



Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees (RTC) MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Monday 23 February 2026, commencing at 12:30 pm.

PRESENT

Otago Regional Transport Committee

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| 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

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| 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> |

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

1. WELCOME

Chair Wilson welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 12:32 pm with a karakia.

Committee members present were Cr Kate Wilson (Otago Regional Council), Cr Matt Hollyer (Otago Regional Council, online), Cr Stuart Duncan (Central Otago District Council), Cr Steve Walker (Dunedin City Council), Cr Quentin Smith (Queenstown Lakes District Council, online), Cr Bruce Graham (Clutha District Council), Cr John McCone (Waitaki District Council), Cr Frans Schlack (Waitaki District Council), Cr Phil Morrison (Environment Southland), Cr Alistair Gibson (Environment Southland), Mayor Rob Scott (Southland District Council), 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), Fleur Matthews (Otago Regional Council), Murray Hasler (Gore District Council), Doug Rodgers (Invercargill City Council), Shawn Scott (New Zealand Transport Agency), Lesley McCoy (Environment Southland), Joshua Rendell (Waitaki District Council), Liz Devery (Environment Southland), Simon Spiers (Dunedin City Council), Helen Chapman (Dunedin City Council), Jeanine Benson (Dunedin City Council), Henri van Zyl (Gore District Council), Russell Hawkes (Environment Southland, online), Bryson Huxley (Waitaki District Council, online), Alison Tomlinson (Queenstown Lakes District Council, online), Pierre Kotze (Clutha District Council, online), Paul Fleet (Central Otago District Council, online), Toshi Hodliffe (New Zealand Transport Agency, online) and Cara Jordan (Otago Regional Council, Governance Support).

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Bruce Graham Moved, James Caygill Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Christine Menzies, Cr Ria Bond, Cr Barry Stewart and Titus Naidoo be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

3. PUBLIC FORUM

[YouTube 6:00] Chair Wilson welcomed Rebecca Shepherd (Chair) and Andrew Sutton (Deputy Chair) of the Mosgiel-Taieri Community Board to speak at public forum on traffic flow issues for Mosgiel, and the need for a bus service between Outram and Mosgiel. Committee members were given the opportunity for questions.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Resolution: Cr Kate Wilson Moved, Cr Phil Morrison Seconded:

That the agenda be approved as published.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees' meeting of 28 July 2025 were signed by the Chairperson and Otago Regional Council Chief Executive at the end of the last triennium. The minutes were noted by the Committees.

6. ACTIONS

Actions from resolutions of the Committee were reviewed. No changes were noted.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

7.1. Chairperson's Report

There were no points to note under this item.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1. Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees - Induction Briefing

[YouTube 16:22] The report outlined the responsibilities and structure of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees under the Land Transport Management Act 2003. An inconsistency in the Otago Regional Transport Committee quorum numbers between the report and the terms of reference was noted for correction. Dean Lowry (Senior Transport Planner, Otago Regional Council) was available for questions.

Resolution RTC26-101: Cr Kate Wilson Moved, Cr Bruce Graham Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) **Note** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

8.2. Terms of Reference Review 2026

[YouTube 20:15] An update to the Terms of Reference for both Regional Transport Committees and the associated Otago Southland Regional Technical Advisory Group was provided. Dean Lowry (Senior Transport Planner, Otago Regional Council) was available for questions.

Resolution RTC26-102: Cr Phil Morrison Moved, Cr Stuart Duncan Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) **Note** this report.
- 2) **Adopt** the Terms of Reference as attached to this report.

MOTION CARRIED

8.3. Regional Transport Committees Correspondence Update

[YouTube 24:20] The report provided copies of the correspondence sent to Ministers (as requested at the July Committees meeting) and the responses received. Dean Lowry (Senior Transport Planner, Otago Regional Council) was available for questions.

Resolution RTC26-103: Cr Kate Wilson Moved, Cr Steve Walker Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) **Note** this report and the correspondence to Ministers and that received in response.

MOTION CARRIED

8.4. Regional Land Transport Plan 2027-2037 - Development

[YouTube 30:38] The report provided an update on the development of the draft Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plans and early engagement plans to inform the development. Dean Lowry (Senior Transport Planner, Otago Regional Council) was available for questions.

Resolution RTC26-104: James Caygill Moved, Cr Phil Morrison Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) **Note** this report.
- 2) **Confirm** the current approach of early engagement to inform development of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2027-2037.

MOTION CARRIED

8.5. Regional Road Safety Update

[YouTube 45:15] The report updated the latest annual road safety outcomes for each region and the road safety statistics that are available. Dean Lowry (Senior Transport Planner, Otago Regional Council) was available for questions.

Resolution RTC26-105: Cr Kate Wilson Moved, James Caygill Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) **Note** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

8.6. Summary of Otago and Southland Expenditure to December 2025

[YouTube 55:15] The report provided an update on expenditure from each Approved Organisation based on their respective claims to the end of December 2025. This was in regard to the National Land Transport Programme. Annual versus three-year expenditure reporting time frames were discussed. Dean Lowry (Senior Transport Planner, Otago Regional Council) and transport staff from Approved Organisations were available for questions.

Resolution RTC26-106: Cr Kate Wilson Moved, James Caygill Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) **Note** this report.

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8.7. NZ Transport Agency General Update

[YouTube 1:11:07] The report provided an update on the 2027-30 National Land Transport Programme, the national ticketing system, community road safety fund, maintenance programmes, state highway speed management, project updates and funding. James Caygill (New Zealand Transport Agency) was available for questions.

Resolution RTC26-107: Cr Stuart Duncan Moved, Mayor Rob Scott Seconded

That the Committees:

- 1) **Note** this report.
- 2) **Provide feedback** to NZTA on the topics included in the update.

MOTION CARRIED

9. EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS

Chair Wilson acknowledged the passing of Chris Bopp and his contribution over many years to the Regional Transport Committees.

10. CLOSURE

Cr Phil Morrison gave an Irish blessing and Chair Wilson closed the meeting at 2.35 pm.

Chairperson

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