



Otago
Regional
Council

Public and Active Transport Committee
MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Public Transport Committee held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 5 March 2025, commencing at 9:00 AM.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MjLsBxZbek>

PRESENT

Cr Alexa Forbes	<i>(Chair)</i>
Cr Andrew Noone	
Cr Gary Kelliher	
Cr Michael Laws	<i>(Online)</i>
Cr Kevin Malcolm	
Cr Tim Mephram	
Cr Gretchen Robertson	
Cr Alan Somerville	
Cr Elliot Weir	
Cr Kate Wilson	

1. WELCOME

Chair Forbes welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 9am with a karakia. Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport), Nick Donnelly (GM Finance), Amanda Vercoe (GM Strategy and Customer, Deputy CE), Kylie Darragh (Governance Support), Cara Jordan (Governance Support), and Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport).

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Somerville Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Laws (lateness due to technical difficulties), Cr Malcolm (lateness) and Cr McCall be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Giselle Laven was present to speak on bus timetables, zoning and the behaviour of bus drivers for Super Gold card holders. Following an opportunity for questions, Chair Forbes thanked Giselle for attending.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No changes to Councillor Declarations of Interests were noted.

6. PRESENTATIONS

The presentation from NZTA was not held.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Weir Seconded

That the minutes of the public portion of the Public and Active Transport Committee held on 6 November 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

8. ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

There are currently no open actions for this committee.

Cr Laws joined the meeting online at 9.24am.

9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1. Transport Operating Environment

[YouTube 12.40] This report updated the Committee on legislative and policy changes impacting on Otago Regional Council's (ORC) Regional Land Transport and Public Transport Planning and Operations. The report also provided an update on current workstreams of interest to elected members and the wider public. It was noted that the Hon Chris Bishop is now the Minister of Transport. Lorraine Cheyne, Manager Transport, and Anita Dawe, GM Regional Planning and Transport, were available to answer questions. An additional recommendation was added.

Resolution PAT25-101: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1. Notes this report.***

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Roberston Moved, Cr Weir seconded

That at 9.35am the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes.

Cr Malcolm joined the meeting at 9.40am.

Resolution PAT25-102: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Committee:

- 2. **Recommends** that Council write to the Minister of Transport seeking changes to legislation to give Public Transport priority on the roading network to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of substantial Government investment.*

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Mepham and Cr Somerville voted against.

9.2. Public Transport 6-month Network Performance Report, 2024/25

[YouTube 47.07] This report updated the Committee on the performance of Public Transport (bus and ferry) and Total Mobility services for Q1 and Q2 of the 2024/25 Financial Year, being July-December 2024. The report also summarised Customer Feedback and Total Mobility scheme performance. Julian Phillips, Implementation Lead Transport, Anita Dawe, GM Regional Planning and Transport, and Laura Faulkner, Transport Officer, were available to respond to questions.

Resolution PAT25-103: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1. **Notes** this summary of public transport activity in Otago for Q1 2024/25.*

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Wilson left the meeting at 10:19 am.

Cr Wilson returned to the meeting at 10:20 am.

9.3. Updates on the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) 2025-2035

[YouTube 1.06.40] This paper presented the draft Regional Public Transport Plan (2025-2035) to the Committee to approve for public consultation and sought direction on the composition for the RPTP Hearings Panel both of which will be brought to the 19 March 2025 Council meeting. Anita Dawe, GM Regional Planning and Transport, Robyn Hyde, Transport Planning Lead, and Lorraine Cheyne, Manager Transport, were available for questions. An amendment was made to recommendation 4.

Resolution PAT25-104: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Weir Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1. **Receives** this report.*
- 2. **Receives** the draft Regional Public Transport Plan (2025-2035).*
- 3. **Recommends** to the Council that the draft RPTP goes out for public consultation.*
- 4. **Recommends** to the Council that the composition of the Hearings Panel is solely Regional Councillors and includes three Councillors.*
- 5. **Delegates** the Chief Executive to approve minor editorial changes to the draft RPTP ahead of consultation.*

MOTION CARRIED

9.4. Super Gold concession on Route 1

[YouTube 1.27.18] This report requested direction from the Committee on the provision of SuperGold Bee Card concessions on Route 1 (City - Palmerston) bus. Lorraine Cheyne, Manager Transport, and Anita Dawe, GM Regional Planning and Transport, were available for questions.

Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Wilson seconded

That at 10.35am the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes.

Resolution PAT25-105: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Weir Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) Notes** this report.
- 2) Recommends** to Council that the SuperGold Bee Card concession continue to apply on the afternoon service (not evening) from City–Palmerston and City–Warrington with a final decision to be made as part of decisions on the new Otago Regional Council RPTP.
- 3) Directs** staff to communicate this decision to the Waikouaiti Community Board and to the general public.

MOTION CARRIED

10. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chair Forbes declared the meeting closed at 10.48am.



Chairperson

5 June 2025

Date