

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 10 May 2023, commencing at 11:02 AM.

PRESENT

Cr Alexa Forbes (Co-Chairperson)
Cr Andrew Noone (Co-Chairperson)
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Michael Laws (online)
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Lloyd McCall
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Alan Somerville
Cr Kate Wilson

1. WELCOME

Co-Chairperson Andrew Noone welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 11:02 am. Staff present included Pim Borren, (interim Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Anita Dawe (GM Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory and Communications), Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer), Liz Spector (Governance Support), and Kylie Darragh (Governance Support).

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Somerville Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Mephram, Cr Weir be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr McCall noted he would be leaving the meeting early to attend to other ORC business.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Rachel Elder and Lindsay Dey representing the Dunedin Tracks Network Trust addressed the Committee under Public Forum about the trust's vision of a network of interconnected cycling and walking trails throughout Otago. Councillors asked questions and thanked them for attending the meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No changes to the Councillor Declarations of Interests were noted.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the minutes of the 22 February 2023 Public and Active Transport Committee meeting be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

7. ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

Open actions from resolutions of the Committee were reviewed.

8. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1. Public and Active Transport Operating Environment

This report was provided to summarise current transport policy and planning issues for committee members. Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport) and Doug Rodgers (Transport Contractor) were available to respond to questions about the report.

Following questions, the report was noted.

Resolution PAT23-106: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Kelliher Seconded

That the Public and Active Transport Committee:

- 1) *Notes this report.*

MOTION CARRIED

*Cr Laws left the meeting at 11:33 am.
Cr McCall left the meeting at 11:30 am.*

8.2. Public Transport Network Performance Report March 2023

This report updated the Committee on the year-to-date performance of its public transport network (bus and ferry), for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023. Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport), Doug Rodgers (Transport Contractor) and Julian Phillips (Transport Implementation Lead) were available to respond to questions about the report.

Mr Rodgers noted an error in paragraph four of the report which stated patronage was down in Dunedin. The report should have read patronage was up in Dunedin.

Cr Wilson asked that future reports detail previous years' data for comparison. Mr Phillips stated he would accommodate that request. Following further questions and discussion, interim Chief Executive Pim Borren said staff recognise the opportunity for change and challenging KPIs should be set related to getting more public and active transport patrons. He noted the ORC will work more closely with the local Territorial Authorities on this as well. He urged Council to ensure the LTP is informed by this work.

Cr Robertson then moved:

Resolution PAT23-107: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Public and Active Transport Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

*Cr Scott left the meeting at 12:14 pm.
Cr Scott returned to the meeting at 12:16 pm.*

8.3. Queenstown Public Transport Business Case Update

This report was provided to update the Committee the Queenstown Public Transport Business Case (QPTBC). It summarised work undertaken in the last three months, works anticipated in the next three months, and key risks for the project. Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport) and Doug Rodgers (Transport Contractor) were available to respond to questions about the report.

Following a discussion of the report, Cr Wilson moved that it be noted.

Resolution PAT23-108: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Notes** that public consultation on the Queenstown Public Transport Business Case will occur at a later stage of the Business Case.

MOTION CARRIED

8.4. Fares and Frequency Business Case Bus Fare Survey Summary

This report was provided to inform the Committee on progress made in the Shaping Future Dunedin Fares and Frequency Business Case. The Connecting Dunedin initiative is a partnership between the ORC, Dunedin City Council, and Waka Kotahi NZTA formed to develop projects to inform transport needs in the city. Doug Rodgers (Transport Contractor), Lorraine Cheyne

(Manager Transport) and Julian Phillips (Transport Implementation Lead) were present to respond to questions.

Mr Rodgers noted a public transport public survey which was launched in November 2022 and said 1795 responses were received. He also noted the stakeholder workshop was held on 8 March 2023 with Te Whatu Ora, University of Otago, Dunedin City Council, Waka Kotahi, Fisher and Paykel, and the Otago University Students' Association.

Following a discussion of the report, Cr Forbes moved that it be noted.

Resolution PAT23-109: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Public and Active Transport Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

8.5. Regional Public and Active Transport Connectivity Strategy

This report was provided to outline a comprehensive approach to development of a regional public and active transport connectivity strategy, and to detail potential benefits and risks of that development. Lorraine Cheyne (Manager Transport) was available to respond to questions about the report.

Ms Cheyne noted that next steps in the development of the strategy included meeting with the local territorial authorities to get clarity on how they wanted to be involved, meeting with key stakeholders for support and a more in-depth scoping of the programme to include budget requirements and delivery timeline.

Cr Malcolm noted the report proposed bring the scoping strategy back to the Committee by 20 August 2023 and asked if the timeframe was achievable. Ms Cheyne said staff was working towards that date.

Following further discussion, Cr Malcolm moved the staff recommendation.

Resolution PAT23-110: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Public and Active Transport Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Recommends** that staff progress a staged approach to the development of a regional public and active transport connectivity and that further work is undertaken on scoping a strategy by 20 August 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

9. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Co-Chair Andrew Noone declared the meeting closed at 1:01 pm.

Chairperson

Date