

Minutes of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees Meeting held in Clutha District Council Chambers, Balclutha, on Friday, 12 May 2023 at 10.15 am

Otago:

Cr Kate Wilson (ORC, RTC Chairman) **Meeting Chair**
Cr Alexa Forbes (ORC, RTC Deputy Chair)
Cr Bruce Graham (CDC)
Cr Jim O'Malley (DCC)
Cr Quentin Smith (QLDC) via teams
Cr Jim Thomson (WDC) via teams - left at 1.30 pm
Cr Gavin Bartlett (QLDC) via teams

Southland:

Cr Jeremy McPhail (ES, RTC Chair)
Cr Phil Morrison (ES, RTC Deputy Chair)
Cr Christine Menzies (SDC) via teams
Mayor Rob Scott (SDC)
Cr Ria Bond (ICC)

In attendance:

Mr Russell Hawkes (ES)
Ms Lorraine Cheyne (ORC)
Mr Chris Bopp (CDC)
Mr Russell Pearson (ICC)
Ms Stacey Hitchcock (DCC)
Ms Jeanine Benson (DCC)
Mr Chad Barker (NZTA)
Mr Murray Hasler (GDC)
Mr Hartley Hare (SDC)
Mr Paul Fleet – by teams
Mr Mike Harrison (WDC) – via teams
Mr Chris Ballantyne (Waka Kotahi) via teams
Mr Dean Lowry (ES)
Ms Lesley McCory (ICC)
Mrs Melanie Weston (ES – minute taker) – via teams

1 Welcome | Haere mai

Cr McPhail welcomed everyone to the meeting, including those attending via teams and opened with a Karakia.

2 Apologies | Nga Pa Pouri

Resolved:

Moved by Cr Kate Wilson, seconded by Cr Alexa Forbes that apologies be received from Cr Stuart Duncan Cr Joe Stringer and Mr Peter Brown. An apology for lateness was received on behalf of Cr Kevin Gilbert and Mr James Caygill for lateness.

Carried

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

Cr McPhail welcomed representatives from Lead and Tracks Network Trust to present to the Committee. A copy of this presentation was circulated and would also be kept on file. The Otago Territorial Authority has the largest network of shared trails in the Southern hemisphere. The desire from Queenstown, Central Otago and the Waitaki is for the trails to connect with the Dunedin Airport to draw people across their regions thereby becoming one of the top cycling/walking destinations in the world. Items briefly discussed included:

- tourism benefits to the region - frequent travellers, accommodation, bike hire and etc;
- cycling safety and placing people/cyclists first.

Cr McPhail thanked the representatives from Lead and Tracks Network Trust for their informative presentation.

4 Confirmation of Minutes | Whakau Korero – 3 March 2023

Resolved:

Moved by Cr Kate Wilson, seconded by Cr Alexa Forbes that the minutes of the Regional Transport Committees meeting held on 3 March 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

5 Actions from Minutes of 3 March 2023

No actions were raised at the meeting.

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 for discussion.

7 Questions | Patai

No questions were asked at this time.

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

No reports were presented to the meeting.

9 Staff Report – 23/RTC/30

⇒ Item 1 – Regional Land Transport Plan Mid Term Review – Draft Strategic Section

The purpose of this item was to provide the Committees with the opportunity to review the strategic section of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021–2027 as part of the mid-term review. Mr Hawkes spoke to this item and highlighted changes.

Items raised in this discussion included:

- reverting back to the previous version of the ILM problem statement (version 1.3);
- the explanation for the review needs to be clearly outlined;
- the differences between urban and rural areas needs greater emphasis;
- change language to focus on commuter travel not car travel;
- incorporate future population projections and plan for the future (table 2);
- greater focus on innovative transport options;
- incorporate relevant safety statistics;
- change table 3
- references to “Tarras” changed and Figure 1 replaced;
- annexures need to be updated (2 & 8) , RCAs to update.

Mr Hawkes advised that once amendments have been made, this document would be brought back to this Committee for review. Mr Mike Harrison also raised an issue relating to public transport and the aged population in Oamaru (27% of the population over the age of 65).

Resolved:

Moved Cr Morrison, seconded Cr Alexa Forbes, that the Regional Transport Committees:

- (1) note the report;**
- (2) provide feedback and direction on the strategic section of the Draft 2021-2027 Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plan, as presented;**
- (3) that the original ILM version (1.3) be used.**

Carried

⇒ **Item 2 – Arataki – Waka Kotahi Presentation**

This item provided the group with a verbal update on the activities of Waka Kotahi. Items raised in this discussion included:

- reduction targets for Tier 1s;
- VKT reduction prioritisation and funding;
- speed zones, schools;
- preparation for programmes.

Cr Jim O'Malley raised his concerns that there is potentially insufficient priority provided through the tier system, while Cr Quentin Smith reiterated the importance of alignment with LTP programmes. Cr Kate Wilson raised her concerns about speed reductions not occurring around hospitals.

Resolved:

Moved Cr Kate Wilson, seconded Cr Jim Thompson, that the Regional Transport Committees:

- (1) note the report;**
- (2) provide feedback to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on the topics included in the presentation.**

Carried

⇒ **Item 3 – Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Update**

This item was presented by Mr Chris Ballantyne, who is the Lead Strategic Planner for most of the South Island which includes Otago and Southland. He is currently involved in a national project “Arataki” and was keen for local government to be more involved.

Mr Ballantyne advised the latest version was released at the end of March 2023 and was developed as a shared sector view of how the transport sector needs to plan, develop, invest and operate over the next 30 years. Arataki has a number of components:

- strategic context;
- national directions
- regional directions;
- transport modes and strategic network;
- user lenses;
- interactive maps (represented in a GIS format).

Moving forward the plan will be to develop this further with partners, iwi/Maori, local government and the wider transport sector. The next version is expected to be released in October 2024.

Items also discussed included the importance of incorporating the regional contexts, including emphasising the opportunities and challenges each region faces.

Mr Ballantyne highlighted the importance of integrated planning and how this will bring together transport planning and land use planning. He also added that any further feedback or criticism was most welcome and encouraged the Committees to contact him should they have any further questions.

Resolved:

Moved Cr Jim Thompson, seconded Cr Kate Wilson, that the Regional Transport Committees:

- (1) note the report;**
- (2) provide feedback to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on the topics included in the presentation.**

Carried

⇒ **Item 4 – Otago Southland Road Safety Update**

This item provided an update to the Combined Otago Southland Regional Transport Committees on the management of Road safety programmes and current statistics related deaths and serious injuries on the Regions roads. Mr Hawkes alerted the Committee to the graphs in his report which was circulated in the agenda.

Cr Morrison acknowledged the road safety statistics and highlighted:

- the need to explore some of the data and insights;
- to include a report around freight movements on our roads as their appears to be some dangerous roads in Southland.

Resolved:

Moved Cr Kate Wilson, seconded Cr Jim Thompson, that the Regional Transport Committees:

- (1) note the report;**
- (2) provide feedback and direction of future Road Safety Reporting to the Committee.**

Carried

⇒ Item 5 – Regional Speed Management Plan Update

This report provided the Combined Otago Southland Regional Transport Committees with the latest information available and progress on the development of the combined regions Regional Speed Management Plan.

Resolved:

Moved Cr Jim O Malley, seconded Cr Jim Thompson, that Regional Transport Committees:

- (1) note the report;**
- (2) provide any comment or direction they require in respect to the Regional Speed Management Plan.**

Carried

⇒ Item 6 – Next Meeting

By Consensus:

That the next meeting of the Regional Transport committees be held on the week of 21 July 2023, or, if required, earlier at the discretion of the respective Committee Chairs, with a venue to be confirmed.

Carried

10 Extraordinary and Urgent Business | Panui Autaia hei Totoia Pakihi

There were no items of extraordinary or urgent business considered by the Committees at this time.

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

There were no public excluded business items raised.

Termination

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.15 pm.