition.

MOTION CARRIED

9.5. New Zealand Transport Agency Report

[YouTube 1.13.50] This report provided an update from the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) on its activities. Mr Ian Duncan from NZTA was available for questions.

Resolution: Cr Menzies Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) Note** the report.
- 2) Provide any feedback** to NZTA on the topics included in the presentation.
- 3) Write a letter** to the Minister of Transport, copying the NZTA Chief Executive and Kiwirail Chief Executive, highlighting the issues of funding at Maitai railway crossing.
- 4) Invite** Kiwirail representatives to future Committee meetings.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 pm

The meeting recommenced at 3:29 pm

9.6. Update on the Draft Otago Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035

[YouTube 2.33.26] This report updated the Committees on the draft Otago Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035. Lorraine Cheyne, Manager Transport Otago Regional Council, was available for questions.

Resolution: Mr Duncan Moved, Cr Thomson Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) Note** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

9.7. Southland Regional Public Transport Plan 2024/27 Update

[YouTube 2.35.25] The report provided an update from the Invercargill City Council on the mid-term review of the Southland Regional Public Transport Plan. Doug Rodgers and Russell Hawkes were available for questions.

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Menzies Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) Note** this report as recommended by Invercargill City Council.

MOTION CARRIED

9.8. Time of Use Charging – Regional Sector Submission

[YouTube 2.41.14] The report updated the Committees on a Regional Sector submission to the Land Transport Management Act (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill 2025. Russell Hawkes was available for questions.

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Morrison Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) **Note** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

9.9. South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs' Activities Update

[YouTube 2.43.16] The purpose of this report was to update the Otago Southland Regional Transport Committees (RTCs) on the recent activities of the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group. The minutes of this meeting are not yet available. Russell Hawkes, Cr Wilson and Chair McPhail were available for questions.

Resolution: Cr Morrison Moved, Cr Menzies Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) **Note** this report.
- 2) **Provide any feedback** to the RTC's representatives on the South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group for consideration at their next meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

10. EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on 28 July 2025 in Gore.

11. PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

There was no publicly excluded business.

12. CLOSURE

There was no further business and the meeting was concluded with an Irish blessing by Cr Morrison. Chair McPhail declared the meeting closed at 3:46 pm.

Chair

Date